

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2022 Third Ave. Cor. 44th Str. J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

June 23rd.1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

S i r:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 615 of the Board of Aldermen, to fence vacant lots on the south-east corner of Morris Avenue and 153rd Street, I beg to say that buildings are erected on both sides of the above mentioned lots and that I approve the resolution to fence in the same.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner
Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards. J.A.P.
No. 262nd Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

June 24th. 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

S i r:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 609 of the Board of Aldermen, to rescind and repeal resolution passed December 14th. 1894, to pave 144th Street from Brook Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue with asphalt pavement, I beg to say that I recommend the approval of this rescinding resolution, for the reason that no concrete foundation was provided for under the asphalt pavement.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner

Commissioner.

City of New York.
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

June 24th.1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

S i r:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 610 of the Board of Aldermen, to rescind and repeal resolution passed December 14,1894, to pave 143rd Street from Brook Avenue to St. Anns Avenue with asphalt pavement, I beg to say that I recommend the approval of this resolution, for the reason that no concrete foundation was provided for under the asphalt pavement, in the former resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner
Commissioner.

City of New York.
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No. 262nd Third Ave, Cor. 44th Str. **J.A.P.**

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

June 24th.1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r :

S i r :-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 616 of the Board of Aldermen to fence vacant lots from No.711 to 715 East 138th Street and from No.710 to 714 East 139th Street, I beg to say that the property east and west of the above mentioned numbers, is built upon, and that the vacant space between the buildings creates a nuisance.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoff

Commissioner.

City of New York
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23rd and 24th Wards. J.A.P.
No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

June 24th. 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

S i r:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 614 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, pave, etc. 165th Street from Union Avenue to Prospect Avenue, I beg to say that East 165th Street from Union Avenue to Westchester Avenue was legally opened June 9th. 1891. The street has been sowed, regulated and graded and is paved west of Union Avenue.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Lewis T. Haffner
Commissioner.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS,

23d AND 24th WARDS.

J.A.P.

No. 2622 THIRD AVENUE, Corner 141st Street.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

July 1st. 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

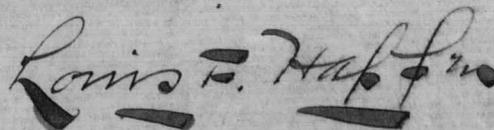
Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolutions No. 636 and 637 of the Board of Aldermen, granting permission to Louis F. Rickwort and Dr. Walter E. Andrews, to lay concrete or cement sidewalks in front of their (his) premises, No. 712 and 729 Tremont Ave., respectively, I beg to say that the contract for regulating, grading, curbing, flagging, etc., Tremont Avenue including the sidewalk above referred to, is now in operation.

To give these resolutions legal affect, it is my opinion that the resolution authorizing the contract now in progress, should be first rescinded as far as the sidewalks in front of the premises of Messrs Rickwort and Andrews are concerned. The rescinding of the resolution would of course affect the contract to the extent mentioned and it cannot be modified without the contractor's consent.

The object of the resolutions can be achieved by the parties interested making an agreement with the contractor, subject to my approval and which shall release the City for payment for flagging in front of the premises mentioned.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

TIMES BUILDING.

41 PARK ROW,

New York,

July 29th 1895.

Hon. G. A. Strong.

Prayer;

Dear Sir:

The manner
in which the streets
of the 23rd & 24th wards
are watered is a cause
of discomfort (instead
of a benefit) to all
using them.

Commissioner
Heffer's attention has
been called to the

matter several times;
no result.

Can not you effect
an improvement?

Yours truly,

J. G. Howard

CITY OF NEW YORK.

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS,

23d AND 24th WARDS.

J.A.P.

No. 2622 THIRD AVENUE, Corner 141st Street.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

August 2nd 1895.

F. W. Seward Esq.,

Dear Sir:-

Commissioner Haffen directs me to acknowledge your complaint of July 29th.1895,to his Honor the Mayor,and transmitted by him to this Department,in which you state that "The manner in which the streets of the 23rd and 24th Wards are watered is a cause of discomfort (instead of a benefit) to all using them."

On May 4th and May 6th. last your complaint to Commissioner Haffen of excessive sprinkling on Washington Avenue,received immediate attention,and instructions at that time were given to the drivers to be very careful as to how they sprinkled.

On June 11th.last,you complained again of "excessive watering" of Washington Avenue inthe vicinity of 179th Street. Commissioner Haffen made a special investigation in this instance,and a reply was made to your complaint showing that the cause of it ~~was~~ was not due to sprinkling.

Since that time,Washington Avenue in your neighborhood has been macadamized and hence in that thoroughfare there is no mere mud,as you complained of to Commissioner Haffen in your communications above mentioned.

Commissioner Haffen directs me further to say to you,as your present complaint is of a general character,that a number of dirt roads in the 23rd and 24th Wards are sprinkled by private agencies and that as far as the sprinkling of paved streets and avenues is concerned,this Department has no jurisdiction,the sprinkling of paved streets and avenues being under the control of another department of the city government.

Respectfully,

(signed) *Joseph T. Hammersey*

Secretary.

Copy.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards. J.A.R.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

August 3rd, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 1st. inst., Commissioner Haffen directs me to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a reply made to F. W. Seward.

Mr. Seward's letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

John P. Hennessy
Secretary.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS,

23d AND 24th WARDS.

J.A.P.

No. 2622 THIRD AVENUE, Corner 141st Street.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

August 5th. 1895.

HON. WM. L. STRONG,
Mayor.

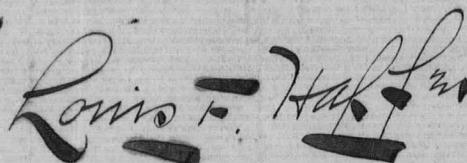
Dear Sir:-

On the occasion of my last interview with you I informed you of the fact that the former Sewer Commissioners of Williamsbridge proposed to connect with the Webster Avenue sewer in this City, although they had had no permit for that purpose, or no authority to so connect. As you remember, this assertion was denied by Engineer Mack. I have now before me a printed contract between the Board of Sewer Commissioners of the Village of Williamsbridge and Jeremiah R. Byron, et al, to construct sewers etc. in that village. Under the head of "Section One" the very first paragraph reads:-

"From the present terminus of the "Webster Avenue Sewer" in the 24th Ward of the City of New York, to the south line of Newell Avenue in the Village of Williamsbridge, N.Y."

I think the denial that it was proposed to connect with the Webster Avenue Sewer is disposed of.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

RUFUS RITCH RANDALL,

Member of North-Side Board of Trade.

Real Estate, Fire and Plate-Glass Insurance,

LOANS NEGOTIATED.

RENTING & COLLECTING.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

721 TREMONT AVE. (177TH ST.)

ROOMS 3 & 4,
RANDALL BUILDING.

New York July 17 1895

My dear Mr. Mayor:

On behalf of the business men & property owners along Tremont Ave bet. Washington & Vanderbilt Aves. I do wish you would write a communication to Com. Haffen requesting him to see that the contractor proceed with all possible haste and not delay the work of grading said Avenue ^{and thereby} ~~to do~~ give the public sidewalks & ~~streets~~.

For the past eight months they have had to travel through mud. This is a fine state of affairs for a business Avenue and prominent thoroughfare.

If we do not get relief we will have to hold a public meeting and take action in the matter.

We have property rights & they ought to be respected and for relief I presume your letter to the Commissioners may hurry the Contractor. Hoping you will favor us. I am, Yours very truly,
Rufus R. Randall

Mayor John Jeroloman
City Hall

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards. J.A.P.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

August 9th. 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

Commissioner Haffen directs me to transmit to you
the enclosed copy of a reply made to Alderman Rufus R. Randall.

Mr. Randall's letter is returned herewith.

Respect fully,

Joseph P. Hennessey
Secretary.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS,

23d AND 24th WARDS.

J.A.P.

No. 2622 THIRD AVENUE, Corner 141st Street.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

August 9th.1895.

Hon. Rufus R. Randall,

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your recent communication to acting Mayor John Jeroloman relative to the condition of Tremont Avenue between Washington and Vanderbilt Avenue, Commissioner Haffen directs me to inform you that before and since the receipt of your communication, the contractor was urged repeatedly to hasten the completion of that portion of his work referred to by you. The Commissioner directs me further to say that the avenue at this point is now in good shape and that the contractor is being urged almost continuously to complete the work as rapidly as possible.

Respectfully,

(signed) Joseph P. Hennessy,
Secretary.

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City of New York
 Commissioner of Street Improvements,
 23rd and 24th Wards. W.F.O.
 No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

August 15th, 1895.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Hon. Louis F. Haffen,
 Commissioner of Street Improvements,
 of the 23d and 24th Wards.:

Sir:

As directed by you I have made an examination of the books in relation to contracts for work done on WEBSTER AVENUE, from One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Street to Mosholu Parkway, and report as follows:

				Contract			
				Executed		Amount	
REG. GRA, &c.	WEBSTER AVE.	165th to 173d St.	Aug. 14/89	\$60,440.59	D.P.P		
" "	" "	173 " 184 "	Dec. 31/90	89,845.94	D.P.P		
" "	" "	184 to K.B.Rd.	Sept 4/94	31,250.50		<i>reaffirm</i>	
" "	" "	K.B.Rd. to So.B.	Oct. 25/94	27,890.02		"	
" Pav.g.	" "	165 to 184 St.	Aug. 5/95	158,290.00		"	
Sewer	" "	165 to 184 St.	1886	247,394.74	D.P.P		
Sewer	" "	184 to Mosholu	6/7/93	150,932.63	L.J. Hunt		

WEBSTER AVE, from 165th to 184th St. was legally opened Nov. 24, 1882,
 WEBSTER AVE. from 184th to Mosholu Parkway was legally opened, Dec. 31st, 1892.

Respectfully,

Wm Kearney

Contract Clerk.

Meeting July 31st
Aug 6

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

August 19th. 1895.

HON. WM. L. STRONG,
M a y o r .

August 19th. 1895.

Dear Sir:-

On July 19th. last, I addressed a letter to your Honor as Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, requesting an appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars to be expended for maintenance and repairs in the territory added to the City and County of New York by the provisions of Chapter 934 of the Laws of 1895. I explained at length in said letter, the necessity of such an appropriation.

On August 3rd last, I addressed you, as Mayor, on this subject again informing you that the streets and roads in Williamsbridge, were in many instances dangerous to life and travel; that the sewer contractors had left trenches open and that they had left many of the streets in an unsafe condition otherwise. I informed you that some streets were impassable, while others were next to impassable.

I believe it to be my duty to urge upon you once more, the necessity for an appropriation for the newly added territory on sanitary grounds and on the grounds of public convenience and protection, which grounds are more specifically stated in my letter of July 19th.

This letter is prompted by the many complaints that I have received as to the condition of the streets and roads in the newly annexed part of the City.

Respectfully

Louis P. Haffen
Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 44th Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

August 21st. 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 690 of the Board of Aldermen, permitting Mrs. O'Gorman to keep a watering trough on the south-east corner of One hundred and forty-ninth Street and the Southern Boulevard, and to remove the trough now on the south-west corner, I beg to say that I see no objection to the approval of this resolution, for the reason that the location is better adapted for that purpose.

It is my opinion that this resolution should have the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works also.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haff
Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards. J.A.P.
No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 44th Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

August 21st, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolutions No. 686, 687 and 688 of the Board of Aldermen, granting permission to Kate Douglass, Rufus R. Randall and Margaret Smith, to lay concrete or cement sidewalks in front of their premises, Nos. respectively 714, 721 and 728 Tremont Avenue, I beg to say that the contract for regulating, grading, curbing, flagging, etc., **TREMONT AVENUE**, including the sidewalk above referred to, is now in operation.

In the case of resolutions Nos. 636 and 637 of the Board of Aldermen, for similar purposes, I made a report on July 1st. last to your Honor as follows:-

Amendments
" To give these resolutions legal effect, it is my opinion that
"the resolution authorizing the contract now in progress, should be
"first rescinded as far as the sidewalks in front of the premises of
"Messrs Eickwort and Andrews are concerned. The rescinding of the
"resolution would of course affect the contract to the extent men-
"tioned and it cannot be modified without the contractor's consent.
" The object of the resolution can be achieved by the parties in-
"terested making an agreement with the contractor, subject to my ap-
"proval and which shall release the City for payment for flagging
"in front of the premises mentioned."

What I said concerning resolutions No. 636 and 637 applies to resolutions No. 686, 687 and 688.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner

Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 44th Str.

J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

September 3rd. 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 745 of the Board of Aldermen, authorizing the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th Wards, to procure, without contract, a steam road rolling machine, not to exceed \$3,500.00, I beg to say that to avoid accidents and loss of time that will surely result from the use of a badly built roller, I recommend that this Department be allowed to purchase a steam roller without being obliged to resort to public letting, and thus be forced to take a roller which would be unfit for the use intended.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoff
Commissioner.

City of New York
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23rd and 24th Wards.

J.A.P.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

September 3rd. 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 744 of the Board of Aldermen, granting permission to the Trustees of Guiding Star Lodge, F. & A.M., to lay a cement or concrete sidewalk in front of No. 712 Tremont Avenue, I beg to say that the contract for regulating, grading, curbing, flagging, etc., TREMONT AVENUE, including the sidewalk above referred to, is now in operation.

In the case of resolutions Nos. 636 and 637 of the Board of Aldermen, for similar purposes, I made a report on July 1st. last to your Honor as follows:-

"To give these resolutions legal effect, it is my opinion that the resolution authorizing the contract now in progress, should be first rescinded as far as the sidewalk in front of the premises of Messrs Eickwort and Andrews are concerned. The rescinding of the resolution would of course affect the contract to the extent mentioned and it cannot be modified without the contractor's consent.

The object of the resolution can be achieved by the parties interested making an agreement with the contractor, subject to my approval and which shall release the City for payment for flagging in front of the premises mentioned."

On August 21st. last, I made a similar report in regard to resolutions No. 686, 687 and 688 of the Board of Aldermen.

What I said concerning these resolutions applies to resolution No. 744.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haft
Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,

23rd and 24th Wards.

J.A.P.

No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

September 9th.1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 756 of the Board of Aldermen, to permit Messrs Van Meter & Fischer to place and keep an ornamental sign in front of their premises on the vacant space between McCombs' Dam Road and Jerome Avenue, 25 feet from 170th street, providing the post supporting said sign shall not exceed the dimensions prescribed by law, viz:- 18 inches square at the base, I beg to say that the vacant space at this point is private property, and therefore permission should be obtained from the owner or owners of the same. This permission being obtained, there will be no objection to the approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffmann

Commissioner.

CITY OF NEW YORK.

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS,

23d AND 24th WARDS.

J.A.P.

No. 2622 THIRD AVENUE, Corner 141st Street.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Sept. 17th.1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report Resolution No. 784 of the Board of Aldermen, to permit Joseph Liebertz to regulate, grade, curb and flag the sidewalk on the easterly side of Union Avenue from the south east corner of East 169th Street to a point 131 feet southerly therefrom, at his own expense, I beg to say that the work of regulating, grading etc., Union Avenue will not be done for some months to come, and as Mr. Liebertz is erecting a number of houses on the south east corner of Union Avenue and East 169th Street, I have no objection to the resolution being approved, as the work is to be done at Mr. Liebertz' expense.

Respectfully,

Louis T. Haffin
Commissioner.

Wm Bridge NYC

Sept 16ⁿ / 95

How Wm L Strong,

Mayor of NY City
Dear Sir

The people of
this new annexed District, are in
despair whether we are going
to have anything done here. I and
others contend that if Mr
Raffin can come in here to take
charge we ought to see some
of his fruits also on the day it
became a part of your jurisdiction
you had sent Policemen, fireman
here and the President or Board
of Fire Commissioners have told

These Fireman to go on and perform
 duty as same as before. These men
 are reporting every day at their
 various fire houses and by the
 looks of it they will be entitled
 to full pay. for there is no Buffalo
 system any more it was attempted
 once and you have sent in to
 your Board of Health and they
 have got a very dangerous price
 of work before them and hope
 they will take a hold right away
 for we were never in my experience
 in such a dangerous position
 than we are at present this
 Wakefield Brook was for a few
 years back in a good condition
 we had lots of Springs which was
 its source and when rains it

helped to keep it in a good
 healthy condition but the whole
 trouble was our village authorities
 cut it off and houses were
 built over it and every house-
 holder shut it off or drove it
 out on other premises and when
 rains come yards and basements
 are flooded this brook was
 in most places 5 to 6 feet wide
 2 to 4 feet deep and after rain
 it sometimes overflowed the lots
 and I know in its worse part
 a party had put down only about
 6 or 8th pipe thinking to carry ^{it} off
 but backed it up in his own
 lots and others discomforted
 by so doing and by this paper
 we see that you gave \$1,000

personally your own for washouts
these washouts have been continued
so for years and all the weight
of Town and villages instead of
doing them well in the first place
it would be put some dirt on
and every rain wash away now
we contend that if you have the
authority of sending these departments
into this Section that you have
a right to take entire control and
try to do something for us these
Streams ~~are~~ dangerous to the health
of the place in leaving them open
it will bring back + Groves and logs
as we where years ago and the
place is full of it. people who
came here with their little
merchies made homes for themselves
and I can say that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the
good people are ready to sell

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to day and get out. I have been
trying myself to get out and
have for 3 years back. seem
exactly just what we are in
to day these Serwis started with
fraud in the 1st and last place
the mal owners and better class
where not ready for them. the
vote on Serwis and money where
voted $\frac{2}{3}$ of it by foreigners.
people who had no votes
if it had been by only the Jase
Payris as the law calls for we
we not have been placed in
such a condition it was only
done so our Trustees could imple
Italians and the sent of this
place and you can see that
Assemblymen's Stewart's reason
for not assenting our billage
was for the sake of having

our corruptible Seniors to go on
we where hardly in a condition
for them for sometime yet but
this thing was sprung on us
to help owners of vast tracts
of land and make us poor
people to bear the blame we
have almost since our incorpora-
as a village been corrupt
and am glad that we are attac-
to My City. it is my home and
have been praying for years
back to be so and glad it has
put a check on the authorities
now for there will be no more
straling as has been going on
it is only a handful who are
opposed to amuseation and only
those who held the merand
offices for there is no more
sap for them and such a

class of men holding our positions
some of our Republicans to for the
sake of holding office would
sell out and help Democrats
and, half the time got left
so we are never divided as
bad as some districts in the
the lower wards I have own
property here for 22 years and
had lived here 19 and am familiar
with every section in this village
and have been in every thing to
build it up. except for the last
3 years but now am pleased to
think that we are a part of
My City and hope for its good
consideration. I could write more
and stand ready by words to
help any of your departments
in taking charge here

Respectfully
Yours
J. D. Thompson.

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CITY OF NEW YORK.

COMMISSIONER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS,

23d AND 24th WARDS.

No. 2622 THIRD AVENUE, Corner 141st Street.

J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

September 19th. 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 17th instant, enclosing accompanying letter from Wm. F. Thompson, relative to the condition of affairs at Williamsbridge.

As you are aware, there is no money at my disposal at present, for use in this locality and many of the things mentioned by Mr. Thompson do not come within my jurisdiction.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haft
Commissioner.



Honorable Mr. Strong, Mayor of
New York City, New York State.

New York 16 September 1895.

Dear Sir!— Now that our officials have improved Katonah Ave Woodlawn Heights N. Y. City by a large ditch in front of our property, which will cut us off from the street by a big sheet of water, and float our place, but studiously avoided the woodlawn Cemetery which back up the water, there will be more than usual misery for us. It is to be regretted very deeply that the Commissioner of the department for street improvements in the 23rd and 24th Wards is not to live in Katonah Ave between Onyx and Willard Street (our block) throughout next winter and spring. If he would do so, he would better understand what said Ave is in need of, besides he would see how people suffer because the officials dare not speak to the rich Cemetery Corporation concerning a better waterflow through their domain. The water is supporting the toy waterfall by Woodlawn Rail road station. And this seems to fully

make up for all that misery this water
bring to human beings, not to speak of
keeping real estate down in value.

But Mr. Mayor we can not do without
the street, and think public short comming
shall not rest on us solely, therefore we look
to your honor for protecting of life, health
and property and further beg you to have
the afore said ditch taken away and the
water leaded down direct to Bronx river,
with or without the Cemetery Corporations
permit. Most. respectfull.

M. Christensen.

Resident and property owner.

274 Katorah Ave Woodlawn Heights
New York City.

Note:— An old man as I am, I had
the 9th day of November 1889, to ^{win}
out in the flooded Katorah Ave,
to mill up of west deep water,
a young man who was about
to drown. He had got a fit.

Commission of the
23rd + 24th Vans

September 19, 1895.

Chas. H. Graham, Esq.

Assistant Engineer and Acting Superintendent:

Sir:

I would report in answer to complaint of M. Christensen, that all the work done on Katonah Avenue and vicinity was done at the request of property owners and all work of whatsoever kind in the way of improvements has been opposed by complainant in the past as now. The work complained of was the opening and cleaning up of both sides of Katonah Avenue. The water complained of comes from the east side of Katonah Avenue north of Oakley Street, which runs down Katonah Avenue to Willard Street across the same in a southeasterly course to Grand Avenue and then into Woodlawn Cemetery, which course it has had for years past. M. Christensen always had bridges across ditch to get to roadway from his house. These have not been disturbed. The gutters on both sides have simply been opened up and cleaned of all rubbish making a clear gutter on both sides. A great deal of trouble was caused heretofore by having to cross and re-cross Katonah Avenue. We have tried to make both sides take an equal share of water. To take the water to the Bronx River direct from Katonah Avenue through Oakley Street would be an expensive job and should be done by assessment by putting in a proper sewer. As far as that point of the district is concerned the property owners will bear me out in what I say.

The roads in that section were never in better shape than what they are at present. They all seem satisfied except complainant.

I looked after all the culverts and drains and cleaned same where needed as per order from you and they are all in good shape.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Robt. Schaufelberger,

Foreman Sewers and Drains.

(COPY.)

City of New York,
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 41st Str.

September 23rd, 1895.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing complaint from Mr. M. Christensen, I transmit herewith a copy of a reply made by me to the complainant, said reply consisting of a report of a foreman of the locality in question.

Complaint returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Louis T. Haffner

Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

September 24th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter, transmitting the enclosed anonymous communication in reference to vacant lots on the east side of Washington Avenue, north of 168th Street, Commissioner Haffen directs me to say, that he has made an investigation and that the nuisance in question is one that should be looked after by the POLICE DEPARTMENT of the BOARD OF HEALTH. To help abolish the nuisance, the Commissioner has notified the agent of the owners, to fence in these lots, and if it is not done within a reasonable time, a resolution will be introduced in the Board of Aldermen, for this purpose, at the instance of Commissioner Haffen, and the cost of the fence will be charged against the property.

Respectfully,

Referred to

Joseph P. Kennedy

Secretary.

SEP 25 1895
for examination and report.

W. L. Strong,
MAYOR.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,

23rd and 24th Wards.

No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 14th Str.

J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 2nd. 1895.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT,

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Chairman.

Dear Sir:-

I feel compelled to request again a suitable appropriation for the remainder of the year to make repairs to roads and do such other work as may be necessary in the territory recently added to the city and county of New York.

The condition of roads and drains in Williamsbridge and other places in the new part of the 24th Ward demand immediate attention.

I earnestly urge that the application for funds for the purpose mentioned be granted.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haft

Commissioner.

Referred to
Board of Estimate
OCT 4 1895
for examination and report.
W. L. Strong,
MAYOR.

In relation to the Webster Avenue Sewer,
from 165th to 184th Street.

New York October 7th.1893.

Hon. Louis F. Haffen,
Commissioner of Street Improvements.

S i r:-

In regard to the great delay in making out the assessment list for this sewer I have to say that we took up this work in 1891 after the establishment of this Department, and although it involved a large amount of difficulty and tedious labor, including among other things the making of more than three hundred (300) property maps and calculations for nearly five thousand (5000) parcels of land it was crowded forward to completion at the end of the year 1892.

This sewer was built under the Department of Public Parks and was completed in the year 1889 and whatever delay there has been in making out this assessment list in a reasonable ~~delay~~ time, and whatever damage has resulted from any unreasonable delay, are equally chargeable to the management of the Department of Public Parks.

Respectfully,

Louis A. Risse,

Chief Engineer.

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Answer to
Sec. Jaeger.

Fishkill on Hudson

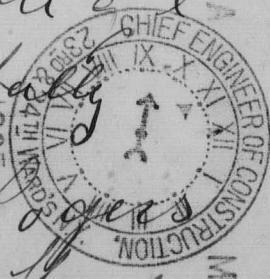
Aug 8, 1895

To the Mayor of the city of
New York Dear Sir

I was informed this morning that two streets were to be cut through the old burying ground at West Farms as we have Loved ones buried there and have not the means to remove them is there no way by which a resting place can be found for them please let me know and oblige

Yours Respectfully

Moses C. Rogers
Fishkill on Hudson N.Y.



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Sept 26, 95

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 262^d Third Ave., Cor. 44th Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Oct. 7, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's recent communication, enclosing letter of Mr. Moses C. Rogers, of Fishkill on Hudson, relative to the disposition of the bodies interred in "the old burying ground at West Farms," I beg to say that in the near future, East 172nd Street and Boone Street will pass through the old burying ground at West Farms. I presume this is the grave-yard Mr. Rogers refers to; although, there is another one at 180th Street, through which Bryant Street will pass. The disposition of the bodies is a question that could probably be settled satisfactorily with the owners in fee of the ground in question, who will get damages from the city.

Communication returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haft
Commissioner

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

Oct. 8th, 1895.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 868 of the Board of Aldermen, permitting Rosa Stern to lay flagging and set curb in front of her premises on the east side of Trinity Avenue, beginning 370 feet 6 inches south of East 165th Street and extending 22 feet 6 inches, I beg to say that I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffman

Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,

23rd and 24th Wards.

No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st St.

J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 8th. 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 847 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, curb, flag, etc., Walton Avenue from the south side of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad to 167th Street and also to build on said avenue a steel bridge over the tracks of the railroad, I beg to say that Walton Avenue from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad to 167th Street was legally opened May 21st. 1895. That portion south of the railroad has already been opened, regulated and graded as far as 149th Street, and is well built up. The extension of the avenue northerly has been asked for by the property owners along the line and when it is open will form an important connection between 149th Street and 167th Street, which has lately been regulated, graded, curbed, flagged, etc. The avenue is an old thoroughfare and is open for travel between Cedar Park and 165th Street.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoff

Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,

23rd and 24th Wards.

No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 8th.1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No.848 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate and pave with granite block pavement and curb stones set on the easterly side of Railroad Avenue West from 162nd Street to East 165th Street, I beg to say that Railroad Avenue West from 162nd Street to 165th Street was legally opened June 19th.1891. The avenue has been sewered, regulated and graded and forms an important connection between the station of the N.Y. & H.R.R. at 162nd Street and Webster avenue and should be paved.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner

Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,

23rd and 24th Wards.

J.A.P.

No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 8th. 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 854 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, grade, curb, flag, etc., Robbins Avenue from Kelly street to the Port Morris Branch Railroad, I beg to say that Robbins Avenue from Kelly Street to the Port Morris Branch Railroad was ~~xxxx~~ legally opened, November 27th. 1893. The avenue runs through a thickly populated district and has been partially sewered.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner

Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str. J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 8th. 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 855 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, pave and lay crosswalks in 141st Street from Third Avenue to Alexander Avenue, I beg to say that East 141st Street from Third Avenue to Alexander Avenue is shown on Section A and B of North New York, filed August 10th. 1863 as 60 feet in width. This street is shown on Section 1 of the Final Maps and Profiles at the same width. There are proceedings pending for opening said street in which a small strip of land is taken ~~of~~ .7 of a foot by 193.8 feet in length from private property.

East 141st Street has been in use 20 years and the resolution can be carried out under an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation dated August 17th. 1891, in the matter of East 141st Street from Alexander avenue to Willis Avenue.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis T. Hoff

Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

Oct. 8th, 1895.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 860 of the Board of Aldermen, permitting Joseph S. Bergstede to lay flagging, etc., in front of his premises on Trinity Avenue, east side, beginning 393 feet south of past 165th Street, and extending 27 feet 6 inches, I beg to say that I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner

Commissioner.

H E A L T H D E P A R T M E N T,
CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS,
(CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING)

New York, August 3, 1895.

Gen. Emmons Clark,
Secretary Board of Health,

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with your order of July 31st I have the honor to report that I met Health Officer Shipman, of Mount Vernon, on August 3d, and in company with him inspected the premises named in his communication of July 30th to the New York City Board of Health. In regard to the matter I respectfully report as follows:-

An area of Mt. Vernon City of about one half square mile slopes in such a manner as to cause all surface drainage of that area to flow to a point on Third Street between Fourteenth Avenue and Eleventh Avenue of that city. This point is within two hundred feet of the southern boundary of Mt. Vernon, which is also the northern boundary of New York City as formed by the new annexation.

Until within a year or two the natural slope extended to and across the city line, so that a stream found its way from the area mentioned to and into the territory now forming a part of New York City, and continued its course two miles or more to the Eastchester Creek, a tidal stream entering from Pelham Bay. About two hundred feet south of the Mt. Vernon and N. Y. City line and parallel to that line is a street called Bronx Place. That portion of the stream necessary to be considered flows through private property, with the exception of that part under Bronx Place, where it is provided for by a twelve inch vitrified pipe.

Within a year or two the space above and below the city line and extending from Third Street in Mt. Vernon to Bronx Place in N. Y. City has been filled to the depth of six feet or more with rock and earth taken from a railroad cut. No proper drain was

made under the loose rock and earth to accommodate the stream. The result has been that storm water has collected above the filled in space, creating a serious nuisance to residents of Mt. Vernon. There are no residents of N. Y. City sufficiently near to be affected by the nuisance.

In an effort to abate the nuisance, Mt. Vernon has excavated a trench through the filled in space from the point mentioned on Third Street south to the city line, and proposes to lay therein a large vitrified pipe. That city desires that this pipe should be continued on through that part of the filled in space which lies in N. Y. City, to and under Bronx Place, and that from there on for a quarter mile or more the present inadequate open drain should be enlarged, or in its stead the above mentioned pipe should be continued for that distance. The action desired by Mt. Vernon would be a complete solution of the difficulty, and it is probably the only satisfactory solution. I should be glad to recommend that the plan be carried out, but there are practical difficulties in the way which I should think would have to be submitted to legal determination.

First.- The obstruction to the flow of the stream is mainly on private property, and the question arises whether or not the N. Y. City Board can compel a property owner of N. Y. City to abate a nuisance which affects only residents of Mt. Vernon and does not affect citizens under its jurisdiction.

Second:- Merely opening a trench to the level of the land before filled in would leave the stream in its natural condition. The question arises, could the property owner be compelled to lay a pipe as desired by Mt. Vernon.

Third.- The obstructions in the stream below Bronx Place are chiefly the growth of grass and weeds, and sedimentation, which sedimentation is largely caused by interference with the natural drainage above (in Mt. Vernon).

Fourth.- It would seem that Mt. Vernon without any action by the N. Y. City Board, would have a complete remedy against obstructions of the stream by property holders in a suit against those owners, which suit they could bring as well as New York could.

In regard to that part of the stream under Bronx Place, there is no evidence that the 12 inch pipe is not large enough, but it would perhaps be well to recommend that the street department replace it by an 18 or 24 inch pipe.

The property covered by the stream below Bronx Place is owned by the Bathgate estate, and is leased by Edward Keegan, of Eleventh Avenue, Mt. Vernon. The property crossed by the stream above Bronx Place is owned by -----Lentz, whose agent is J. H. Murphy, Real Estate Agent, near New Haven R.R. Station, Mt. Vernon.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) T. D. W. Pinckney,

Sanitary Inspector.

A TRUE COPY,

Erasmus Beaulieu

Secretary.

August 3, 1895.

Pinckney, T.D.W.,
Sanitary Inspector.

Report on drainage stream
running from Mt. Vernon into
N. Y. City.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

New York, Aug. 7, 1895.

Respectfully referred to the
Sanitary Committee.

By order of the Board,
(Signed) Emmons Clark,
Chief Clerk.

I respectfully recommend that
the twelve (12) inch pipe now con-
ducting the stream under Bronx
Place be replaced by a twenty-
four (24) inch pipe.

(Signed) Geo. B. Fowler,
Chairman Sanitary Committee.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, September 30, 1895

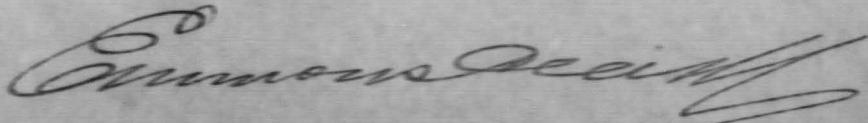
Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department, held September 27, 1895, the following resolution was adopted:-

RESOLVED,
That a copy of the report of T. D. W. Pinckney, Sanitary Inspector at Williamsbridge, with the endorsement of the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee thereon, recommending that the twelve(12)inch pipe now conducting the stream under Bronx Place near the northern line of the newly annexed district, be replaced by a twenty-four(24)inch pipe, be forwarded to His Honor, the Mayor, with the request of this Board that action be taken in the premises as soon as possible.

A TRUE COPY,


Secretary.

Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, September 9, 1895

Office of the
CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Charles G. Wilson, Esq.,

President of the Board of Health.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report, at your request, on some of the sanitary matters concerning my district of the newly annexed part of N. Y. City, as follows:-

Our most pressing need is a system of sewerage. ^W We have a rapidly growing population, an abundant water supply, great number of old, imperfect cesspools and privies and many wells in use for drinking purposes; our small streams are contaminated and offensive; many of the wells are also contaminated, and in many places the street gutters are offensive from house drainage. In relation to these facts it is important to notice that we have had an unusual number of cases of dysentery in Westchester during the summer, as well as about the customary amount of malarial fever and a rather unusual prevalence of diphtheria.

That the people of this town were alive to the necessity of having a proper sewerage system is shown by the fact that soon after the introduction of our water supply a bill passed the legislature allowing the town to appoint a commission and issue bonds for the construction of such a system. This was repealed about a year ago, on account of some imperfection and irregularities, and later a new bill passed the legislature, a copy of which I enclose herewith.

It will be noticed that this bill authorizes the bonding of the town up to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars. The

probability that the town would have been willing to spend such a large sum of money in getting good sewerage shows, I think, the realization by the people of the importance of such a system for the continued health and prosperity of the town.

The work of the Health Department is at present greatly hindered and nullified by the absence of a proper sewer system, and it is to be strongly recommended that the city authorities give us at the earliest possible moment some system of drainage, either of a permanent or of a temporary nature, for which I believe the property owners will, if necessary, be glad to bear their assessed proportion of the cost.

A further need of our district is the extension to it of the city's system of garbage and ashes removal. At present our vacant lots, roadside and gutters are rendered unsightly and unhealthful by the indiscriminate dumping of garbage and other refuse. For this there seems to be no adequate means of relief except a regular system of garbage removal.

I would also call your attention to the necessity for a proper enforcement of the laws regarding the tearing up of streets by gas and water companies and others, and the proper relaying of the same after the tearing up. We have many miles of good macadamized roads which in many places have been seriously damaged by careless refilling after the laying of pipes.

The Commissioner of Improvements complains, I understand, that there are no funds available for keeping the streets and roads of this district in repair. It is to be hoped that this evil also can be remedied, for otherwise the city may be threatened with serious suits for damages from accidents.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W. A. Deming,

Med. San. Inspector.

A TRUE COPY,

Erinorus Dean

Secretary.

SANITARY BUREAU.

New York, September 9, 1895.

W. C. Deming,
Sanitary Inspector.

Report in regard to the necessity of sewers in the new portion of the 24th Ward, formerly known as the village of Westchester.

SANITARY BUREAU.

New York, September 10, 1895.

Respectfully forwarded to the Board.

(Signed) Chas. F. Roberts,
San. Supt.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

New York, Sept. 11, 1895.

Respectfully forwarded to the Sanitary Committee.

By order of the Board,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,
Secretary.

I respectfully recommend that a proper system of sewerage be provided for Westchester, and that the laws be enforced regarding the proper relaying of roadbeds, after having been disturbed by gas and water companies.

(Signed) Geo. B. Fowler,
Chairman Sanitary Committee

Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, September 30, 1895

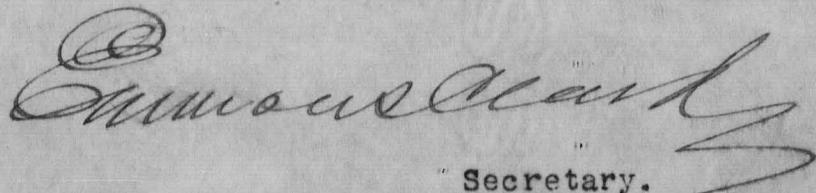
Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department, held September 27, 1895, the following resolution was adopted:-

RESOLVED, That a copy of the report of Dr. W. A. Deming, Sanitary Inspector at Westchester, and the endorsement of the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee thereon, recommending that a proper system of sewerage be provided for Westchester, and that the laws be enforced requiring the proper relaying of roadbeds, after having been disturbed by gas and water companies, be forwarded to His Honor, the Mayor, with the request of this Board that the necessary action be taken in the premises as soon as possible.

A TRUE COPY,


Secretary.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 44th Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 10th, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:

I received, a few days since, from the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, a copy of a resolution of the Health Department, transmitted to you by that Department on September 30th last, recommending a change of dimension of a sewer pipe at Williamsbridge, I beg to say in reference thereto, that I have no funds at my disposal for work of this character.

In regard to another resolution by the Health Department, transmitted to you on September 30th, and forwarded to me through the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, recommending that a proper system of sewerage be prepared for Westchester, and that the laws be enforced for the proper relaying of the roadbeds, after being disturbed by gas and water companies, I beg to say, that in the near future, I hope to be able to provide for a satisfactory system of sewerage in Westchester, and that I have notified the police authorities to prevent the tearing up of any street, in the section mentioned, without a permit from this Department, and that I have taken measures to see that streets disturbed by gas and water companies shall be properly relaid.

Papers returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hoffm

Commissioner.



675 E. 138th St

N.Y. Oct. 10th 1915

Hon. Wm. A. Strong
Dear Sir

Sept. 23rd the Union Railway Company Port Morris line, began tearing up 138th east of Ellis Ave. to replace old tracks by new. The rails had been obstructing the street & had prevented street cleaning some three or four weeks previous to the above date. Now the side walks are obstructed by large piles of paving stones & the street with earth. Oct. 3rd I asked one of the bosses of a gang of pavers to have removed a part of a pile of stones, in front of my door, so that coal could be put in through the coal slide. It has not been done & we are without coal. One track

is completed but the west bound track is uncompleted and the stones & earth are in heaps. Work seems to have ceased. Please call the attention of the Department whose duty it is to look after such obstructions to the condition of the street. I have written to the Company asking them to attend to the matter with no result.

Yours truly

Abbie Hamilton Mac Iver

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,

23rd and 24th Wards.

No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 18th, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r :

Dear Sir:

Commissioner Haffen directs me to return
the enclosed letter of Mrs. Abbie Hamlin MacIvor, of No. 675 East
138th Street, and also copy of a reply that he has made thereto.

Respectfully,

Joseph P. Kinnear

Secretary.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,

23rd and 24th Wards.

J.A.P. J.A.P.

No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 44th Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 18th. 1895.

Mrs. Abbie Hamlin MacIvor,

Madam:-

The obstructions on 138th Street that you complained of in your recent letter to his Honor the Mayor have been removed.

Respectfully,

(signed) Joseph P. Hennessy.

Secretary.

COPY.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 21st, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 903 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, pave, etc., 168th Street, from Webster to Franklin Avenue, I beg to say that this street has been sewered, regulated and graded, and forms an important connection between the station of the New York and Harlem Railroad at 168th Street and the easterly side of the 23rd Ward.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haff

Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,

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23rd and 24th Wards.

No. 2022 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

October 21st, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter, transmitting for report resolution No. 904 of the Board of Aldermen, to regulate, pave, etc., 169th Street, from the New York and Harlem Railroad to Webster Avenue, I beg to say that the street has been sewered, regulated and graded, and east of the N.Y. & H.R.R.R. the street is paved. The pavement should be continued westerly to Webster Avenue.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis W. Haffner

Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards. #1.
No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

October 23rd 1895.

To the Honorable
 The Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Gentlemen:-

I respectfully ask for the transfer to the appropriation made to this Department for the year 1895, under the head of "Maintenance," the unexpended balances of the following named appropriations made to this Department for the same year, viz:-

Bronx River Bridges.....	\$ 1,085.77
Cromwell's Creek Bridges.....	745.75
Bridges crossing the N.Y. & H. R.R. Depression.....	1,571.22
Sounding and Boring Machinery.....	<u>1,330.93</u>
T o t a l,.....	<u>\$ 4,733.67</u>

It is only by the greatest possible economy that the total amount mentioned can be saved from the specific purposes from which it was intended to be applied. The demands on this Department for expenditures from its maintenance fund are so numerous and pressing that I ask this transfer. I propose to spend part of it, in the new territory, where there is much complaint owing to the bad sanitary conditions prevailing.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Hall
 Commissioner.



City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
Third Avenue and 177th Street,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, Nov. 22nd, 1897.
COMMISSIONER.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting resolution No. 169 of the Board of Aldermen, authorizing the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th Wards to expend a sum not exceeding \$6,000, without public letting, on repairs to bridge at East 161st Street at Cromwell's Creek, I transmit herewith report made in relation thereto by the Chief Engineer of Construction of this Department, Mr. Josiah A. Briggs and General Superintendent of Maintenance, Mr. Chas. E. Graham.

I approve the said report and recommend your Honor's approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffen

Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

J.A.P.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

November 16th.1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
M a y o r.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 42 of the Board of Aldermen, to fence in with a picket fence vacant lots on the S.W. corner of 160th Street and Railroad Avenue West, I beg to say that an examination of the vacant lots on the south-west corner of 160th Street and Railroad Avenue West, shows that an excavation was made along the sidewalks on both the avenue and street to a depth of seven or eight feet below grade, thus rendering the sidewalk dangerous for travel. A picket fence should be erected at this place for the protection of pedestrians.

I recommend approval of the resolution.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner
Commissioner.

City of New York
Commissioner of Street Improvements,

23rd and 24th Wards.

J.A.P.

No. 2622 Third Ave. Cor. 141st Str.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

December 9th. 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
M a y o r :

In reply to your Honor's letter transmitting for report resolution No. 90 of the Board of Aldermen, that Tremont Avenue from Jerome Avenue to Aqueduct Avenue be regulated, graded, etc., I beg to report as follows:-

Tremont Avenue from Jerome Avenue to Aqueduct Avenue if regulated and graded, would form an important connection between Jerome Avenue and Morris Heights and the stations of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. and the New York & Putnam R.R. at Morris Dock.

This improvement has been asked for by the property owners residing along said avenue and who are desirous of improving their property.

Respectfully,

Louis F. Haffner

Commissioner.

City of New York.
Commissioner of Street Improvements,
23rd and 24th Wards.
No. 2622 Third Ave., Cor. 141st Str.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Dec. 27th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,
M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the complaint forwarded to me by your Honor from R.H.Luthin, of No. 507 East 160th Street, relative to the condition of the water main in East 160th Street, between Morris and Vanderbilt Avenues, and to say that water mains come within the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works, and that I have referred Mr. Luthin's letter to that Department.

Respectfully,

Louis E. Walcott

Commissioner.

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