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**Street Cleaning,
Department of**

1913, Sept.-Dec.

Sept. 5/13.

Dear Mayor.

I made a complaint to
the tenement house department in
regards to a man that is building
a shanty at ²⁶²264 No. 7th St. S.
Gummers. Kindly attend to this
matter.

Yours Truly
Frank LaRosa.



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Hon. Mayor Hagner.
Mayor's Office,
New York.



Tenement House Department of the City of New York.

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BOROUGH OF Manhattan, Sept. 17th, 1913 191

Mr. Robert Adamson,

Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

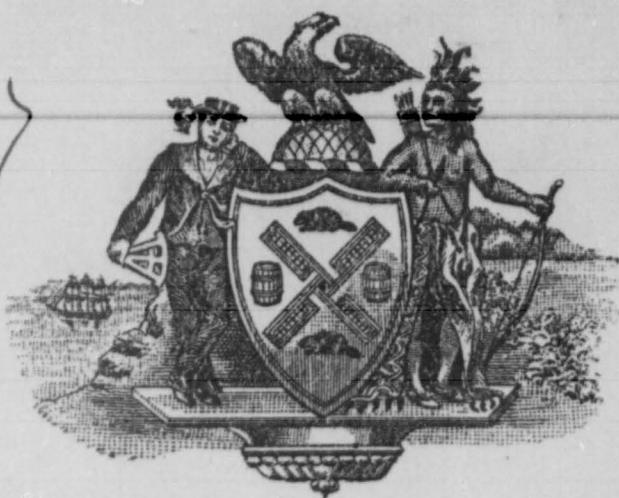
In reply to your favor of the 9th inst., re premises 262 and 264 North 7th Street, Brooklyn, I am in receipt of a communication from the Brooklyn office to the effect that neither of the houses on the above lots are tenement houses and that this Department has no jurisdiction in the case.

Complaint returned herewith.

Yours respectfully,

Enc.

John J. Murphy
Commissioner.



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BOROUGH OF Manhattan . September 24, 1913 191

Mr. Robert Adamson,
Secretary to the Mayor,
No. 5 City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. G. F. W. Price, Acting City Architect of the City of Toronto, in which he states that he is forwarding a copy of the Toronto Building By-law under separate cover.

His letter was forwarded to this office from the City Hall, but I find that the Building By-law to which he refers has not yet arrived. If you have seen anything of it, I should be glad if you would have it forwarded to us, in order that Mr. Price's communication may receive proper attention.

Yours very truly,

John J. Murphy
Commissioner.

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COMMISSIONER

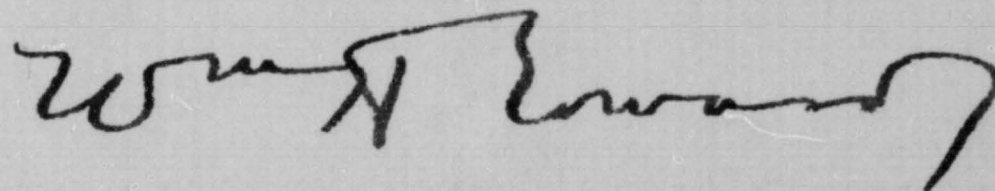
September 26th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

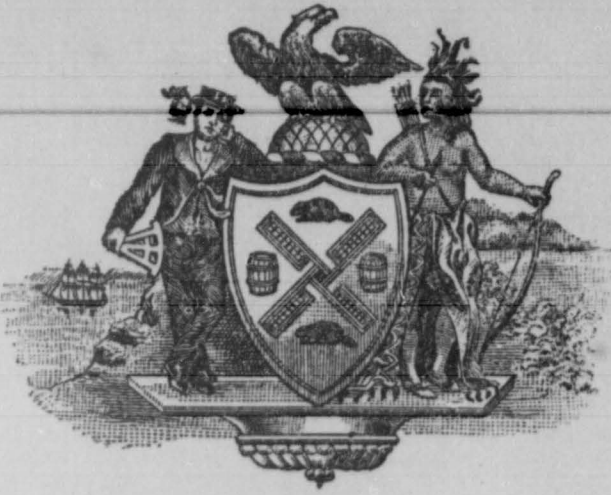
S i r :

Your letter of September 25th has been received. Re-
garding the budget estimate for 1914, I will have it presented
just as soon as possible. I will talk the matter over with you
personally.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm H Edwards", written in a cursive style.

Commissioner.



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BOROUGH OF Manhattan Sept. 29th, 1913 191

Hon. A. L. Kline,

Mayor of the City of New York.

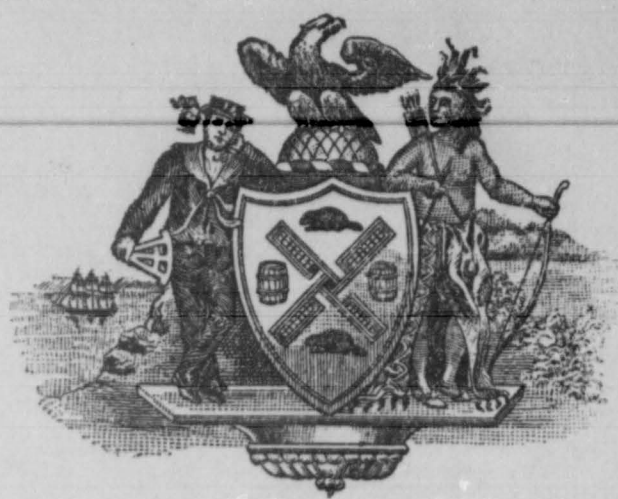
S i r :-

In reply to your favor of the 25th inst., the Tenement House Department's estimate does not show a demand for any increased appropriation.

I presume, therefore, that it will be unnecessary for me to wait upon your Honor and explain why I find it possible to get along with less money than before.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Murphy
Commissioner



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BOROUGH OF Manhattan . Oct. 1st, 1913 191

Mr. Julian Beatty,

Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 30th ult., forwarding complaint addressed
to the Mayor, has been duly received and will have proper attention.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Murphy
Commissioner.

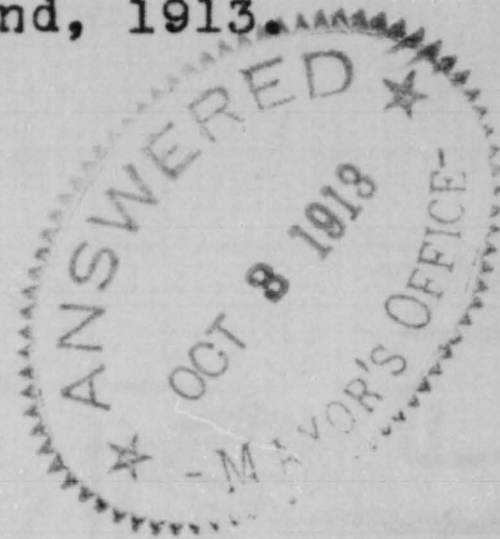
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WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
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October 2nd, 1913.

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



S i r :

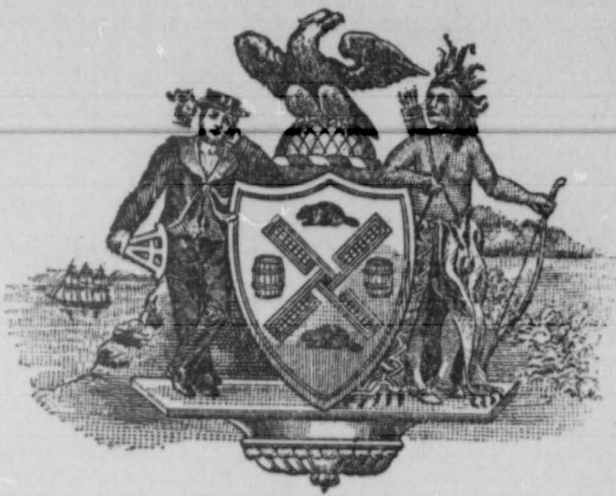
Referring to the enclosed letter addressed to you by Mr. Isidor M. Rosenblum, in behalf of one Silberglate, formerly a sweeper in this Department, I would state that Silberglate was dismissed because his services were very unsatisfactory. He was lazy and incompetent, and failed to appear to make an explanation when charges were preferred against him. In view of the foregoing I am sure you will agree with me that he is not the kind of man we want in this Department.

Respectfully,

William H. Edwards

Commissioner.

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(Enclosure)



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BOROUGH OF Manhattan, Oct. 2nd, 1913 191

Re premises 716 Starr St., Brooklyn.

Mr. James Matthews,
Executive Secretary.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of the 29th ult., enclosing complaint from Fred Feitusch re above premises, I have referred same to the Brooklyn office for a reply. I will write you as soon as I get the information.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Murphy
Commissioner.

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October 3rd, 1913.

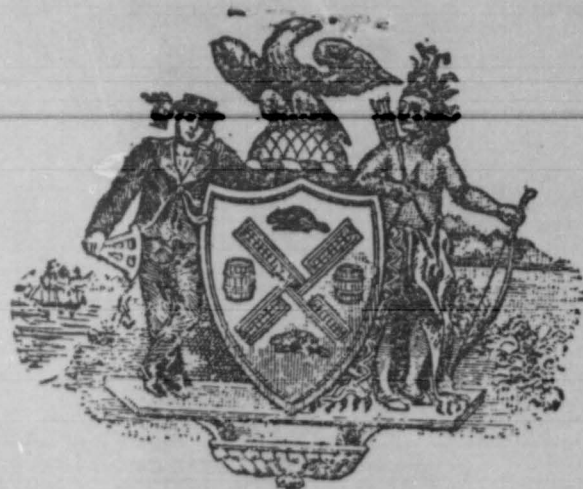
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letters of September 29th and October 22nd, relative to condition of street near watering trough in East 15th Street, are received. Edward B. Pettet has from time to time complained of conditions around the watering trough near his home, 308 East 15th Street. A watering trough in a neighborhood always causes criticism owing to the water leaking out upon the street, and the street after many horses have stopped there, is often not in the best of shape, but I assure you that this Department does give this particular place special attention, as Mr. Pettet has in the past, as he does now, appealed to the Mayor on this matter. I assure you that this street is not neglected by the City's cleaners, and to be absolutely sure, I will see that more than ordinary attention is given this complaint. Watering troughs have to exist, and especially in that section, where a large number of horses are constantly at the trough, it is rather to be expected that the street cannot always be clean.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.



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BOROUGH OF Manhattan, October 6, 1913. 191

In re
Premises: 716 Starr Street, QUEENS.

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

Dear Sir:

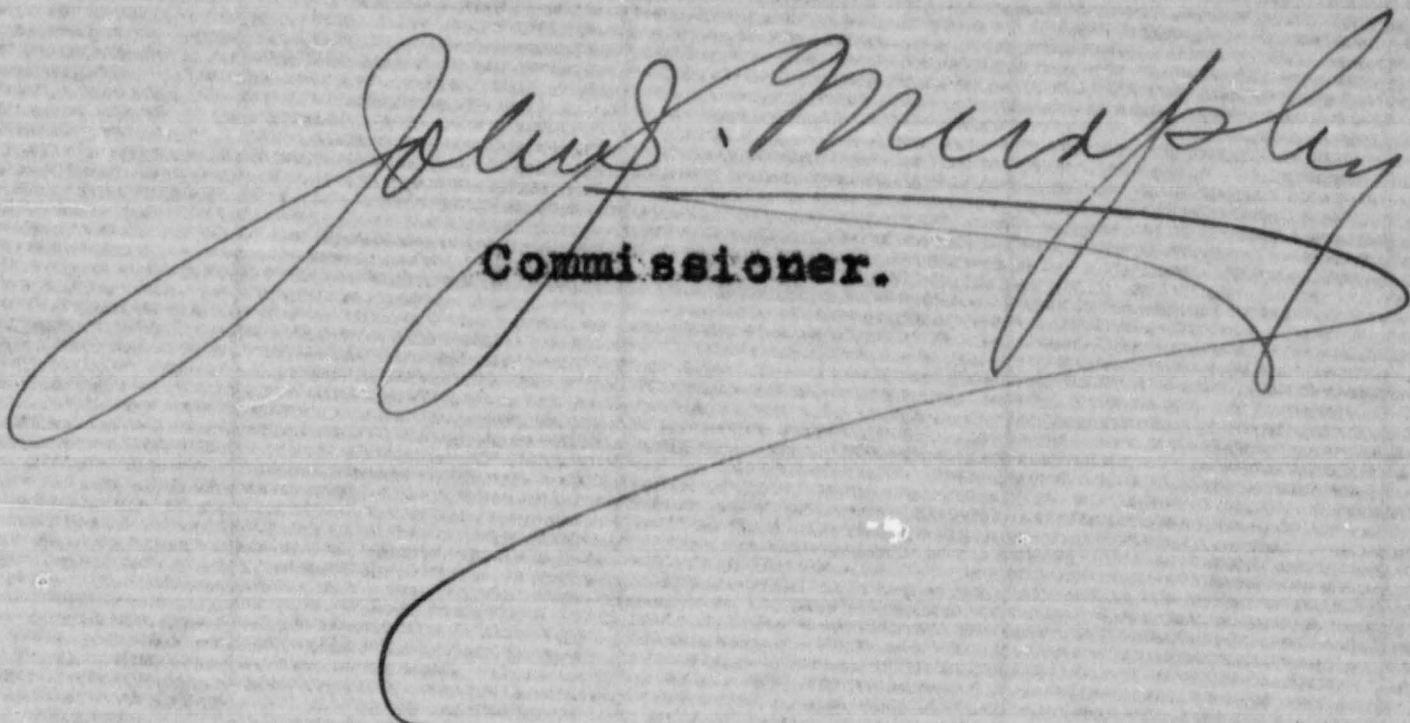
Replying further to your letter of September 29, 1913, transmitting for investigation a communication received from Mr. Fred. Feitusch, the owner of the above premises, I beg to state that I have made an investigation of the cause of the disapproval of his plan, Alteration No. 31 of 1913.

In his letter to the Mayor, Mr. Feitusch states that the three buildings Nos. 711, 713 and 716 Starr Street are of the same height, and he therefore does not understand why his plan was disapproved, although the change in the grade made his building the same height as the others. It appears, however, that he proposed to increase the occupancy of his building from two families to three. This, of course, would have made his building a tenement house, and it would have been subject to all the requirements of the Tenement House Law affecting tenement houses hereafter erected. The other two buildings to which he refers, although of the same height, were tenement houses before alteration, and no increase in occupancy was proposed in either case.

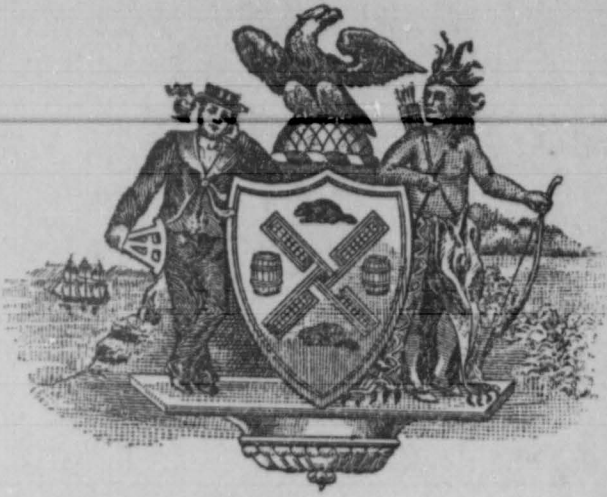
(Mr. James Matthews - 2)

so that the sole question in the two buildings Nos. 711 and 713 was the increase in height due to the dropping of the curb several feet, a condition which has been repeatedly accepted by the department.

Yours very truly,


Commissioner.

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BOROUGH OF Manhattan Oct. 7th, 1913 191

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

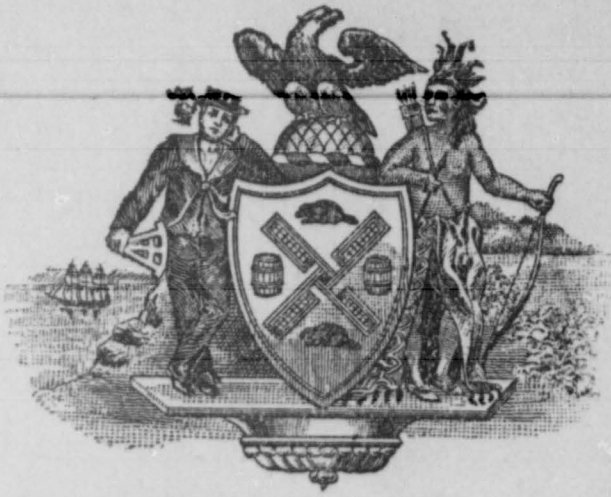
Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of the 30th ult., I have made a careful investigation of the complaint concerning the houses 945-947 and 951 Second Avenue. I am strongly of the opinion that the complaint was dictated merely by spite. You will find that many such letters are sent to the Mayor and to this Department. One of the houses referred to is not a tenement house; on the others, reports indicate that while there are some violations pending, the conditions are very fair.

As to the fact that the action of the Department is withheld, I beg to say that violations were filed before the complaint was received.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Murphy
Commissioner



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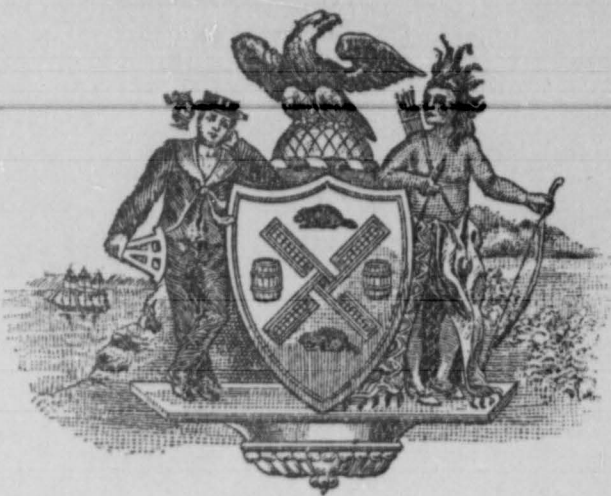
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor of the City of New York.

S i r :-

In reply to your favor of the 4th inst., I beg to say that I have already informed the Comptroller as to the amount of surplus on salary accounts for 1913, and have written consenting to the transfer of such accounts to the Board of Education.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Murphy
Commissioner



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BOROUGH OF Manhattan , Oct. 8th, 1913. 191

Mr. James Matthews,

Executive Secretary.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 1st inst., transmitting communication of Mrs. A. C. Thomas, 419 West 45th Street, I beg to say that on Sept. 20th the Department received a complaint concerning 421 West 45th Street and on Sept. 23rd a policeman visited the premises and reported all obstructions removed from house drain. This report does not necessarily indicate that there were obstructions in the house drain, but that if there had been such they were removed. He therefore reported no basis for complaint.

The building 419 West 45th Street, which is the residence of the complainant, was visited and the policeman reports that he found water in the cellar of that building, which comes up through the floor of said cellar. It therefore appears that Mrs. Thomas is mistaken as to the source of the water lodging in the cellar of 419. 419 West 45th Street being a non-tenement, we have nothing to do with unsanitary conditions therein. It does not seem, therefore, as if there is anything that we can do in the matter.

I return Mrs. Thomas' letter to you with this information, so that you may answer her.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Murphy
Commissioner

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October 14, 1913.

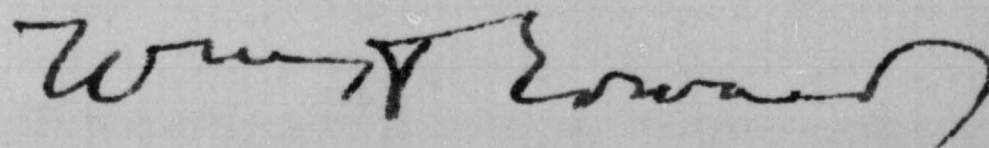
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor of The City of New York.

S i r :

I am in receipt of your favor of the 10th inst., enclosing a complaint of Nathan Kronman & Company against the charges made for dumping spoiled onions at the garbage dump of this Department. This is one of a number of such communications that have come to this office through the Mayor's office and I enclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed to his Honor the Mayor, dated July 22nd, with reference to a similar case, which letter contains the full statement of the condition complained of by Kronman & Company and which will also show your Honor that his case is but one under the provision which demands that we must charge for such service.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

(Enclosure)

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

13-21 PARK ROW, NEW YORK

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
Commissioner

"C O P Y "

July 22, 1913.

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

S i r :

I am in receipt of your favor of the 21st inst., enclosing a letter from William A. Camp & Co., in which they complain against being charged for the dumping of what they call "garbage" from their warehouse. This material is not garbage or swill, as such materials are defined by the rules and regulations of the Board of Health, but is purely a trade waste which should be taken care of under the offal contract of the Department of Health. Because the offal contractor has but one dump, it is found convenient by these people to take the materials to the Department of Street Cleaning garbage dump and because it is unfair to the contractor for the final disposition of garbage to have such materials put on him which are not contemplated in the contract, this Department has provided for the receipt of such materials by agreeing with this contractor to pay him \$1.00 per cubic yard for receiving and disposing of it. As there is an option to the owner of taking these materials to the offal dump at West 39th Street, as against the easier method for which he must pay, I think you

will agree with me that it is proper for him when choosing this easier method to make the payment stipulated in our contract.

Respectfully,

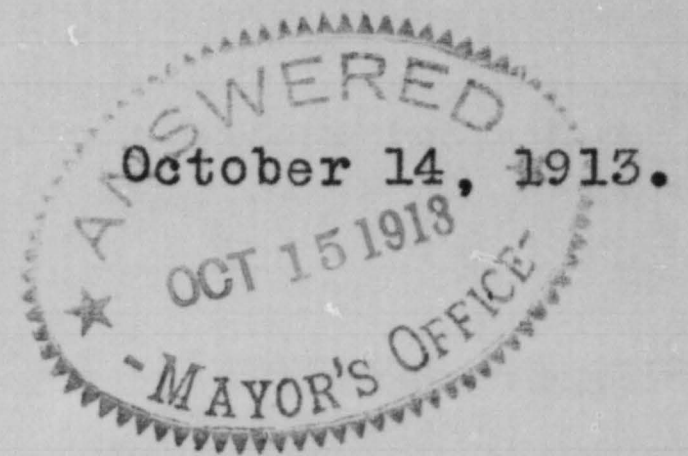
William H. Edwards,

Commissioner.

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COMMISSIONER



Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor of The City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of October 10th from your Secretary, Mr. Beaty, in which you request my opinion with regard to the suggestion contained in the attached letter from Assemblyman Gotillo, regarding the reinstatement of drivers dismissed from this Department some two years ago, received.

I talked with you personally regarding this matter the other day in your office. Let me state that all the positions of drivers in this Department are now filled by new drivers who are doing very good work. The men who were dismissed are allowed to come back into the Department by making regular application to the Civil Service for extra driver positions and in this way work themselves up into the Department again.

I do not at this time see how any of the men could be reinstated, but I do not take the position that none of them should ever come into the Department, in fact, some of them are coming back through the position of extra driver and they will be made as soon as there is a vacancy on the Civil Service list for a driver.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm H Edwards".

Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

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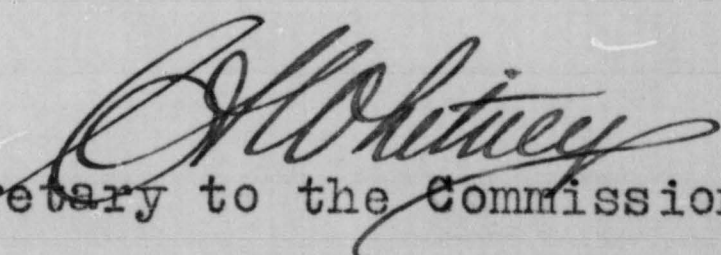
October 16, 1913.

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

S i r :

I am directed by the Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 15th instant, referring to the complaint made by the West End Association that garbage and ash cans are not placed inside the stoop line after being emptied, etc. and beg to inform you that the matter will receive immediate attention.

Respectfully,


Secretary to the Commissioner.

M.R.

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NEW YORK CITY

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COMMISSIONER

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October 17, 1913.

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

S i r :

Your letter referred to me by William B. Crowell, Assistant Corporation Counsel, regarding the application made by Julius From for reinstatement, I beg to state that he is one of the sweepers who refused to go to work at the time of the strike in November 1911.

From talks I have had with you, you know it is impossible for me to reinstate this man.

Very truly yours,

Wm H Edwards
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

W. Cooper

M.R.

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WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER

October 17, 1913.

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

S i r :

Your communication dated the 16th instant transmitting complaint from the Lederer Construction Company, 1341 Southern Boulevard, in which they claim that the collections of ashes and garbage are not made regularly from the buildings owned by them near the junction of Southern Boulevard and Jennings Street, in the Borough of The Bronx, has been received and I beg to inform you that the matter will be given prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Wm H Edwards
Commissioner. *by Cropper*

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October 20, 1913.

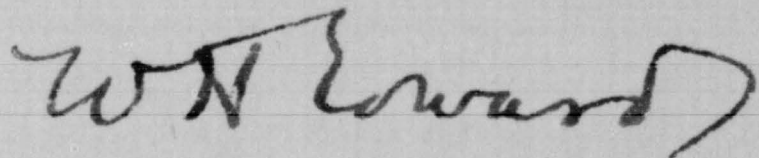
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor of The City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of October 14th enclosing communication from Mr. Henry Williams, complaining of the condition of Flushing Avenue, between Navy and St. Edward's Streets, received. Upon investigation, I find that the street has been recently repaved and the contractor has not yet finished. There is, therefore, a large accumulation of top dressing which must remain there a certain length of time.

The street will be put in shape as soon as it is turned over to us.

Very truly yours,



Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

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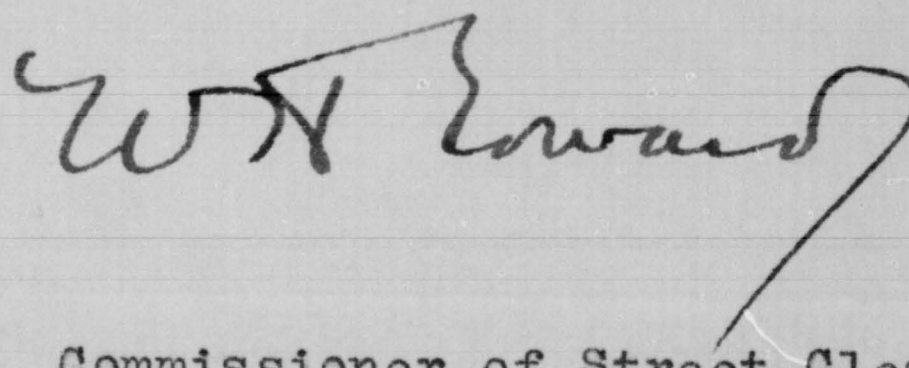
October 20, 1913.

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

S i r :

I herewith acknowledge receipt of your communication dated the 18th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. R. L. Seelbach of Buffalo, concerning garbage cremation, and beg to inform you that I appreciate the opportunity to look into the matter.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

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October 20, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor of The City of New York.

S i r :

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing communication from Mr. A. F. Fitz Gerald, which is a duplicate of the one he sent to me, complaining that I had been unjust in my criticism of his new cart cover.

For a long time Mr. Fitz Gerald has been laboring to produce a sanitary cart cover suitable for the needs of this Department. I have not only given him time and assistance, but I have given him the use of our shop, material and labor to hasten the completion of his cover. Recently, on a tour of inspection of the Borough Development Company's dumps, I stopped at the stable to look at the device. It proved most unsatisfactory and has always proven unsatisfactory. I decided, however, to look at it on Friday as Mr. Fitz Gerald has brought great pressure to bear from Mr. John D. Crimmins and others and Mr. Fitz Gerald also stated that he was about to lose every dollar he had in the world unless this cart cover proved a good thing.

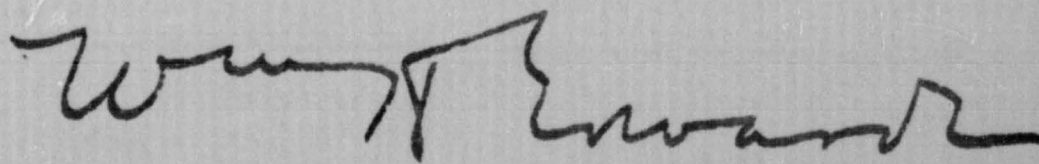
Looking at it from the humane side, I decided to give him another opportunity to make good. I had present at the demonstration my Deputy Commissioner, Department of Street Cleaning

officers and some of my head mechanics. I tried very much to see if I couldn't accept it, but at present it is not in satisfactory shape, and I have no money in the Department of Street Cleaning budget to pay for such installation as the device would cost between \$15. and \$25. per cart.

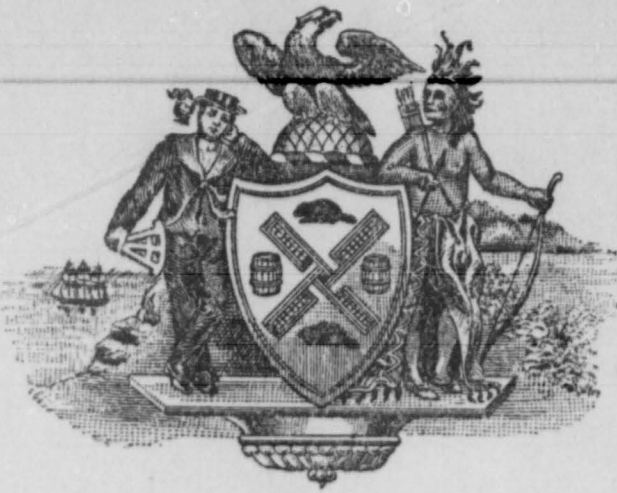
I shall be very glad to take you personally to see this device, if you are interested enough in it. Still, however, I am only anxious to play fair in the matter and I will make arrangements with Mr. Fitz Gerald to have Dr. Lederle appoint two men in the Health Department to go with Deputy Commissioner Scott and give a report on the workings of the cover.

I am more than anxious to have a proper cart cover installed in this Department if we can find one and have sufficient appropriation, but I have never found that Mr. Fitz Gerald appreciated anything that has been done for him. I will see that this arrangement is made right away.

Very truly yours,



Commissioner of Street Cleaning.



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BOROUGH OF Manhattan, Oct. 20th, 1913 191

Re premises 172 Avenue B.

Mr. Julian Beaty,

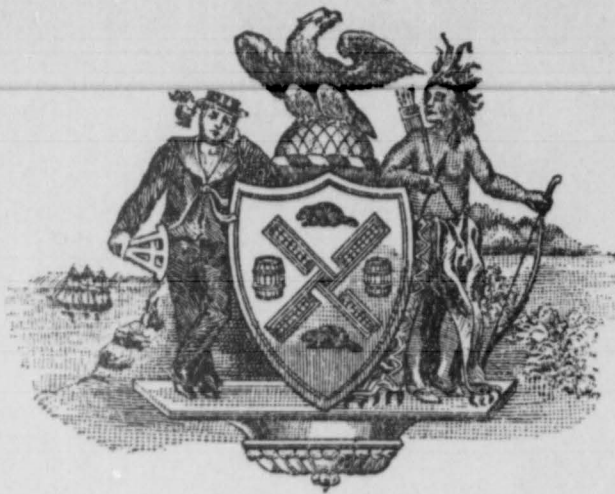
Secretary to the Mayor.

S i r :-

In reply to your favor of the 15th inst., enclosing anonymous complaint re premises 172 Avenue B, a number of violations have been filed against said premises. The last inspection made March 21, 1913, indicated that all pending items had been complied with and it would seem as if the building must have deteriorated rapidly since that time.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Murphy
Commissioner.



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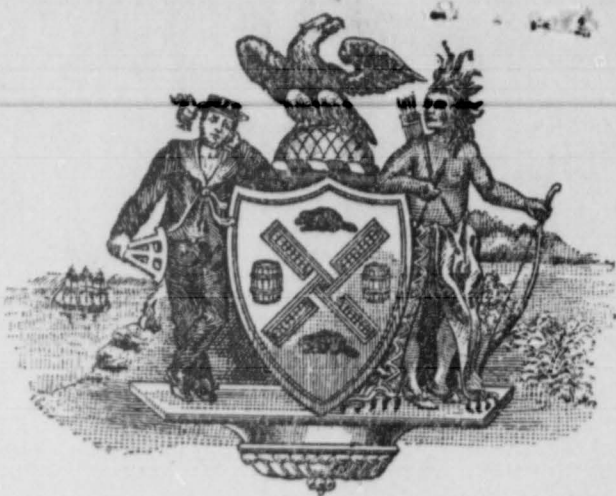
Executive Secretary.

S i r :-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 15th inst.
enclosing letter from Max Zweifler. Same will have prompt attention.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Murphy
Commissioner.



Tenement House Department of the City of New York.

JOHN J. MURPHY
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BOROUGH OF Manhattan Oct. 20th, 1913 191

Re premises 716 Starr St., Bklyn.

Mr. James Matthews,

Executive Secretary.

S i r :-

In reply to your favor of the 18th inst., re complaint of Fred Feitusch, 714 Starr St., Brooklyn, I will reopen the case, in view of the statements made in Mr. Feitusch's letter.

I wish, however, to call attention to the fact that in his original letter of complaint, dated Sept. 26th, (which was returned to you) he states-

"I am the owner of the premises known as 716 Starr Street, Brooklyn, New York. Before the lowering of Starr Street by the City, the house on the property was a two story and store frame building, the ground floor was a store and the top floor was occupied by two families. *****I wanted to change the store into a living apartment and move the house back about five feet, etc."

I assumed that he knew what were the conditions in his own building and was stating the facts, and my letter was based upon this assumption.

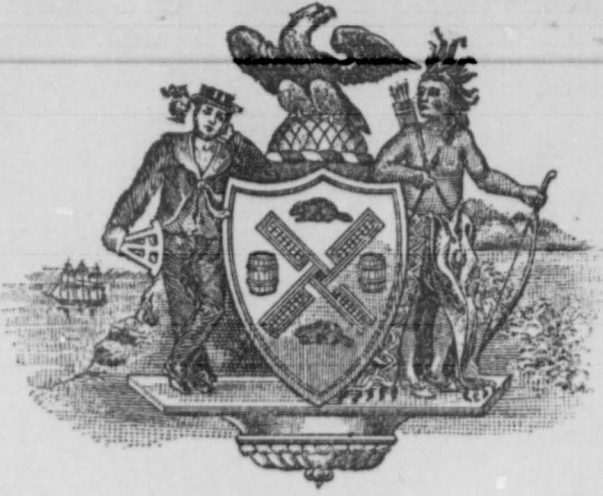
It now appears, however, that the building was recorded in the Tenement House Department as a tenement. The matter is still further complicated by the fact that the owner has put in an application to have the building made a non-tenement and the plans to carry this out have been approved by the Brooklyn office.

Further, it is worthy of note that the Deputy Commissioner in charge of the Brooklyn office reports that "damages had already been awarded to all the property owners on that street for the express purpose of enabling them to defray the expenses of lowering their houses."

I will make a further investigation and report to the Mayor within a few days.

Yours respectfully,

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BOROUGH OF Manhattan, Oct. 22nd, 1913 191

Re premises 172 Avenue B.

Mr. Julian Beaty,

Secretary to the Mayor.

S i r :-

In reply to your communication of the 15th inst., in relation to 172 Avenue B, I beg to say that an inspection shows the existence of several violations on the premises, some important, some trivial. Like many old houses, the building is liable to show signs of decrepitude on very short notice. I enclose copy of the violations filed. I may say that the general record of the house in this Department has been good.

Yours respectfully,

Enc.

John J. Murphy
Commissioner

COPY

Premises - 172 Avenue B

Items

- 6- Repair seat of water-closet at rear of public hall on 1st story and on 5th story rear south.
- 7- Repair the present defective paving of cellar floor at front.
- 8- Remove all broken, loose and defective plaster from ceiling of public cellar; wood bins; ceiling of living room on 5th story front north and wall of water-closet at rear of public hall on 1st story and properly replaster same.
- 9- Repair and maintain so that they will not leak, the defective faucet of kitchen sink in front south apartment 4th story.
- 10- Repair the flushing apparatus of water-closet on 3d story at rear south and maintain the same so as to effectively flush the fixtures.
- 11- Replace with proper glass the present broken glass in 2 doors of water-closets at rear of public hall on 3d story.
- 12- Repair and put in proper condition the brick chimneys at front north and rear south on roof.
- 13- Maintain in good repair the balusters and railings of stairs on 3d story and hall on 5th story.
- 14- Remove the accumulation of rubbish from cellar at front of above premises, thoroughly cleanse the same and keep free from such accumulations at all times, as required by the Tenement House Law
- 15- Repair the defective rain leader at north 5th story.

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DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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13-21 PARK ROW, NEW YORK

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
Commissioner

October 28th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Replying to your letter of October 27th I would say that I have taken the matter up with the General Superintendent of this Department, who has charge of the uniforms, and the following is his report:

"Relative to the letter from his Honor the Mayor, with enclosed anonymous communication stating that sweepers and drivers are being overcharged for uniforms, etc., which you referred to me for investigation, I have to report as follows:

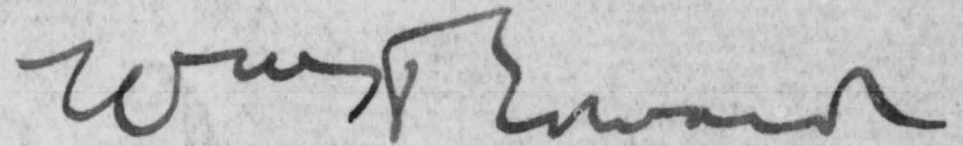
"I have had a conference with Sol Scharff, sweeper, and William Greenfield, section station keeper, Secretary and President, respectively, of the Drivers, Sweepers and Hostlers Union, and have gone over the matter with them very thoroughly? The life of a uniform is about four months. The last time that the men were required to purchase new uniforms was for the parade last May, seven months ago, and at that time a change was made in the style of coat, namely, a military collar was substituted for the old style collar. At that time each sweeper was required to purchase one uniform, but was permitted to wear out his old uniforms, if they were in presentable condition. It can readily be seen that after seven months have elapsed, the old style uniforms must be worn out. In this connection I would say that Scharff presented himself in a uniform which was in very bad condition, and I called his attention to the fact. I suggested to the men that if they were not satisfied with the wearing qualities of the present uniforms, Sweet, Orr uniforms, which enjoy a national reputation, could be purchased for \$2, but they said that any increase in the price would be utterly out of the question. I can only say that the price of \$1.35 per uniform is a very reasonable one. Before leaving these two men stated that they agreed with me.

"In regard to the helmets or caps, I would say that it would be impossible for a man to have his head gear in perfect

condition if he had been working, as they are only purchased once a year, so that the statement made in the anonymous letter "we had new caps never put on anyone's head, but we had to buy another one", is without foundation. "

The question of uniforms for the sweepers and drivers has been very difficult to solve in this Department. I want to have the men look neat and orderly at all times, but it seems a great deal of dissatisfaction has arisen over the fact that Mr. Robbins, who was formerly General Superintendent of this Department, has been working for the clothing contractor. Mr. Robbins is an elderly man, and has been doing some work for the people selling the uniforms, but owing to so much comment, I have asked him to withdraw. I hope there will be no further complaint.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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13-21 PARK ROW, NEW YORK

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
Commissioner

Street 10/28/13
October 28th, 1913.

(21)
Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Mayor,
City of New York.

S i r :

Replying to the letter from your Executive Secretary, Mr. Matthews, enclosing a letter from Joseph Barondess in behalf of one Harry Jacobs, a sweeper in this Department who desires to be detailed to other and lighter work, I will say that this man made an application on September 26th, 1913, to be retired on a pension, claiming that he was ruptured in the performance of his duties as a sweeper. He was brought before the Medical Board of Examiners of the Department, who found no evidence of a rupture, nor other physical disability which would prevent him from doing a sweeper's work. He was ordered back to work, and refused to go to work, and is therefore now under charges for disobedience of orders.

I return herewith Mr. Barondess' letter.

Respectfully,

Wm H Edwards

Commissioner.

(Enclosure)



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Mr. Julian Beaty,

Secretary, Office of the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of the 28th ult., jurisdiction over
boilers and furnaces rests with the Police Department. I caused an
investigation to be made of the enclosed complaint and find it justified.
I have notified the Police Department this day.

Yours respectfully,

Enc.

John J. Murphy
Commissioner

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13-21 PARK ROW, NEW YORK

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
Commissioner

November 5th, 1913. *sh* *PK*

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

Dear Sir:

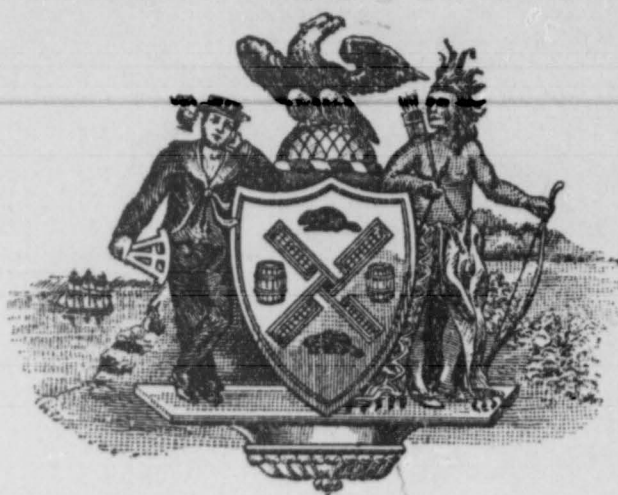
Replying to your letter of November 3rd, enclosing request of Joseph Kennedy for reinstatement, I am directed by the Commissioner to state that the causes which led to his dismissal were as follows:

K On October 7, 1912, he was suspended thirty days for absence from roll call, reporting for duty under the influence of liquor, leaving route without permission, entering liquor saloon, leaving work, etc., and he was given to understand that this was positively his last chance and record card so marked. On December 2nd, 1912, he was again absent from roll call, under the influence of liquor, entered saloon, leaving route without authority, and did not return to work; absent without excuse for five days, and he was dismissed.

The Commissioner has had one rehearing in the case, but as nothing was offered in the way of evidence which would warrant a request for reinstatement to the Civil Service Commission, the petition was denied. The Commissioner does not want such men in the Department.

X Respectfully,

W. Whitney
Secretary to the Commissioner.



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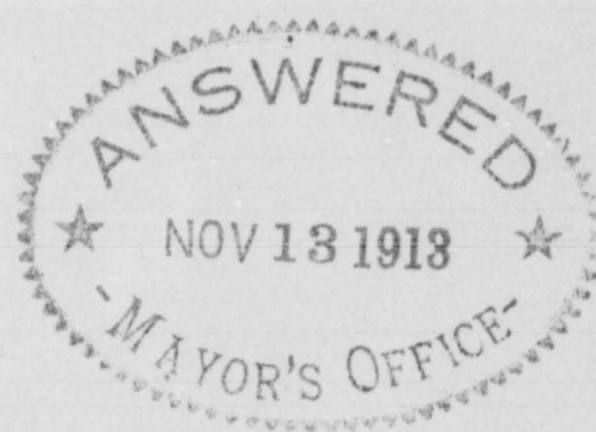
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Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My dear Mayor Kline:-

There have recently been completed under the jurisdiction of this Department, some apartment houses which represent the highest attainment in the construction of multiple dwellings. The owners of these buildings have extended to me an invitation to visit these houses now that they are completed, and it came into my mind that you might like to come and see them, if your engagements permit, and that perhaps Mrs. Kline would be interested also. We could see the more important ones within the space of a two hour trip.

Yours sincerely,

John J. Murphy
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING
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WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
Commissioner

November 12th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

In answer to your letter of November 11th, transmitting the application of one T. C. Adamson, formerly an employee of this Department, for reinstatement, would say that Mr. Adamson was dismissed from the Department of Street Cleaning for being guilty of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, failing to maintain proper discipline in his district, evidence of incompetency, and a spirit antagonistic to the best interests of the Department, the result of which was that the Department was crippled and the progress of its work interrupted during the strike of the drivers early in November, 1911.

Mr. Adamson should not be reinstated in this Department, as he was antagonistic to the best interests of the Department at the time of the strike, and when the Department was crippled he hindered in every way the work in his district. His services were undesirable, and I gave him ample opportunity to bring before me any witnesses he had, and he was given a fair trial. In fact, Mr. Adamson applied to the Supreme Court in the month of December, 1911, for a writ of mandamus to compel me to reinstate him to his position. On January 31st, 1912, Justice Bijur denied his application, and stated that while his hearing may have been a summary one, neverthe-

less the Commissioner's action was justified in view of the exceptional circumstances existing. So that the Supreme Court has passed upon all the points now raised by Adamson in his letter to you, adversely to him. Mr. Adamson made application to me for reinstatement on December 8th, 1911, which application was denied.

Respectfully,

Wm. T. Edwards

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING
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13-21 PARK ROW, NEW YORK

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
Commissioner

November 14th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of November 13th, with enclosure from Martin H. Spitz, 272 West 125th Street, alleging that an employee of this Department named Patrick Kennedy neglects to pay an indebtedness incurred by him in the purchase of some clothing, is received, and the matter will be given immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Wm H Edwards
Commissioner. *W*

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November 17th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

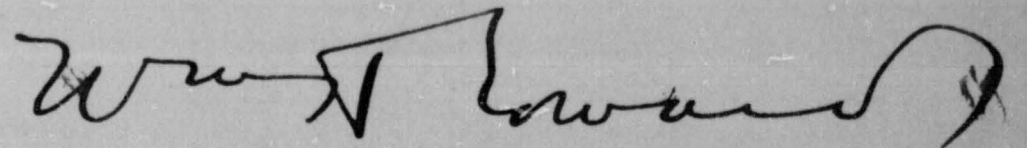
M a y o r ,

City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of November 14th has been received. Regarding the complaint of J. Edwin Pursell, 159 Pulaski Street, Brooklyn, who objects to the sprinkling of the streets in lower Manhattan at this time of the year, I would say that this contract has only ten days to run, and then there will be no more sprinkling of the streets. I will drop in and talk this matter over with you later on. There has always been some discussion as to whether or not the streets should be sprinkled. I talked the matter over with Mayor Gaynor, and he saw no objection to the contract being given to Mr. Hildebrant.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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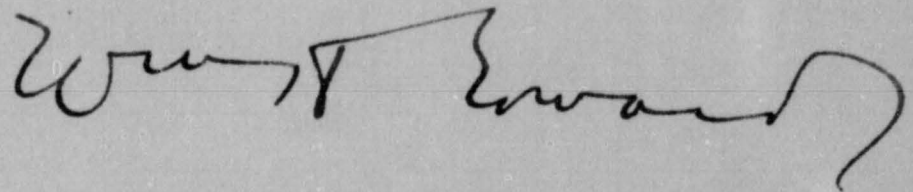
November 20th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of November 18th, with enclosure from Mrs. O. A. Strecker, 531 West 162nd Street, relative to some damage done to a house owned by her at 65 West 132nd Street on May 18th, 1913, by a street cleaning wagon, is received, and in reply would say that the matter will be immediately investigated.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

William G. Edwards
Commissioner

City of New York
Office of
Commissioner of Street Cleaning
13-21 Park Row

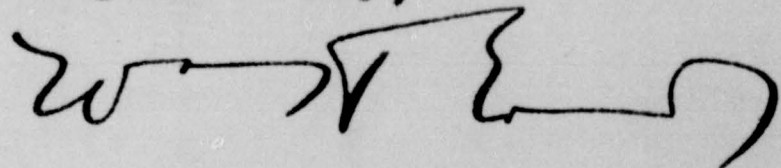
November 20th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Replying to your letter of
November 19th, I would say that it
will give me great pleasure to serve
on your official staff at the Review
of the Seventh Regiment on Friday
Evening, November 21st, and I wish
to thank you for the honor conferred
upon me.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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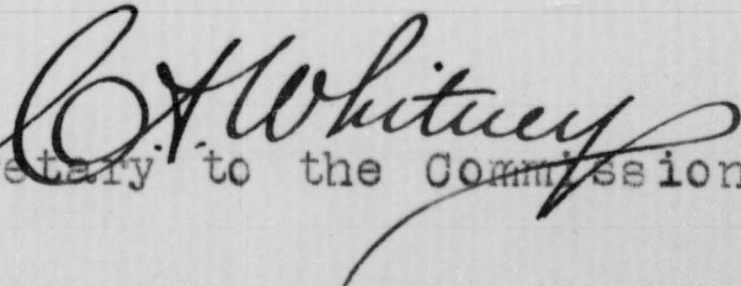
November 22nd, 1913.

Mr. Robert Adamson,
Secretary to the Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Commissioner Edwards I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, and to say in reply that a re-hearing was given to Joseph Silverman, 241 Broome Street, on Tuesday of this week, and the Commissioner has directed that he be reinstated to his former position, subject to the approval of the Municipal Civil Service Commission. As soon as the consent of the Civil Service Commission is received, Silverstone will be notified to report for assignment to duty.

Respectfully,


Secretary to the Commissioner.

William H. Edwards
Commissioner

City of New York
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November 24th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

I shall be very glad to accept
your kind invitation to serve on your
staff at the Review of the 13th Regiment,
Borough of Brooklyn, this evening.

Respectfully,

Wm H Edwards

Tenement House Commissioner
44 East 23rd Street

New York, Nov. 26th, 1913.

Personal.

Hon. Ardolph B. Kline,

Mayor of the City of New York.

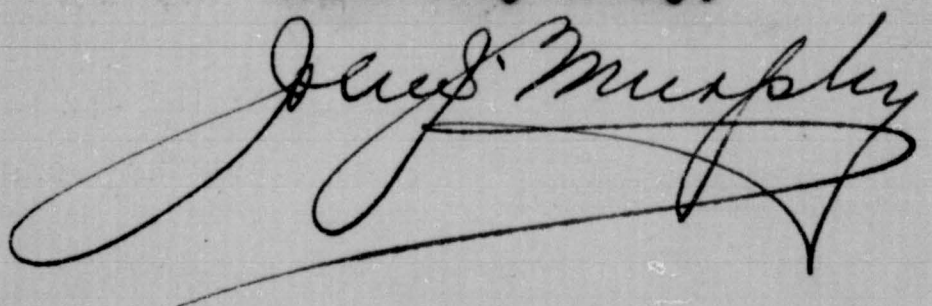
S i r :-

Permit me to express my sincere approval of your action in reappointing Mr. Churchill as a member of the Board of Education.

I can lay no claim to special knowledge in this matter, never having been directly connected with the Board, but from all that I can gather there never has been on the Board of Education a more painstaking and faithful member and one whose work was more sincerely directed towards freeing the educational system of the City from the despotism of bureaucratic control.

I feel that in acting as you have done, you have earned the gratitude of men like myself who have no interest in the matter except to see the Board of Education democratic in every sense.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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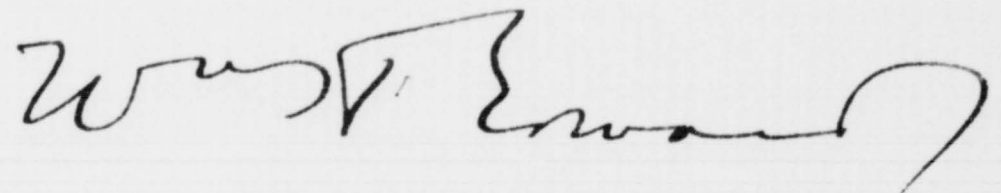
November 28th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of November 26th, enclosing a complaint from E. Blaesius, 307 East 180th Street, that his ashes have not been removed for eight days, is received, and the matter will be given immediate attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm H Edwards", written in a cursive style.

Commissioner.

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December 5th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

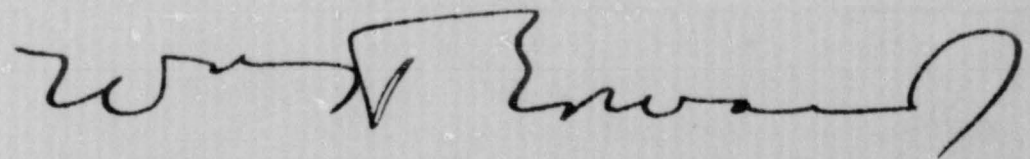
M a y o r ,

City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of December 4th, with enclosure from Louis Levy, 2274 Broadway, complaining that the ashes have not been removed from 1265 Brook Avenue and 1628 Washington Avenue for some days, is received. In reply I would say that we have been very much handicapped in the Borough of The Bronx owing to lack of appropriation. I have asked for special revenue bonds so as to be able to give the residents of that Borough a better service.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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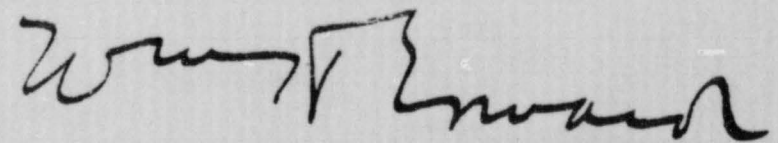
December 6th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 5th, with enclosure from Thomas G. Lynn, 481 East 171st Street, complaining of the delay in the removal of garbage and ashes from premises owned by him on Washington Avenue; also a letter from A. Heide, 794 East 169th Street, who has a similar grievance. I have taken this matter up with the Deputy Commissioner in the Borough of The Bronx, and it will be given immediate attention.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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December 8th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

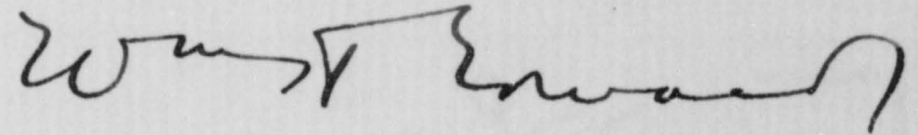
M a y o r ,

City of New York.

S i r :

Replying to your letter of December 3rd I would say that the transfer of Bernard Reynolds, Sweeper, Section 15, to the position of Messenger, becomes effective to-day.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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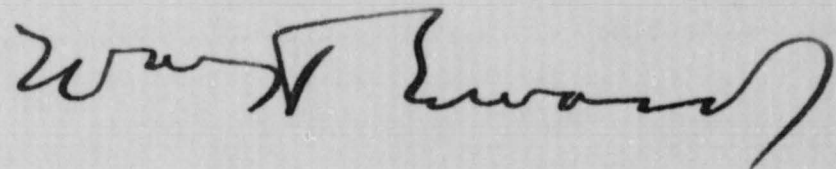
December 9th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

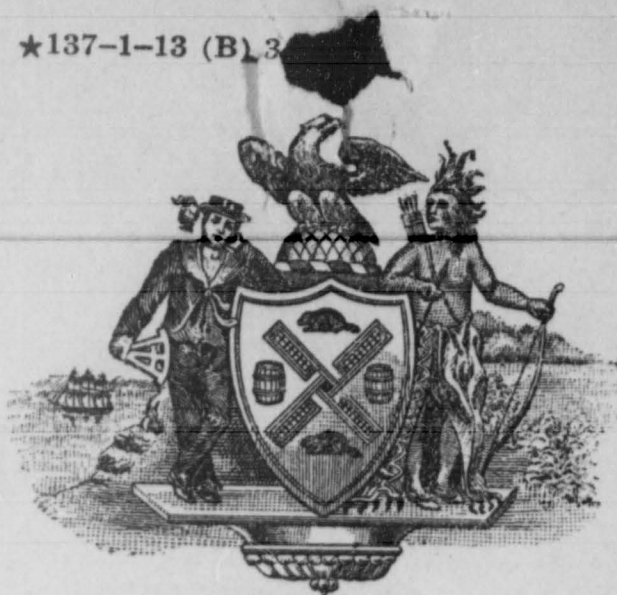
S i r :

I have your letter of the 8th instant, with enclosure from a "Tenant", complaining that at 956 Third Avenue the ashes have been standing several days. The matter will be given immediate attention.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.



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BOROUGH OF Manhattan Dec. 9th, 1913

Re premises 547 West 57th St. and
470 Seventh Ave.

Mr. James Matthews,

Executive Secretary.

Dear Sir:-

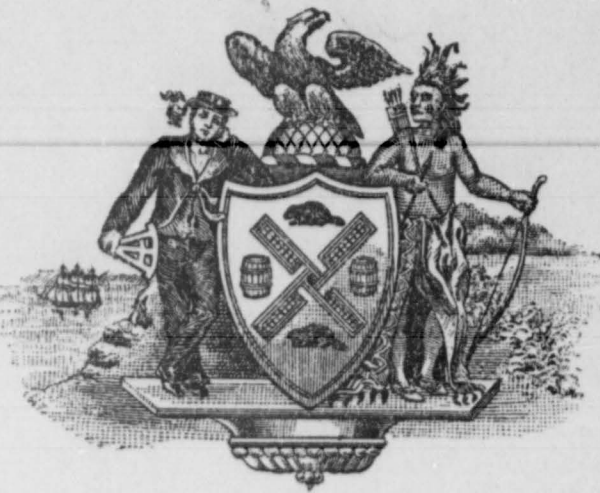
Replying to your favor of Dec. 4th, re premises 547 West 57th Street, I beg to say that the complaint of Mr. P. Daly is largely justified as to the unsanitary condition of that house, but not entirely so. A number of orders have been complied with, within the past few months but much remains to be done. There are some eighteen orders filed against the premises and police court proceedings have been begun to compel the owner to comply. The only other power which we have is to vacate the premises and this is a power which we are loath to use, because it requires the inspector to make an affidavit that the building is absolutely unfit for human habitation. The owners of the premises have been avoiding service of notice by having agents call here, who claim that the owners are in Europe, whereas our belief and knowledge is that they are in the City. You may be satisfied that the case will have the most vigorous attention.

In regard to 470 Seventh Avenue, our report is, that the building is not a tenement house and is therefore not subject to our jurisdiction. On the day before your letter was received this Department had written to the Health Department

calling its attention to complaint of unsanitary condition of the premises.

Yours respectfully,

John Murphy
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Mr. Robert Adamson,

Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is herewith acknowledged of your communication of the 8th inst., enclosing letter from "A Full Blooded American", stating that the conditions in tenement house at 111 St. Mark's Place should be investigated, as there is a continual lack of water. Same will have immediate attention.

At the direction of the Commissioner.

Yours respectfully,

Joseph H. Link
Secretary to Commissioner.

OFFICE OF
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COMMISSIONER

December 10th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

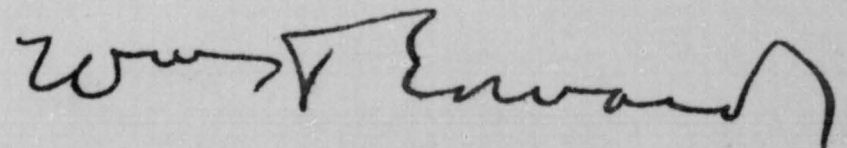
S i r :

Your letter of December 4th, with enclosure from Frank H. Lester, 97 Park Place, is received. Mr. Lester complains that the private garbage collector who removes waste from the Lester store has quadrupled his rates within the past few years due to excessive charges made by those in control of the dumping privileges.

In reply I would say that the question of arriving at the cost for each barrel of waste fruit removed from Mr. Lester's place of business must be determined between Mr. Lester and Guiseppe Comforti, his private cartman. The material referred to is trade waste, and can be dumped without cost at the offal dock of the Health Department, 39th Street and North River. The contract of this Department calls for the final disposition of pure garbage, and does not cover spoiled fruit, etc., from the trade, but in order to accommodate the private cartmen and obviate the long haul from the wholesale food district to West 39th Street, the contractor

agreed to receive this material at the Canal Street dump upon payment of \$1 per cubic yard by the person desiring to dispose of the same. If Mr. Lester chooses to send his material to the offal dock, it will not cost him anything to dispose of it, but if his contractor in order to save haul desires to dispose of the material on the scows of the New York Sanitary Utilization Company at Canal Street and North River, he will have to pay the price agreed upon. The price charged Mr. Lester by his private cartman is a matter with which this Department has nothing to do. I have written to Mr. Lester giving him the foregoing information.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

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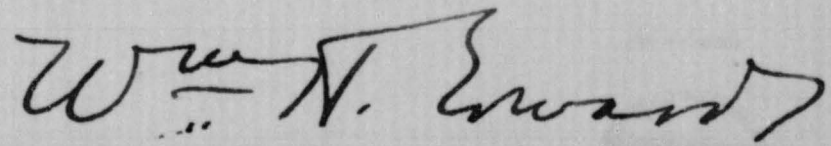
December 10th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of December 3rd, with regard to the case of Robert V. Eubank, an extra driver in this Department who asks for half pay during the time he is laid up owing to an injury received in the performance of his duty, is received. In reply I would say that half pay is never allowed to extra men, the only exception to this rule having been made in the case of Flynn, who as you know was severely injured while stopping a runaway horse. I have informed Eubank that his request cannot be granted.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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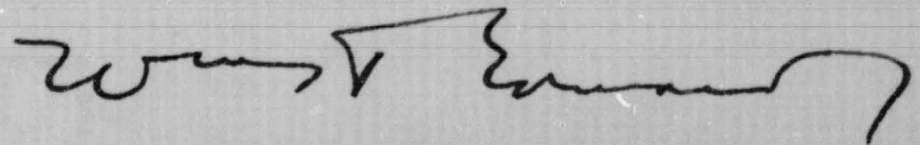
December 12th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of December 10th, with enclosure from John Eggers, 2973 Perry Avenue, complaining of the delay in removing ashes from 926 and 930 East 180th Street, is received. In reply would say that we have some hired trucks in The Bronx to-day, and hope to have matters very much improved within a day or two. I have communicated with Mr. Eggers.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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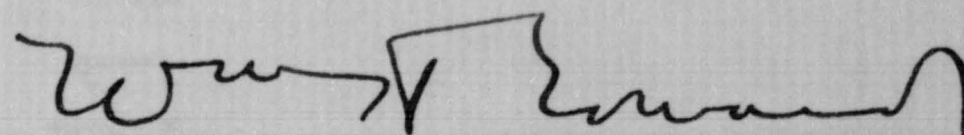
December 13th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of December 12th, with enclosure from
Dr. Walter T. Slevin, 390 Union Street, Brooklyn, who suggests
the use of paper bags for the collection of refuse instead of
burlap bags, is received. I will take this suggestion under
consideration.

Respectfully,

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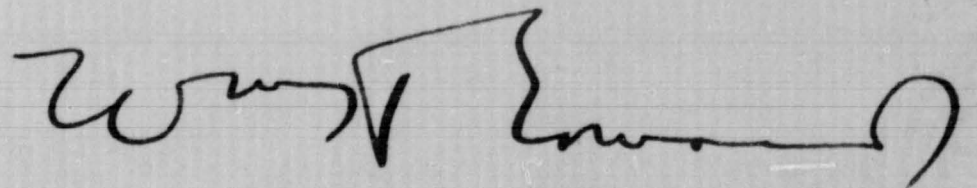
December 13th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

I have your letter of December 12th, enclosing a letter from the Bagot Realty Company, 45 John Street, complaining that the garbage and ashes in front of the apartment houses at 166th Street and Woodycrest Avenue are not removed punctually. The matter will be given immediate attention.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

Tenement House Commissioner

~~44 East 23rd Street~~

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

CENTRE & CHAMBERS STS.

New York, Dec. 13th, 1913

Mr. James Matthews,

Executive Secretary.

Dear Mr. Matthews:-

Can you send me a list of the Executive Committee of the Gaynor Memorial, especially the name of the Chairman? I have not heard of any activity on their part lately and I feel that the longer the matter is postponed the more difficulty there will be in procuring the necessary funds by popular subscription.

Yours sincerely,

John J. Murphy

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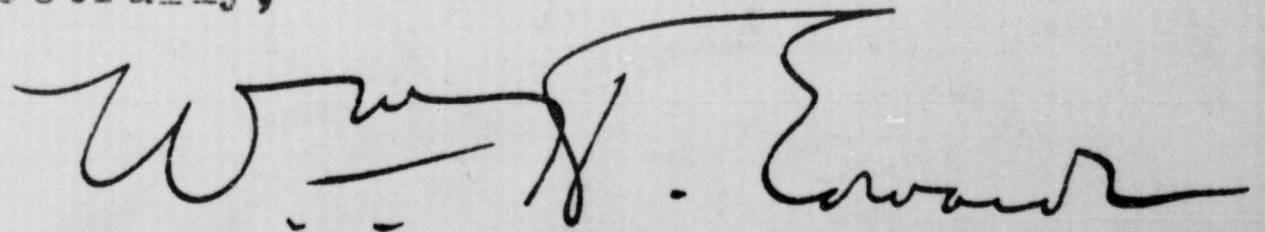
December 16th, 1913.

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

Sir:

Your letter of December 11th, with enclosure from William A. Landes, concerning one Isidor Ernst, 238 Stockton Street, Brooklyn, formerly a sweeper in this Department, is received. In reply I would say that Ernst was dropped from the rolls of the Department in September, 1911, for absence for more than five days, which under section 537 of the Charter constitutes a resignation. As more than two years have elapsed since Ernst severed his connection with the Department, the Civil Service rules will not permit me to reinstate him. I have written Mr. Landes, giving him this information.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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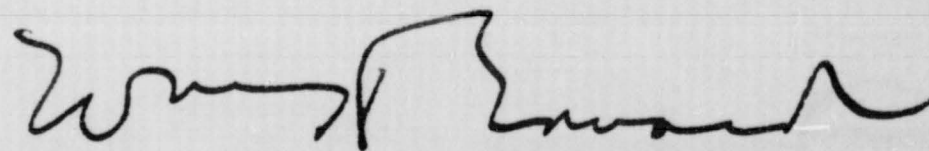
December 16th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of December 15th, with enclosure from M. D. Gallagher, complaining of non-removal of ashes from 402 West 146th Street, is received. In reply I would say that the work in this part of the City has gotten a little behind owing to the necessary closing of dumps for dredging purposes. We have caught up considerably, however, the last two of three days, and I think Mr. Gallagher will have no further trouble.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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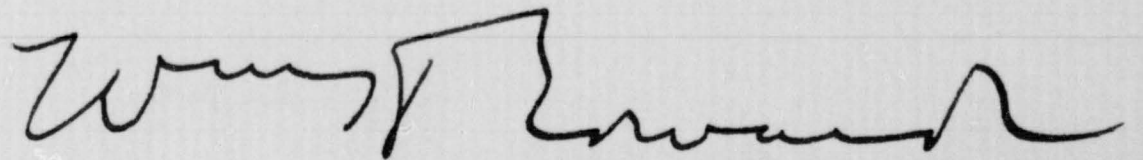
December 16th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of December 10th, enclosing letter of Dr. J. H. Byrne, has been received. I have taken up at different times with Dr. Byrne the question of reinstating James Byrne to his former position in this Department, that of Assistant Foreman. I have explained fully to Dr. Byrne why this cannot be done. James Byrne was dismissed from the Department of Street Cleaning for conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline over two years ago, and there is no new evidence upon which I can consider his reinstatement.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

(Dr. Byrne's letter enclosed)

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

M.R.

13-21 PARK ROW, NEW YORK

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
Commissioner

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December 18, 1913.

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

S i r :

Replying to your favor of the 16th instant, enclosing two letters from Dr. J. Richard Kevin, 252 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, requesting a hearing before the renewal of the lease of the premises on Lexington Avenue near Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, at present used as an ash receiving station by the Borough Development Company which has the contract for the disposition of ashes in the Borough of Brooklyn, I beg to advise you that the contract for the pursuant three years beginning January 2, 1914 was let on August 15th last, after it had received the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that the locations of ash stations have already been approved by me; as I understand it, the new Contractor which is the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company has taken over this lease from the Brooklyn Development Company and will continue to use this plant, not as an ash station, however, but simply as a receiving station for paper and rubbish. This will remedy the conditions complained of by Dr. Kevin and I have already so advised him.

The City itself has never had any lease of these premises.
I return both of Dr. Kevin's letters herewith.

Respectfully,

Wm H Edwards
Commissioner.

(2 Enclosures)

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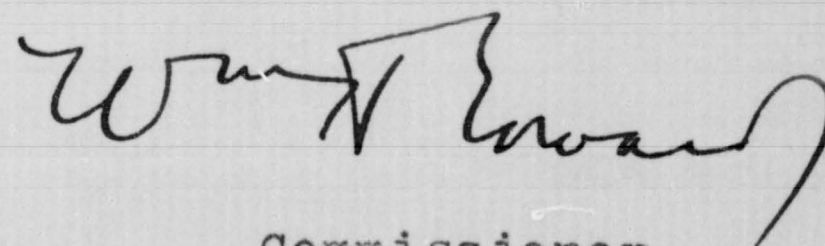
December 18th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

I have your letter of December 17th, with enclosure from H. L. Bowlby, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, 203 Broadway. As you know, recent conditions in the Borough of The Bronx made it necessary to perform the work of collection on Sunday. I will, however, take the matter up with Mr. Bowlby, and have it explained to him to his satisfaction.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

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WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER

December 21st, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

In reply to your letter of December 30th, enclosing letter from Mrs. Thomas Walsh, would say that her husband was a regular employee of this Department for six years and three months, but under the provisions of the Pension Law I can only grant a pension to the widow of an employee who has served not less than ten years. I regret to say that it is not possible for me to do anything for her. I have written her to this effect.

Respectfully,

Wm H. Edwards

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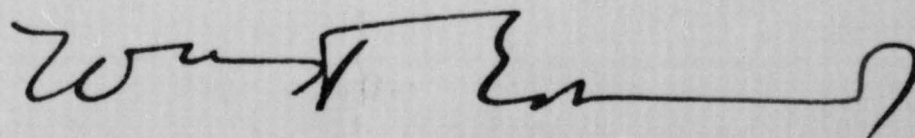
WILLIAM H. EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER

December 22nd, 1913.

My dear Mr. Matthews:

In reply to your letter of December 3rd, regarding Harry Jacobs, a driver who has been employed in this Department, the certificate from Bellevue Hospital which you sent me, and which I return herewith, shows that Jacobs was discharged July 4th, 1913, as cured, and the report of our Medical Examiners, September 26th, 1913, was that he was physically able to perform the duties of his position. He refused to obey our orders to report for work and was dismissed November 13th, 1913. Upon receipt of your letter of December 3rd I notified Harry Jacobs to appear before our Board of Medical Examiners, which he did on December 18th, and after a thorough and careful examination they report "We, the undersigned, have examined Harry Jacobs and find that the operation for double hernia performed at Bellevue hospital resulted in a cure." This being the case, I do not see why my action in the matter should be changed.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. James Matthews,

Executive Secretary,

Office of the Mayor.

Enclosure.

THE *Bellevue* HOSPITAL

26 STREET AND *First* AVENUE

George O'Shaughnessy, M.D.
Superintendent.

NEW YORK, *Nov. 11* 19*13*.

This is to Certify that the records of this Hospital show that

Harry Jacobs, *48* years of age, a native of
Russia by occupation *street cleaner*,

and living at the time of his reception here at *112 Glenmore Ave.*

Bklyn. N.Y., was admitted to the institution on *June 19,*
1913, suffering from *Inguinal Hernia*

Double - Discharged July 4/13. Cured
Home.

Ward #14 - Dr. Boelen.

W. L. Fleming
asst. med. Superintendent.

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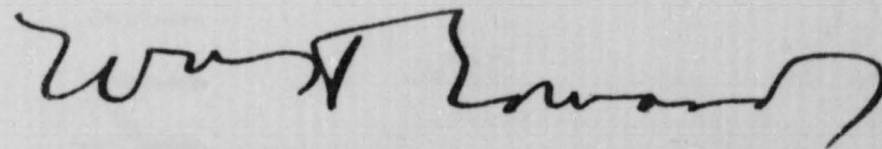
December 23rd, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of December 22nd, with enclosure from W. H. Ostrander, 250 East 180th Street, Borough of The Bronx, complaining of the delay in removing ashes from that section, is received. The matter will be given immediate attention.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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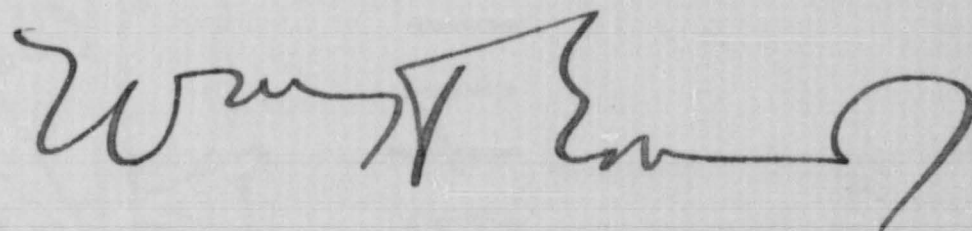
December 31st, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
M a y o r ,
City of New York.

S i r :

Your letter of December 30th is received, and in reply I would say that I have communicated with P. J. Mehegan of San Francisco, giving him the information he desires concerning flushing wagons used by this Department.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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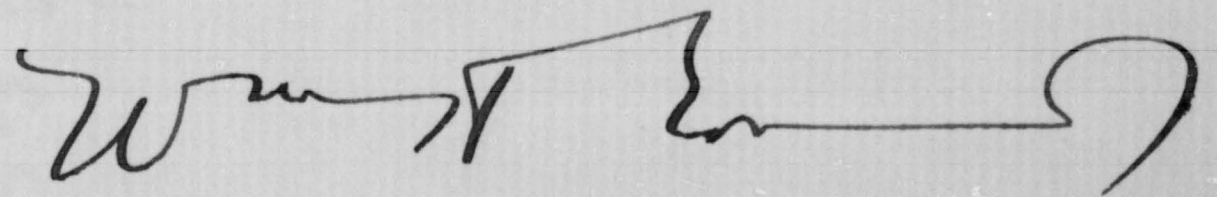
December 31st, 1913.

Mr. Robert Adamson,
Secretary to the Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 30th, with enclosure from Mrs. Thomas J. Casey, regarding Extra Sweeper Thomas Higgins, is received. Thomas Higgins cannot be appointed a regular sweeper until his name is reached on the eligible list. This is the Civil Service ruling. I have received a similar letter from Mrs. Casey, and have written her giving her this information.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.