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Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, January 16th, 1897. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of January 15th, conveying the Mayor's request that we have "the flags displayed at half-mast on all buildings connected with your Department".

I am very sorry to have to report that I can take no action on this request for the reason that the Department has no flags. Application was made for some, sometime ago, but permission was not given.

We should have a flag for this building, 32 Chambers Street, and for each of the nine (9) Stables of the Department.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. E. Waring, Jr." with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Commissioner.

Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, January 15th 1897

To His Honor the Mayor,

William L. Strong,

City Hall.

Sir:-

On behalf of the Uniform Officer's Mutual Benefit Association of the Department of Street Cleaning, we appeal to you requesting the committee of the above Ass'n to appear before the Greater New York Commission, now in session, regarding the increase of salary for said Officers, and thoroughly explaining the circumstances of the case to them.

Hoping to meet with your hearty approval,

We remain,

Respectfully yours,

The Committee

W. H. Tibbald
O. A. Price
David H. Maxwell

Department of Street Cleaning,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, July 18, 1897

Dear Mayor Strong:

Will you do me the favor to run the committee who bring you this. I am desirous of giving them all the help I can in their movement.

Very truly
Yours,
G. E. Waring, Jr.

ESTIMATED CONDITION OF APPROPRIATION

on December 31st, 1896.

ADMINISTRATION:

Unexpended. Deficit.

Original Appropriation,	\$210,700.00	
Add transfers from Incumbrances,	3,200.00	
	<u>213,900.00</u>	
Expended for year 1896	<u>212,972.34</u>	\$927.66

SWEEPING:

Original Appropriation,	1,402,000.00	
Less transfers to Snow and Ice, \$393,000.00		
Less transfers to Final Disposition, 27,000.00		
Less transfers to Rents & Con- tingencies, 1,100.00	<u>421,100.00</u>	
	980,900.00	
Add Bond a/c (Snow Issue)	<u>200,000.00</u>	
	1,180,900.00	
Expended for year 1896,	<u>1,159,594.69</u>	
		21,305.31

CARTING:

Original Appropriation,	903,000.00	
Less transfer to Final Disp'n,	25,000.00	
	<u>878,000.00</u>	
Expended for year 1896,	<u>880,558.61</u>	\$2,558.61

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Original Appropriation,	375,000.00	
Add transfers from Incumbrances, 14,800.00		
Add transfers from Sweeping, 27,000.00		
Add transfers from Carting, 25,000.00	<u>66,800.00</u>	
	441,800.00	
Expended for year 1896	<u>447,332.81</u>	5,532.81

Unexpended. Deficit.RENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

Original Appropriation,	\$80,000.00	
Add transfers from Incumbrances,	\$ 5,000.00	
Add transfers from Sweeping,	1,100.00	6,100.00
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		86,100.00
Expended for year 1896	86,600.17	\$ 500.17

SNOW AND ICE:

Original Appropriation,	40,000.00	
Add transfers from Sweeping,	393,000.00	
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		433,000.00
Expended for year 1896,	424,650.44	\$8,349.56

NEW STOCK:

Original Appropriation,	10,000.00	
Expended for year 1896,	10,000.00	
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New Stock Bond a/c	86,950.00	
Expended for year 1896,	72,505.84	14,444.16

RECAPITULATION.

	<u>Amounts avail- able.</u>	<u>Expended.</u>	<u>Unexpended.</u>	<u>Deficit.</u>
<u>Administration,</u>	\$213,900.00	\$212,972.34	\$927.66	\$
<u>Sweeping,</u>	1,180,900.00	1,159,594.69	21,305.31	
<u>Carting,</u>	878,000.00	880,558.61		2,558.61
<u>Final Disposition,</u>	441,800.00	447,332.81		5,532.81
<u>Rents & Cont'g'c's,</u>	86,100.00	86,600.17		500.17
	<u>2,800,700.00</u>	<u>2,787,058.62</u>	22,232.97	<u>8,591.59</u>
			<u>8,591.59</u>	
Net <u>surplus</u> in working accounts,			<u>13,641.38</u>	

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

~~Criminal Court Building,~~

~~Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets~~



COPY.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, January 15th, 1897.

Colonel George E. Waring, Jr.,

Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to hand you herewith statement of the estimated condition of the several accounts of the appropriation of the Department of Street Cleaning as at December 31st, 1896.

In addition to the above, I might add that the total cart loads of material, of all kinds, collected during the year, was 1,745,923 3/4 loads, of which 1,677,391 3/4 loads were finally disposed of by dumping at sea and behind bulkheads,- the balance was disposed of by filling in lots.

Practically all of the snow removed last winter, was removed after January 1st, 1896, to which must be added the large amount of snow removed during th last two falls, which occurred also within the calendar year 1896, so that the grand total of cubic yards of snow removed from the streets of New York, during the year 1896 was 809,449. This, of course, is exceptional, and such a condition might not occur again for years.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that the total cost of removing the above, was a little more than \$424,000.00, and that it was necessary to issue, for this, but \$200,000.00 in bonds,- the balance having been paid out of the regular appropriation.

The number of incumbrances seized by the Department during the year 1896 was 4,427; the amount of money received

by the Department for the redemption of incumbrances, during	
the year 1896, was	\$5,342.65 ✓
and from the proceeds of sales of incumbrances,	1,183.83 ✓
making a total of moneys received on account of in-	<hr/>
cumbrances of	<u>\$6,526.48 ✓</u>

During the year 1896, there were transmitted to the City Chamberlain, moneys aggregating \$40,691.33, being the proceeds of public sales, fines and scow trimming privileges.

The number of miles of paved streets cleaned by the Department is now 432.66 miles.

Respectfully,

(signed) Thos. A. Doe,

(Enclosure)

Chief Clerk.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

~~(Criminal Court Building)~~

~~Centre White, Elm, and Franklin Streets~~



COPY.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner

New York, January 19th, 1897.

Colonel George E. Waring, Jr.,

Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dear Sir:-

So much has been said and written with regard to the "enormous" amount of money expended by you in carrying on the business of the Department, and so many odious comparisons have been made, that I believe it will interest you to study the following figures:

There has never been any contention, that I know of, that you have not administered the Department business in a manner perfectly satisfactory to the citizens (the odium of comparison would, in such a case, be on the other side), but certain carpers have criticised you for wasteful extravagance, and have misled other persons to criticise honestly on the same score. Newspaper head-lines, announcing that "Waring's deficit will reach \$1,500,000" did mislead many, and created a prejudice in their minds which could be removed only by time, and by the constant object lessons which have been given them. These latter critics have at last concluded (to use the words of one), that "Waring comes high, but we must have him". The fact, as you will find proved by the following table, is that Waring does not come high.

The main difficulty in making a fair comparison between the expense of the Department business under yourself, for say the year 1895, and your predecessors, has been, that about the time you took charge, radical changes went into effect, which would have

increased the expenses under any commissioner. I refer more particularly to, first:- the increase in wages from \$600.00 per annum to \$720.00 per annum. Second: The increase in rental of Barney Dumpers from \$23.00 per day to \$30.00 per day. Third:- The increase in expense caused by the cutting off of Riker's Island as a dumping place, thus necessitating the final disposition, at sea, during 1895, of all material collected.

In making the following comparisons, I have eliminated these items, and placed the amount representing your expenditures for the year 1895, at what it would have been if these changes, over which you had no control, had not been made. In other words, I have put 1895 on exactly the same basis as 1894, including, however, the amount expended by the Health Boards under special authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

	<u>1894.</u>	
Administration,	\$193,975.37 ✓	
Sweeping,	843,457.55 ✓	
Carting,	683,899.62 ✓	
Final Disposition,	444,650.41 ✓	
Rents & Contingencies,	60,436.54 ✓	
	<hr/>	✓ \$2,226,419.49
Add amount paid on judgment for increased wages,		✓ 140,000.00
Total amount expended,		✓ <u>\$2,366,419.49</u>

<u>1895.</u>		
Administration,	\$208,991.66 ✓	
Sweeping,	1,146,728.10 ✓	
Carting,	809,730.26 ✓	
Final Disposition,	459,217.91 ✓	
Rents & Contingencies,	<u>79,909.33 ✓</u>	
Including \$367,113.72 paid by Board of Health, under special authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.		\$2,704,577.26 ✓
<u>Less</u>		
Amount caused by increase of wages from \$600.00 per annum to \$720.00 per annum	\$256,200 ✓	
Deduct amount expended in 1894 for same cause	<u>140,000 ✓</u>	116,200.00 ✓
Amount caused by increase in rental of Barney Dumpers from \$23.00 per day to \$30.00	\$33,215.00 ✓	
Deduct amount expended in 1894 for same cause,	<u>4,277.00 ✓</u>	28,938.00 ✓
		<u>2,559,439.26 ✓</u>
Amount caused by reason of withdrawal of Riker's Island as a dumping place,- a low estimate being		<u>20,640.00 ✓</u>
		<u>\$2,538,799.26 ✓</u>

COMPARISONS OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE THREE(3) YEARS ENDING
1895, FOR ADMINISTRATION, SWEEPING, CART-
ING, FINAL DISPOSITION, RENTS
& CONTINGENCIES.

<u>1892</u>	<u>1893</u>	<u>1894</u>	<u>1895</u>
\$1,890,376.46 ✓	\$2,036,812.81 ✓	\$2,366,419.49 ✓	\$2,538,799.26 ✓
	Increase of	Increase of	Increase of
	<u>146,436.35 ✓</u>	<u>329,606.68 ✓</u>	<u>172,379.77 ✓</u>
	or over <u>7% ✓</u>	or over <u>16% ✓</u>	or over <u>7% ✓</u>

You will notice that on this basis, the increase of 1895 over 1894, was \$172,379.77, or a little over 7 per cent, as against an increase of \$329,606.68 for 1894 over 1893, or a little over 16 per cent.

The above is aside from consideration which must be given to the fact that the care of a very large territory in the Annex District was added to your duties, and that there is a constant increase in the work of the Department due to the natural growth of the City.

I have not considered, in the above, the question of snow removal. That is a mere matter of arithmetic, and the question is, how much snow shall be removed? For a small quantity, not much expense; for a greater quantity, a correspondingly greater expense.

Finally, I would call your attention to the fact that the expenses for 1896, for the above named accounts, will be about \$2,787,058.62, as against 2,704,577.26, actually expended in 1895, an increase of 82,481.36 for 1896, over 1895, or a little over 3 o/o.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Thos. A. Doe,

Chief Clerk.

C.B.L.



Department of Street Clearing,
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, January 26th, 1897. *189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,
Secretary, Mayor's office.

Sir:-

I have your letter of this date, and, as the best compliance with the Mayor's request, I enclose a copy of a letter written to me by Thomas A. Doe, Chief Clerk of this Department, January 15th, 1897, and a table on which his conclusions are based.

You will please note that this is based on an estimated condition of the appropriation. By that, you are to understand that the figures are actual so far as they are received, and that only such items are estimated as were not at that date finally determined. Some of the bills for 1896 have not yet been received. The estimate, on the whole, is substantially correct.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

(Enclosures)

MANGES BROS.

FURNITURE



AND CARPETS. (7)

148 & 150 WEST 23^D STREET,

NEW YORK,

Jan 22 1897

Mayor Strong
Dear Sir

Each day we experience considerable trouble in having dirt removed from our premises and we have been pestered by the Cartman whose business it is to attend to this matter for payment or refuses to remove the rubbish.

The Cartman referred to just left (245th St)
We would respectfully ask your protection against the paying of blood money when we are entitled as tax paying citizens to all the privileges of City of New York.

Hoping for immediate relief
We remain

Yours respectfully
Manges Bros
M.C.



Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, January 28, 1897. *189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary,

Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the within communication from Messrs. Manges Bros., and to inform you that the District Superintendent, to whom the matter of the alleged negligence on the part of one of our drivers was referred for investigation, reports as follows:

"On the 27th day of January, 1897, I personally investigated the complaint hereunto attached, and was told by Mr. Manges that the Department ash cart driver attended to his business promptly and well. The man he complains of is one of the Tate paper cart drivers. From the conversation I had with Mr. Manges, I have no doubt that this paper cart driver demanded money, and I have asked for his dismissal."

Respectfully,

J. A. Yates.

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

(C O P Y)

DISTRICT No. 11.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

NEW YORK CITY, Jan'y 28th, 1897. 189

GEORGE E. WARING, JR.,

COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING.

SIR:—I have to report that

Two citizens caused the arrest of three hired cart drivers claiming that the drivers had received a loading check and were going around a side street with the purpose of asking for another coupon, but as a matter of fact they never asked for another ticket and came only back to fill their carts to the required height.

The matter was brought before Captain Creedon of the 33rd Police precinct, who discharged the men after my explanation that the arrested men had not committed any offence.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) H. Triest,

SUPERINTENDENT OF DISTRICT No. 11.

GEO. W. RAYMOND & CO.,
VITRIFIED DRAIN AND SEWER PIPE, PAYING BRICK, FIRE BRICK,
FLUE LININGS, WALL COPING AND FIRE-PROOF MATERIAL,
PARK AVENUE, EAST 139th STREET, MOTT HAVEN,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

TELEPHONE, HARLEM 765.

New York, N. Y.

Jan 28 1897

Dear Mr. Le Strong

Dear Sir

The Street
Cleaning Dept. is robbing the
Tax payers at a frightful rate
Now at 138th Street and 3rd Ave
Trams all the afternoon passing
around a short block taking
less than 5 minutes time and then
get a ticket for a load of snow
each time they come around
the block with the same load
one white coat number 1584 and
another number 2586 mudding out
these tickets and standing where
they could see these trams pass into
riders avenue and come out of 139th
Street where they know no snow was

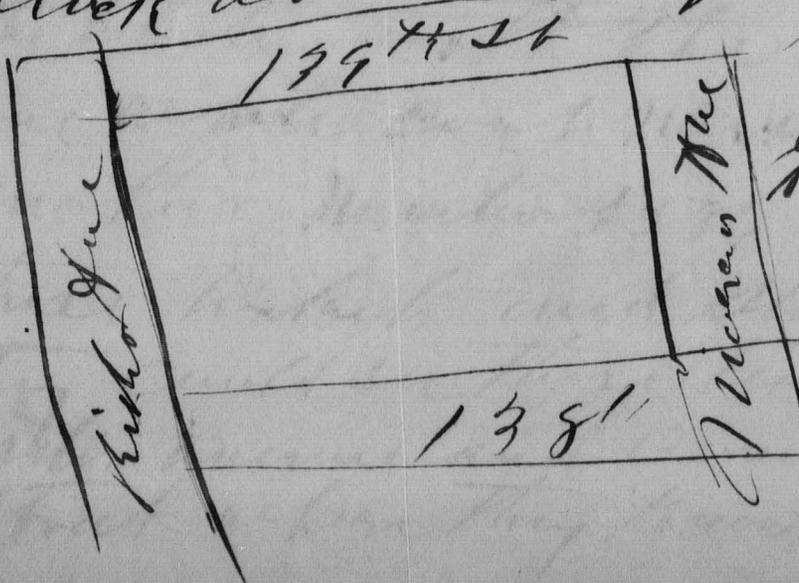
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 PARK AVENUE, EAST 139th STREET, MOTT HAVEN,
 NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

TELEPHONE, HARLEM 705.

New York, N. Y., 189.....

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Being taken away - Tammany
 may have robbed the city - but
 this is the most carefree
 robbery I ever saw - The same
 occurred during the last
 snow storm - I complained to
 three men also to me a few
 I saw tickets given for same
 land twice after I complained I
 followed the lands around the
 block about 800 feet



of Taxpayer
 Inspector
 Geo W Raymond

(COPY)

*Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,*



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, Jan. 30, 1897. *189*

Col. Geo. E. Waring, Jr.,
Commissioner.

Sir:-

Supt. Triest's report upon Mr. Raymond's complaint to the Mayor is appended. From his assurances and also from those of my Harlem inspector, Mr. Angier, I feel sure that the complaint is entirely unfounded. To a superficial observer at one of our busy snow gangs the act of "repeating" for a second ticket is taken to mean that the city is being defrauded. As a matter of fact, no matter how many paper loading coupons a driver may bring to the dump, the foreman there will only give him one brass check, which, alone, is the final token of value received. The city loses only in having snow removed from unimportant streets near the dump instead of from the thoroughfare desired to be cleaned first.

The instances of "short" loading this year are exceedingly insignificant in number and where they have occurred it is invariably the case that the gang is a very busy one and the ordinary complement of inspectors, specially detailed for this purpose, too few to catch all offenders.

I have instructed Supt. Triest to, hereafter, detail more watchers.

The city has never before received so much worth for its expenditure as during the present storm. Our detectives have reported no instances of even attempted fraud; the loads hauled are all good, full ones and "repeating" has never been so absent. The inspector for the Comptroller has been all over the city watching the gangs and he is very well pleased with the manner in which the work is being conducted.

Resp'y,
(Signed) H. L. Stidham,
Snow Inspector.

(C O P Y)

DISTRICT No. 11.....

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

NEW YORK CITY, Jany. 30th, 1897. 189

GEORGE E. WARING, JR.,

COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING.

SIR:—I have to report that I sent on the 28th inst. a letter to Mr. H. L. Stidham of which the enclosed is a copy, the author of the letter to Mayor Strong is one of the citizens mentioned in my letter. The charge made by Mr. Raymond is ridiculous, I, myself, watched the trucks and carts on the corner of 138th St. and 3rd Ave. for over an hour, but could not detect any fraudulent doings on part of any of the drivers. I beg furthermore, to state that as police officer and a sweeper is specially assigned for the duty of seeing that the drivers have a full load and not go round streets for the purpose of claiming another loading coupon. It sometimes happens in a rush, that a driver receives a ticket for a partly filled cart, and in such cases the sweeper runs after the driver and compels him to return and fill his cart to the required height. I personally told Mr. Raymond, that I am willing to give him all the information he required, and also explained to him the fact, that even should a driver succeed in getting tickets it would be useless to him on the ground, that the dumping foreman will not exchange more than one ticket for a cart and 2 for

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPERINTENDENT OF DISTRICT No.

a truck, a fraud is therefore out of question. Only when the last loads are dumped and the dumping foreman should be without brass checks, I allow the loading tickets to be exchanged the following morning, but in all these cases the foreman takes the numbers of the trucks and carts, which are entitled to checks. I also must say that Mr. Raymond's statement in respect to sweeper 1584 is wrong, he never handles the loading tickets, this is done by sweeper 2586.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) H. Triest,

Superintendent of District No. 11.

C.B.I.



Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, January 30th, 1897. *189*

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

I have read the papers referred to in our conversation this morning, being a letter from George W. Raymond, and another from a resident of Harlem. This anonymous letter relates to an attempt that is being made by the cartmen in Harlem to make us take vehicles which will not hold as much snow as we pay for. There has been a sharp fight about it for a day or two, but I think it is pretty well over.

Mr. Raymond's letter is of a much more serious character, and I shall take especial pains to investigate the matter with his assistance.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.



POSTAL CARD

United States America

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mayn⁴ Street⁴
City Hall
City

Feb 2nd 21

We have had no
ashes removed since last
week. —

9.40 am

you
ap Howell
41 West 89th

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C O P Y .

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE M A Y O R .

February 3rd, 1897.

Col. George E. Waring, Jr.,
Commissioner of St. Cleaning.

Dear Sir:-

During the last two or three days I have had two or three reports made to me that ashes and garbage were not taken away. One man came in here to-day, a Mr. Gershel, living at 45 West 89th Street, who says his ashes and garbage have not been taken away for the last six days. I wish you would look into this and see if our people cannot be relieved of their ashes and garbage promptly, and oblige

Yours truly,

W. L. STRONG,

Mayor.

(Copy)

To the Commissioner of Street Cleaning:

In relation to the above complaint, I have to report as follows: This complaint of Mr. Howell's was written at 9.40 last Tuesday and when he says his ashes had not been removed "since last week", he simply means that they were not taken on the previous day only, which was Monday, the first working day of this week.

I called and saw Mr. Howell this morning, and he said the ashes were taken on Saturday as usual and also on Tuesday, before 12 o'clock, and that Monday was the only time they were not taken.

This may have been true, but I have no means of proving or disproving it, and I do not think this is of such weighty importance as would appear at first sight from Mr. Howell's complaint. It was for one day only and such things will sometimes occur.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Geo. A. Taber,

Supt. 7th Dist.

Feb. 5, 1897.

C O P Y .

DISTRICT No. 7.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

NEW YORK CITY, February 5th, 1897.

GEORGE E. WARING, JR.,

COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING.

SIR:—I have to report that in relation to the enclosed complaint of Mr. Gershel, 45 West 89th Street, as follows:—

Mr. Gershel complained on the third of the month. His ashes were not removed for this reason:— On Saturday, January 30th, and also on Tuesday, February 2nd, his ashes were mixed with garbage and were not taken on this account. Our special officer, detailed to this district, reports that he called there on Monday and Wednesday, in relation to the case, seeing the servant, and the record books of the Section show that on these dates the ashes were not taken for that reason. When separated, they were removed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. TABER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF DISTRICT No. 7.



Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,

S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, February 6th, 1897. *189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,
Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

Commissioner Waring directs me to hand you the enclosed papers, relating to two complaints; one from Mr. Gershel of 45 West 89th Street, and the other from Mr. J. A. Howell of 41 West 89th Street,- all for the Mayor's information.

Respectfully,

(Enclosures)

Chief Clerk.

The people want
the honest men of East of the
in guard. ~~Monday morning~~

Dear Mr. Strong
I wish you could see the
filthy condition of this street
between Madison & 1st
Avenue. It is positively dis-
graceful and very unhealthy.
I need not say any more
did worse than Mr. Manning
and his men are doing.
I do not know who is making
money out of the people now
someone must be. I am an
earnest Republican and am
much pained to see such a
state of things under our
Republican rule. I think
Mr. Manning cannot be a

True Republican - and is
endeavoring to throw
disgrace upon our party.
When his men come to sweep
in this street they just sweep
one door from each of the
Cummings and then go away
and leave the entire street
filled with filth. As I see
them do this morning.
The heavens poured down
rain and took away the
snow which saved Mr Manning
something. And I presume
he is now waiting to have
the heavens send more
rain to wash away the
filth! It is terrible that the
Republican Party cannot have
a better state of things in
our City. Do please write Manning.
Yours Respectfully, Wm Bradley.

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

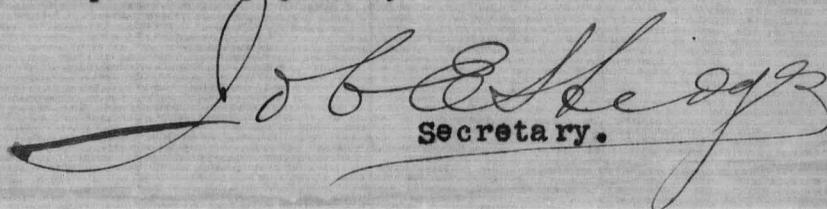
February 9th, 1897.

Hon. George E. Waring, Jr.,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to enclose to you for attention and report direct to complainant, copy of which report kindly forward to this office, the within communication from Mr. Bradley, concerning the alleged filthy condition of East 47th Street.

Very respectfully yours,


Secretary.

COMPLAINT.

RECORD No. *153*
DATE *Feb. 10/97*
DIST No. *6* SEC. No. *1111*
REF. FWD TO D. S. *1111*
REPORT REC'D.....

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, CITY OF NEW YORK.

Complaint and Report of Inspection in reference to premises.....

M. Bradley, 24 East 47th St. (Complains to the Mayor)

"I wish you could see the filthy condition of this street between Madison and Fifth Aves. It is positively disgraceful and very unhealthy. Tweed nor Tammany never did worse than Mr. Waring and his men are doing. I do not know who is making money out of the people now someone must be. I am an earnest Republican and am much grieved to see such a state of things", etc., etc., etc.

February 8th, 1897.

(A copy of your report on the matter must be sent from this office to the Mayor. U.N.L.)

To the Commissioner of Street Cleaning:

In relation to the above complaint, I have to report as follows:

I went to 24 E 47th St. and saw the above complainant who is an invalid lady 71 years of age. She said that she is confined to her room all the time and all the air she gets is what comes in her window and for that reason she wants the street clean. She said she wanted good air and I told her that I would try to help her have it. During the course of her conversation she voluntarily retracted the statement that the present Department was doing worse than Tweed or Tammany had ever done and gave it credit for doing better work. This block was cleaned by two men the morning of the day when the complaint was made and has always received particular attention. The "sweeping" one done back from each of the "arcs" was done when the men were putting in their time on the cross walks. The complainant lives very near the Grand Central Yards where engines are moving all the time. I fancy this fact accounts for a great deal of the impure atmosphere which the lady says she breathes.

Respectfully

C. S. Dunphy
Supt. Dist. 6

Feb. 11. 1897

Department of Street Cleaning.

COMPLAINT AND REPORT.

No. 15-3
Date Feb. 10, 1897
District 6
Section _____
Referred to G. S. [Signature]
Report received _____ 1897

GEORGE E. WARING, Jr.,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.



Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,

S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, February 11th, 1897, 189

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

S i r :-

I desire your written approval and consent, to employ, as provided by Section 704a, of Chapter 269, Laws of 1892, as amended by Chapter 368, Laws of 1894, in view of an impending emergency, five hundred (500) men (Sweepers or Drivers) for three (3) days, beginning February 13th, 1897, and for your convenience, I would suggest your endorsement of this letter to the above effect.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

C.B.L.



*Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York.*

George E. Waring Jr., Commissioner

New York, February 18th, 1897.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,
Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 16th, enclosing an anonymous postal card. If the writer ever turns up, you might tell him that the block he describes is not on our schedule for snow removal, and ought not to be.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

60 E. 12th Street.

New York, Feb 5 1897

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

I would like to call
your attention to the
deplorable condition of
12th St between Duway &
Fourth. Since the last
two Snow storms the
street is almost impassible
Hoping you will give
this your kind attention

I remain
Respectfully yours.

Louis Chapp
60 E 12



Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, February 19, 1897. *189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the enclosed complaint from Louis Chapp, Esq., No. 60 East 12th St., and to inform you that the following is a copy of the report of the Acting District Superintendent, who investigated the matter:

"The street in question is not cleaned of snow; therefore, it takes several days to get it in shape after a storm. I called upon Mr. Chapp, who conducts a barber shop at the above number, and explained matters to his evident satisfaction."

Respectfully,

J. A. Yates.

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

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Office of GEORGE C. GOELLER,

2439 THIRD AVENUE, COR. E. 134th STREET,

FOR THE SALE AND EXCHANGE OF REAL ESTATE, RENTING AND COLLECTION OF RENTS,

REPAIRS, FIRE AND PLATE GLASS INSURANCE, LOANS AND GENERAL

NOTARY PUBLIC. : : :

MANAGEMENT OF ESTATES.

: : : NOTARY PUBLIC.

REFERS BY PERMISSION TO

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23D WARD BANK: New York City.

Estate WM. SIMPSON: J. B. SIMPSON, JR., Esq., Executor, 5 E. 14th Street,
And many Owners, Executors and Trustees.

NEW YORK, *Feb* 18th 1897

My Dear Mr Mayor.

What ~~we~~ ^{have} we poor God forsaken
property owners, on the line of 3rd Ave from
138th St to Harlem River, but more particu-
larly from 135th Street to Harlem River, done,
to be left in the terrible condition we are in
The 25 ft wide Carriage way ^{now in use,} has not been cleaned
since Dec 21/96 Our friend Col warning crawls
out of it by saying the Avenue has been con-
demned for Bridge purposes, and the Contractor
building the Bridge says he has nothing to with
keeping the Carriage way clean, and you expect
us to pay our taxes, all the same, so that you
can run the City Government. All we want
is fair play. We kindly ask your kind aid and
assistance. The Avenue is 140 feet wide - 25 feet ^{only} of
the Carriage way is in use - we want that cleaned
and kept clean and dont care who does it so long as
it is done - we are entitled to this much consideration -
On behalf of my fellow Tax payers,

Very truly yours

Geo C Goeller

(COPY)

DISTRICT No.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

NEW YORK CITY, Feb'y 27th, 1897

GEORGE E. WARING, JR.,

COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING.

SIR: ~~I have to report that~~ The complainant, George C. Goeller, has been informed on several occasions that this Department has nothing whatever to do with the cleaning of Third avenue between 138th St. and the Harlem Bridge, but up to date he insisted upon making complaints to the main office, myself and my foreman, Broas. As a matter of fact, Third avenue from 135th St. to the Bridge is in the hands of contractors, and the part from 138th St. to 135th St. is in the hands of the Department of Street Improvement.

To be sure about these points Commissioner Haffen was interviewed and gave the information as stated above. On several occasions I have given Foreman H. C. Broas permission to send sweepers to Mr. Goeller's place and clean it, but he never appreciated this extra work.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) H. Triest,

SUPERINTENDENT OF DISTRICT No. 11.



Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 1st, 1897. *189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the enclosed letter from Mr. George C. Goeller, with the annexed report of the District Superintendent to whom his complaint was sent for investigation.

Respectfully,

J. A. Yates.

(2 enclosures)

Private Secretary.

C. H. J.,



Department of Street Cleaning.
City of New York.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 1st, 1897. 189

His Honor, the Mayor,

William L. Strong.

S i r :

In reply to your letter of the 26th ult., in regard to the seizure of wagon belonging to J. Keller, 117 Charlton Street, would say that we have this day received a letter from Keller complaining of this seizure, and in reply to which we sent him a letter, a copy of which is enclosed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. M. L. S. Waring". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the Deputy Commissioner.

Deputy Commissioner.

Copy.

C. H. J.



Department of Street Cleaning.
City of New York.

George E. Waring Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 1st, 1897. *189*

Mr. J. Keller,

117-119 Charlton Street, City.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 27th ult. would suggest that you call at this office any afternoon between two and four o'clock and explain the letter.

Very truly yours,

F. M. GIBSON,

Deputy Commissioner.

OFFICE OF
First Ave. Bridge and East Side
Citizens' Improvement Association.

:: B. Busch's Hall, ::
2354 First Avenue, between 120th. and 121st. Streets.

New York,

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To

Dear Sir,-

Atva meeting of the First Avenue
Bridge and east side citizens Improvement Association held at Headquarters
, Buschs Hall # 2354 First Avenue, on March 4th., 1897 the following
Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas,

There has come to our notice a controversy between
Colonel Waring Commissioner of Street cleaning, and the West side
property owners protective association, regarding the removal of ashes
& garbage from houses on west side of central park, and regarding the
establishment of a dump at west 96th. Street & Hudson river, for the
mooring of scows to collect said ashes & garbage and,

Whereas,

In this Controversy it has leaked out that the afore-
mentioned, West side property owners have sneaked , or intend to sneak
through the legislature a bill to prohibit the establishment of a dump
or dock for the collection of ashes and garbage, on the ground that said
dock or cump would be a detriment to their property and a public nuisance.

And Whereas,

Those Innately Grasping, Brutal, Selfish, Vanderbiltian
Public be D---d, Soulless Egoist's, of the west side in the pampered
conceit of their Imaginary Superiority (over their poor and less
fortunate human brethern and children of a common God , on the east
side ,) would while brutally , selfishly & soullessly grasping for them-
selves

all the beautiful, desirable, and luxurians, Improvements, like parks, driveways, and other such improvements, and would also brutally, selfishly, and soullessly, regardless of all , the rights and privileges, and regardless of that equity garranteed all men whether rich or poor, by the Constitution of our forefathers, impose and inflict on their poor and less unfortunate Brethern of the east side , all the undesirable, undelectable, and unamenable accompaniements of a large city.

And Whereas,

If a public dock or dump be undesirable detrimental unhealthy and unbearable on the west side, it would be far more unhealthy undesirable and detrimental on the east side where more people live to the square yard, than there do to the square block on the west side.

And Whereas,

The east side has now already more and above their legal, moral, and honest share of the undesirable parts of the city establishments of a noxious kind.

And Whereas,

On account of aforesaid overerouded condition on east side , more care should be taken , for sanitary and all other reasons, not to overload the said east side with more such public improvements of a noxious kind than is absolutely necessary for the disposition of east side ashes, garbage, etc, etc, etc.

And Whereas,

We believe that the poor people of the east side, are entitled to as much consideration, Morally, Sanitarily, Socially, and every other way, from our Municipal officers and government, as those Bloated, egoists of the West Side, who in the pampered conceit, of their imaginary superiority of breed & station, imagine that they are too Sensi- tive, or more Sensitive, to right and wrong, comfort and discomfort, and imagine they ought to receive more attention and more consideration than others.

And Whereas,

they believe Might is right.

Therefore be it Resolved,

that we the aforesaid First Avenue Bridge and East Side

improvement association do hereby denounce those west siders , (who participated, or were active in opposing said dump at foot of west 96th., Street and who suggested that such dumps , be placed on the east side only .) as Conceited, brutal, cynical, selfish soulless, and hypocritical , and as no Gentlemen,

And be it further Resolved,

for the purpose of impressing on their minds the absolute, equity of all men , whether rich or poor, high or lowly, before their creator,

~~And be it further Resolved,~~

That we ask Clergyman of all denominations in Churches west of Central Park, in their next cermons to preach to their congregation sermons on the text, of " Do ye unto others even as you would have others do unto you" and on the text of " Love thy neighbors as thyself,"

And be it further Resolved,

That we the above association heartily endorse , second and commend, the Manly , honest, impartial, and fearless course, taken by Colonel Waring against these conceited Snobs, to bring them to their senses, and recommend his action to every department Chief of our Municipality , and congratulate our Mayor on the admirable selection of such a man for Commissioner of street cleaning,

And be it further Resolved,

That copies of these resolutions be presented to Mayor Strong, Col. Waring, Ashbel P. Fitch the West side property owners association and the press.

*Peter W. Schloffer, presdt
339 east 115th street,*

*Geo Schmitt Secy
423 E 121st St*



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United States of America.



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Hon. Wm. J. Strong
Mayor City of New York
City Hall
N.Y. City

Will you kindly
have Col. Waring's
magm stop and
get our waste
Paper, we have had
considerable trouble
about this it seems
to be impossible to
get them to stop
here we have
written before about
this both to Col.
Waring & his Contractor
Mr. Tate, Your kind
and prompt attention
will very much oblige

JACKSON STATIONERY COMPANY.

3rd Ave + 69 St



Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 5th, 1897. *189*

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the enclosed postal card from the Jackson Stationery Company, Third avenue and 69th street, and to inform you that the District Superintendent, to whom the matter was referred for investigation, reports that satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Company for the removal of their paper.

Yours truly,

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

C. H. J.



Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 11th, 1897. *189*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

S i r :

I desire to add to my letter to your Board of yesterday, requesting authority for the purchase of three (3) lots in West 89th Street, that my object is to erect upon said lots a stable for the use of this Department.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

To the Honorable, William L. Strong,
The Mayor, of the City of New York.

Dear Sir :-

The undersigned, a Committee representing two hundred uniformed officers, connected with the Department of Street Cleaning of this City, beg leave to respectfully solicit your approval, to the bill now pending in the State Legislature, looking to an increase of their salary and respectfully urge upon your Honor in behalf of the measure, the following:

First:- When the present salaries of these men were determined in 1892 the labor that devolved upon them was in every way less exacting, less responsible and required of them fewer hours of labor. At present these men work every day in the year, not even excepting holidays, Sundays or Saturday half holidays.

Second:- Their time of labor is far in excess of that of the street sweeper, who only works eight hours a day, while these men work between ten and twelve hours daily. A street sweeper works fifty hours a week; these men work at least sixty-two hours a week and some of them more.

Third:- They perform difficult and laborious work, particularly during the winter months. Among the several duties devolving upon these men, are the guarding of the streets against every misuse by builders; the enforcement of all street ordinances and laws connected with the cleanliness of the streets; the seizure of street encumbrances when necessary; reports to the Department of Public Works of any defects in the street pavements or of any overfilled sewer basins; reports to the Board of Health of any dead animals

lying in the streets; besides the general supervision of the sweepers, carts, horses and property belonging to the City under their charge. A strict accountability for the faithful performance of this labor is asked of every one and when necessary, these men labor day and night, during snow storms without any extra compensation.

Fourth:- The separation of garbage, rubbish and ashes has manifoldly increased their labor and has been the means of saving for this City, several hundred thousand of dollars, and each of these men is responsible for the faithful exercise and performance of the duties of every sweeper, driver and subordinate worker; so much so that a street sweeper receives more wages per hour for the labor he performs than does any ~~uniformed~~ officer *affected by the proposed act.*

There are many other reasons which could appeal to your Honor, such as the larger wages received by men performing less arduous labor in other departments, and we appeal in behalf of all of the officers that your Honor may give us that aid and assistance, which an approval of this measure will carry, and in the name of these men we beg to assure your Honor, that as we have been ever watchful of the trusts imposed upon us by the head of our department, we will ever continue to zealously guard the interests entrusted in our care.

Dated, New York, March 20th, 1897.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel L. Maxwell Pres.

W. H. Hubbard

Secy.

Approved in every respect.

Thomas J. [unclear]

HOTEL
CAFAYETTE.

23 Washington Place
New York City,
Annex. 10 Waverley Place.

JACQUES SENN
PROP.

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NEW YORK

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March 19 97.

Hon. Mayor W. Strong.

The cartage has not been removed
since March 6. I complain to the
Street cleaning dept. they notify me
through one of their men that I
have to hire private cartman to
do it

Respectfully Yours
J. Senn.

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Department of Street Cleaning.
City of New York.



George E. Waring Jr., Commissioner.

New York, March 22, 1897. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,
 Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Commissioner to return herewith the enclosed letter from J. Senn, Esq., 23 Washington Place, concerning the alleged non-removal of garbage, and to say in reply that the following is a copy of a report of a Foreman of this Department, who investigated a similar complaint made by Mr. Senn to this Department on the 17th inst.:

"The garbage at this place is continually mixed. I called upon Mrs. Senn on the 18th inst. and explained to her how it should be separated. She promised to have it removed by private cart."

Respectfully,

J. P. Yates.

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

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41 West 89th St
New York March 15th
Meyer Strauss
City Hall
N.Y.

I have again to make my stereotyped complaint on behalf of self and neighbors, of non-removal of ashes for days past, in this street.

Before "bearing" many weeks ago made application for over our hundred horses additional, the ashes were removed promptly, compared to the present.

The ashes are likely promptly removed from 57th St.

Yours to Alex. J. Howell

Complaints

1897

Sent to Mrs Howell Mar 24 1897
E.M.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,
CITY OF NEW YORK.

GEO. E. WARING, JR., Commissioner.

NEW YORK, March 20th, 1897.

A reply to "Taxpayers" and others who demand impossibilities from the Department of Street Cleaning.

You are probably not aware that although this Department spends a very large amount of money, and has always done so, it has never been able to remove anything like all of the wastes. A larger proportion was removed in 1896 than ever before. Yet in that year one-fourth of the whole was removed by private carts at the direct cost of the citizens. In no other portion of the city of equal size was so large a proportion removed by this Department as from the district west of Central Park.

We still undertake to remove, from the west side, above 70th Street, all street sweepings and all garbage, so that there will be no danger of interference from the Board of Health. Neither this Board, nor the Police, will make objection to the accumulation of ashes on private premises.

This Department will take all of your ashes that it has time for, but it cannot take all. It is often suggested that we should put on more carts, and more horses, and more men. All of these items are definitely fixed before the beginning of the year by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, so that no increase is now possible.

The fact that you are not a member of the West End Association naturally makes it seem unfair that you should suffer for its act; but the members of this Association are your neighbors, and they may be amenable to your influence. It is to them that your complaint should be addressed.

GEO. E. WARING, JR.,
Commissioner.

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 23rd, 1897.

Hon. George E. Waring, Jr.,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to enclose to you for attention and report direct to complainant, copy of which report kindly forward to this office, the within communication from Alexander J. Howell, Esq., No. 41 West 89th St., concerning alleged non-removal of ashes from that street.

Very respectfully yours,

Job C. Weeks
Secretary.

I reply as per copy above.

Waring

Compt.

UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK,

(INCORPORATED)

26 DELANCEY STREET.

SETH LOW, PRESIDENT.

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SEYMOUR L. CROMWELL,

ex-officio.

JAMES SPEYER, *ex-officio.*

JAMES B. REYNOLDS, HEAD WORKER.

NEW YORK, March 23rd., 1897

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

My dear Mr. Strong:-

I have just examined the bill proposed to increase the salaries of the foremen and assistant foremen in the Street Cleaning Department. I hope the bill will meet with your approval. It seems to me eminently reasonable and just. I have had occasion to notice very closely the work of the foremen of the Department and think that they are a superior grade of men. The fact also that the sweepers work but eight hours a day while the foremen work ten or eleven makes their present pay much smaller than it appears to be. Their rate of pay seems curiously enough to be little greater per hour than that of the ordinary sweepers, if one reckons the actual amount of time that they are at work.

The separation of ashes from garbage which has been so successfully carried out by the untiring efforts of the foremen and their assistants is going to save a great deal more to the City than the increase which they ask. I, therefore, sincerely hope that you will see fit to either approve the bill or to let your representative at Albany know that it will not meet with your opposition if passed.

Very sincerely yours,

James B. Reynolds.

Office of GEORGE C. GOELLER,

2439 THIRD AVENUE, COR. E. 134th STREET,

FOR THE SALE AND EXCHANGE OF REAL ESTATE, RENTING AND COLLECTION OF RENTS,
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NEW YORK,

Apr 2^d

1897

My worthy Mayor.

East 134th St west of 3^d
ave has not been cleaned since last 21st
day of Decr 1896. The dirt and dust is
exasperating. Ruinous to health, life and
property - I could start up an indignation
Meeting and send you a long petition full
of names, but, I know you will do all you
can - It is a shame and disgrace the
way the inspector of Streets under our friend
Col Waring is treating us -

Very truly yours.

Geo C Goeller

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

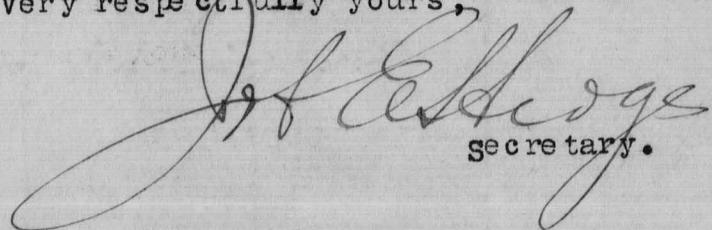
April 7th, 1897.

Hon. George E. Waring, Jr.,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to enclose to you for attention and report direct to complainant, copy of which report kindly forward to this office, the within communication from George C. Goeller, Esq., No. 2439 Third Avenue, concerning alleged bad condition of East 134th St., west of Third Avenue.

Very respectfully yours,


secretary.

From

Dist 11.

C. R. 2941

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

NEW YORK CITY,

April 8th 1897

Sir

The enclosed letters returned with the respectfull remark, that 134th St West of Third Avenue is a private Street and does not come under jurisdiction of this Department. I called personally on Mr. Geller and explained him the fact, but showed my willingness to clean the said street, as the amount of extra work is very small and the neighbours of Mr. Geller seemed to appreciate my offer.

Yours

Respectfully submitted,

To the

J. J. Yates Esq.

H. West
Dist Supt 11



Department of Street Cleaning,
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 9th, 1897. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith a letter from Mr. Geo. C. Goeller, 2439 Third Avenue, to which is attached the report of the District Superintendent who investigated the complaint.

Respectfully,

J. W. Waring, Jr.
Private Secretary.

(Enclosures)

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N. Y. 20th April 1977

Hon W. L. Strong
Mayor of N. Y. City

Dear Sir

I wish to call
your attention to the
state of facts as they
exist in my block -
we seem to be treated
as if we had no rights -
I am a Citizen & taxpayer
& if there is any trouble
between Col Narine & some
residents on the oppo-
site side, the merits of
which I shall not
discuss, I see no reason

why I should suffer -
Our street is in a disgraceful
condition - full of ashes
garbage & paper & no one
seems to care, whether
we are attended to or not -

I will now give you
some a few facts that
I am open & willing to
prove - Our Ashes in our
blood were removed
on the 9th April - the
next time on the 14th and
then on the 17th & today
it is the 20th & they are
still in our streets - the
garbage & paper is treated
nearly as bad - every 3 days
then are removed -

In the dear town districts everything is
removed every day & it used to be the
case with us - I wish the case you
show's attention to the facts & trust
you will see that we have our
needs looked after & will dispat as
we taxpayers have a right to expect.
trustin you will help us if
we much need relief & a necessity
to the health of our people I
have the honor to be your ~~truly~~

Ernie Wilhelm

35 West 95th St

City

COPY.

New York, April 21st, 1897.

Emil Wilhelm, Esq.,
35 West 95th St., City.

Sir :-

The Mayor sends me your letter for
reply.

The accompanying circular will ex-
plain to you why ashes cannot be completely
removed. Ashes are not completely removed
by this Department from any district in the
city.

I shall have your charge concerning
garbage investigated. The orders are that
this shall be removed daily.

Very truly yours,

(Sgnd) GEO. E. WARING, Jr.,
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,
CITY OF NEW YORK.

GEO. E. WARING, JR., Commissioner.

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GEO. E. WARING, JR.,
Commissioner.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

~~Criminal Court Buildings,~~

~~Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.~~

S.A.W.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, April 28th, 1897.

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

S i r :-

I deem it right to notify you that I have acted on the authority conferred upon me by Chapter 893 of the Laws of 1895, by which the Commissioner of Street Cleaning is invested with "the power to frame regulations controlling the use of sidewalks and gutters by abutting owners or occupants for the disposal of sweepings, refuse or garbage", and providing that "such regulations, when so framed shall be published in like manner as city ordinances, and shall be enforced by the Police Department of the City of New York, in the same way and to the same extent as such ordinances".

In pursuance of the aforesaid Chapter 893 of the Laws of 1895, I have framed regulations for the use of the sidewalks by abutting owners or occupants for the deposit of sweepings, refuse, or garbage, and notice is hereby given that these regulations which apply to the entire width of the sidewalks, from the gutter to the house or lot line, take effect forthwith, as follows:-

1. Dust from the sidewalks may, each morning before the first sweeping of the roadway by the Department of Street Cleaning, be swept into the gutter, if there piled, but not otherwise, and at no other time.

2. No person shall throw, cast, or put any fruit or portion of fruit, or paper, or refuse, or rubbish of any sort upon the sidewalks, including the stoops and areas, of the City of New York at any time; except garbage in proper receptacles.

3. The garbage receptacle shall be set out within the stoop-line, not more than one-half hour before the time designated for the arrival of the garbage cart.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

~~Commissioner of Street Cleaning~~

~~Comptroller of the City~~



Copy.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, May 12th, 1897.

Colonel George E. Waring, Jr.,

Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Dear Sir:-

The contract for repairing the scow "Queen" to fit her for receiving equipment for a pumping plant for use at Riker's Island is now advertised in the City Record. I shall soon have the drawing and specifications ready for the necessary machinery.

A preliminary estimate shows that this equipment, including erecting, will not, in all probability, exceed \$30,000. This money should be granted by an issue of bonds for "New Stock and Plant", authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

As I stated in my estimate for "Final Disposition" for 1897, the ashes and sweepings collected by the Department may be handled in fill at Riker's Island either by unloading from deck scows across the bulkhead by means of bucket and crane, and distributing along edge of fill by dump cars; or by depositing the material from dumping boats (or deck scows), in an enclosed water area from which it may be pumped mixed with water to any place inside the bulkhead.

The handling of ashes and sweepings by the vacuum pump process is, as I have already reported, much the cheaper of the two methods above named, particularly when operated in connection with a system of self propelling dumping boats such as the Department is now inaugurating.

A comparison of the cost of a day's work by the two methods shows best the economy of the pumping plant.

I append three estimates for cost of final disposition at Riker's Island. "A" is for handling material by deck scow transportation, unloading by crane and bucket and handling in fill by locomotive and dump cars. "B" is for handling material by deck scow transportation, unloading material from scows into pumping basin, and then pumping ashes and sweepings mixed with water by the vacuum pumping apparatus. "C" is for transportation by boats of "Cinderella" type, material handled as in "B". After "A", "B", I have appended the cost of handling in fill alone, for a direct comparison of the two methods of handling material in fill. All figures are taken either from my estimate for "Final Disposition" for 1897, or from my report on transportation of February 5th, 1897

"A":-

Towing (per yr.)	\$52,000.	(Report Feb. 5)
Renting " "	40,000.	" " "
Scowmen " "	17,500.	" " "
Repairs & Supplies, (per yr.)	10,000.	" " "
Dump " " " "	5,000.	" " "
Boardmen,	14,400.	" " "
Mechanics,	19,700.	" " "
Per year,	\$158,600.	
Per day,	434.	

The handling in fill can be done (from estimate and report of February 5th for 1897), for 7¢ per yard.

Then add to \$434., the daily cost of handling in fill 6,000 cu.yds. at 7¢ (\$420) and we have for total

daily cost of Final Disposition,	\$854.00
Cost of handling in fill alone,	420.00

"B":-

From report of February 5th, the yearly cost of deck scow transportation, including unloading material into pumping basin is \$224,300. or \$612. per day

Operating expenses of pumping plant:

1 Superintendent per day,		\$5.00
2 grapple operators at \$3.00		6.00
2 pump " "	3.00	6.00
6 firemen "	2.00	12.00
8 Deckhands & helpers"	1.50	12.00
1 cook, "	1.50	1.50
Provisions,		10.00
Coal and water,		40.00
Time keeper and sundries (oil waste, repairs, etc.-,		7.50
Total cost per day,		\$100.00
Transportation,		612.00
Total daily cost of final disposition,		\$712.00
Cost of handling in fill alone,		100.00

"C":-

From report of February 5th, yearly cost of transportation by self propelling dumpers would be \$96,300., or \$264 per day.

Handling in fill - same as in "B"	\$100.00
Transportation,	264.00
Total cost of final disposition,	\$364.00

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"A" Transportation by deck scows and handling
in fill by crane, bucket, and dump
cars:

- (1) Total daily cost of final disposition, \$854.00
(2) " " " handling in fill, \$420.00

"B" Transportation by deck scows and handling
in fill by vacuum pump:

- (3) Total daily cost of final disposition, \$712.00
(4) " " " handling in fill, \$100.00

"C" Transportation by self propelling dumpers
and handling in fill by vacuum pump:

- (5) Total daily cost of final disposition, \$364.00
(6) " " " handling in fill, \$100.00

Of course, a combination of the transportation methods
used in "B" and "C" would make a figure between \$364.00 and \$712.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) CHAS. A. MEADE,

Superintendent Final Disp'n.

Board of Estimate

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(1)	Handing in fill	\$100.00
(2)	Total daily cost of handling in fill	\$100.00
(3)	In fill by vacuum pump	
(4)	Total daily cost of handling in fill	\$100.00
(5)	Total daily cost of handling in fill	\$100.00
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