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New York Nov. 19 1896

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

Honorable Sir

The undersigned respectfully requests you to kindly inform him, to whom to make application for the privilege, to try a device to prevent Water Hydrants from being frozen, or the now existing inconveniences for repairing leaking & defective valves, to be overcome. The apparatus precludes ^{change or} disturbance whatever, to the hydrants now in use by the City & will be found effected upon trial, which the inventor can & is ready to make, should you consider it worthy of your

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Time & consideration, would
be pleased to have you set
a date for a practical demon-
stration of the use of ~~this~~
invention which can be made
without any preparations
whatever, at an hours notice.
Hoping to be favored by an
early reply I am
Very Respectfully

H. Postelmann
% B. Altman & Co.
City

LAW OFFICES OF
ANDERSON, ANDERSON AND WARREN.

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*Lords Court Building
27 William Street.*

New York N o v. 19th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My Dear Mr. Strong:-

I write this personal note to express my obligations to you for the high compliment paid me in naming me as one of the commissioners of the Board of Education. There is no office in the gift of the people, or within the range of the appointing power, which affords a broader field for honorable usefulness than the office to which you have done me the honor to appoint me.

I earnestly trust that the Board as constituted by you will be able to bring the practical operation of the law in full harmony with the best interests of the great cause of public education, and it will be my great pleasure to do what I can to assist in securing this result.

I remain,

Yours with great respect,

E. Ellery Anderson

Copy

City of Somerville,

Massachusetts

City Clerk's Office

Nov. 18, 1896.

Mr. John S. Billings,

Director of N. Y. Public Library.

Dear Sir:-

The local agent in Somerville of the American Express Company is informed by the New York agent that the box of books which I sent to you June 18th. was delivered to the N. Y. Public Library at the City Hall, June 22, 1896, and the receipt signed by Jno. J. Gallagher.

Kindly inform me whether or not you find the box and if you do, whether the mayor's address for 1876, referred to in my first letter, was sent with the other books and oblige

Yours truly,

(signed) George I Vincent

City Clerk

*A true Copy
J. S. Billings*

The New York Public Library
Astor Lenox and Tilden Foundations

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR,
ASTOR LIBRARY BUILDING, 40 LAFAYETTE PLACE.

New York, November 19, 1896

To His Honor the Mayor, of the City of New York,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

On May 13th, 1896, I wrote to the Mayor of Somerville, Massachusetts, requesting him to send me for the use of the New York Public ^{Library}, a file of the Municipal Documents of the City of Somerville.

I received from the Somerville City Clerk, Mr. George I. Vincent, a letter dated June 18th, in which he tells me that he that day ships a box by the American Express to the "New York Public Library, New York, N. Y.," containing reports of the City of Somerville, "for the years 1875, and 1879 to 1895, inclusive; also a copy of our last town reports (for the year 1871), and copies of the mayor's addresses for the years 1872 @ 1874, 1877 and 1878. --- a copy of the Municipal Manual for 1892,"- He thinks, though he is not sure that the case contained one or two other volumes relating to Somerville.

On my return from Europe in September I found that no such case had been received at this library, and I wrote to Mr. Vincent asking if he would be kind enough to send out a tracer for the missing box. In reply I have to-day received a letter of which the enclosed is a copy: If this case has been delivered, by mistake, at the City Hall, I have the honor to request that it may be forwarded to its rightful destination, the

#2.

New York Public Library, 40 Lafayette Place, New York City.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very respectfully,

J. S. Willing

Director.

I have the honor to receive from the
Mayor's Office (N. Y. City) the above volumes
(sent by mistake to that office), and

With thanks for the delivery of same to
N. Y. Public Library, I am, Respectfully

J. S. Willing

Director.

New York, Nov 19/96

To His Honor The Mayor
of New York City.

My Honored Sir

I hope you will not fail in the proceedings to-morrow, for the opening of Canal Place, map of 23rd Ward, to endorse and heartily advocate the said opening. This Canal Place has long been what they call a Canal, a terrible pest hole, and it is no wonder that our poor taxpayers are dying off so fast that the funeral processions filled with mourners for the victims are continually passing our doors.

Respectfully
John Jones.

The New York Free Circulating Library for the Blind.

INCORPORATED JUNE 3, 1895.

No. 121 West 91st Street.

CLARA A. WILLIAMS, Sec'y & Treas.

New York,

Nov 1896

Her Honor Mayor Strong.

My Dear Sir -

I am informed
that our city pays a sum
of money to each free circulating
library duly chartered - and in
writing I asked - will you
kindly inform me which
department of the city government
this belongs - and where to
apply -

Respectfully Yours
Richard Randall Esq Post

Republican County Committee,

EDWARD LAUTERBACH, PRES.

CHARLES N. TAINOR, FIRST VICE-PRES.

FREDRICK HALDY, SECOND VICE-PRES.

ROBERT A. GREACEN, TREASURER.

GEORGE R. MANCHESTER, SECRETARY.

TELEPHONE BUILDING 113 West 38th Street.

New York, New York Nov. 20 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir:-

The dinner which it is proposed to be given to the volunteer speakers who spoke under assignment of the Republican County Committee is to take place Wednesday evening November 26th, 1896, at the Transportation Club in the New Manhattan Hotel corner of 42nd Street and Madison Avenue. Mr. Depew and other distinguished gentlemen have given us their assurance that they will be present.

The speakers will be drawn by lot on the spot from the entire number. This presents a unique feature of the dinner, and speeches will be limited to five minutes each.

We presume it goes without saying that you will desire to be present if you can. As we stated in our circular letter issued several days ago the dinner is to be paid for by subscription, the subscribers receiving tickets on the basis of one ticket for each \$10.00 subscribed. We still need some money to defray the expenses which are larger than we anticipated as the dinner has assumed greater proportions.

I write you now to remind you of the dinner and to inform you more definitely.

Yours very truly

John Sabing Smith
Ch. Union Speakers

LAW OFFICES,
GARRET A. HOBART,
PATERSON, N.J.
SAVINGS INSTITUTION BUILDING.

Nov. 20, 1896.

Hon. Job E. Hedges,

Mayors Office, New York City.

Dear Mr. Hedges:

In the distribution of the "Dutch Records" which
are now in course of preparation, I would be glad if you would put
me on the list for one or two, if that does not conflict with any
prior arrangement. Thanking you in advance for your courtesy,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Garret A. Hobart

J
NOV 20 1896

In consideration of One dollar and other valuable consideration duly paid to the Gotham Athletic Club, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Gotham Athletic Club hereby surrenders to Herman Sulzer the premises leased to it on the 18th day of November, 1896, and consents that he re-enter and immediately take possession of said premises, and the said Herman Sulzer, in consideration of One dollar duly paid to him, hereby releases and discharges the said Gotham Athletic Club from any and all claims or damages, which he might have against it by reason of the provisions of said lease.

Dated November 20th 1896.

Witness -

Wm. Grau.

James C. Kennedy Pres
G. A. C.

135 WEST TWENTY THIRD STREET.

New York, November 20, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor's Office, New York.

Dear Sir:

I have received letters from many prominent members of the Tariff League expressing the most earnest desire that Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss should be a member of the Cabinet.

It is unnecessary for me to refer to Mr. Bliss' great work for the Republican party and the cause of Protection. If you are in sympathy with recognition of his services, will you kindly write a letter to Hon. William McKinley urging the selection of Mr. Bliss. I think it only proper that the President-elect should know your views in this respect.

Yours very truly,

N. J. W. Ransom

NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB



104 WEST 55TH STREET.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20th, 1896. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,
75 Worth St.,
City.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

The laying of the corner stone of the new house of the New York Athletic Club, at the corner of Central Park South and Sixth Ave., will take place on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at 2.30 P. M. We would esteem it a great honor if you would be present on that occasion. It is expected that the exercises will be very interesting.

believe me,

Very truly yours,

James White
President.

ACTORS' SOCIETY OF AMERICA,
1432 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20, 1896.

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His Honor The Mayor of
The City of New York

Dear Sir

Allow me to offer you the thanks of the Actors Society of America, for your kind and highly esteemed words of interest and encouragement, conveyed in your letter, which I had the honor to read to the Society at its meeting yesterday.

Yours faithfully,

John Malone

President.

64 Madison Avenue
December 21/96

To
Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of New York,
Dear Sir,

On behalf of
The Public Education Association
its Executive Council desires to
express its great satisfaction with
the choice recently made of new
members for the Board of Education,
& its deep sense of the gratified

2) Which is therefore due from
all citizens who are interested
in the welfare of our Common
Schools—

Very respectfully yours,

J. L. Sanborn
President

Signed, for the
Ex. Council of
the Public
Education
Association

Martina Lucia Draper
Vice-President

Cornelia E. Marshall
Secretary

The Tradesmen's National Bank

OF CONSHOHOCKEN, PA.

TELEPHONE CALL No. 3.

Conshohocken, Pa. 11 Mo. 21 - 1896.

1.

Hon. Wm L Strong
City Hall, New York City

Dear Sir:

The necessity that exists to counteract and overcome the free coinage fallacies, and the large vote which the free silver force showed on election day, not only in the West and South but in some portions of the East as well, is my excuse for addressing you. During the late campaign many thousand copies of my book on the Currency question, entitled "WAGES, FIXED INCOMES, AND THE FREE COINAGE OF SILVER" were distributed throughout the country, and from assurances received from many quarters, I feel sure it did good work in the interest of honest money and good government. But there appears to be great need for this kind of literature in many sections of the country, and I wish to call your attention to my book as one of the agencies toward overcoming the free silver sentiment wherever it exists.

The evident purpose of the free silver men to continue their agitation makes it the duty of all friends of honest money to be as earnest and aggressive as they are. Do you not think it would be a wise step for the National Republican Committee to take a large

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OF CONSHOHOCKEN, PA.

TELEPHONE CALL No. 3.

Conshohocken, Pa. 11 Mo. 21-1896.

2.

edition of this book and distribute it in those sections where sound money literature is shown by the election returns to be greatly needed. And would it not also be a wise step to have 25,000 or 50,000 copies distributed in New York City? The vote that Bryan received in your City (135,000) indicates that there is a large number of your citizens ignorant of the real danger to their interests involved in free coinage.

If there is any agency in your City now that could take a large edition (say 50,000 copies) for distribution there or elsewhere, or if a syndicate could be formed to do this, I would be willing to offer them the same terms I have already offered the National Committee. My publisher and I will furnish 50,000 copies at six cents apiece (say \$3000.⁰⁰ for 50,000); or we will make the following offer: if you will get a bona fide bid from a New York Publishing House, for the reproduction of 50,000 copies, my publisher and I will agree to furnish that number at an advance of one cent per copy in their bid, - we to have the right to have the publishing done where we prefer. I make this offer to show you that this is not a money-making scheme. The first edition of the book cost us 9 cents apiece net; - and we are only able to offer the above low rate by ordering large editions. During the late

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campaign we contributed over 20,000 copies to various Committees to aid the work for honest money.

I want the book to do its utmost possible work for sound money and good government, and think that a large number distributed among the workmen and wage-earners of your City would go a great way toward overcoming their false ideas, and might aid greatly the right side in the Mayoralty Contest next year. I think you know the book, - but if not I can refer you to Messrs. Harvey Tick & Son, Mr. Wm. F. Rely, No. 410 Broadway, and almost any Bank Officer of your City, as to the character of the book. It was written especially to explain the dangers of free coinage to workmen and wage-earners, and I think it is so written as to make the subject clear to any man who reads and thinks at all.

I enclose a circular containing a few of the many testimonials I have received. I trust that it may seem well to you and your friends to order an edition for use in your City or in other parts of the country.

Very respectfully yours,
Isaac Roberts.

Old Guard

Armory 5th Ave. & West 14th Street.

New York. November 21st 1896

Hon William L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir;

The Old Guard on Wednesday the 25th inst will celebrate the 113th Anniversary of the Evacuation of the City by the British forces in 1783.

The Battalion accompanied by Light Battery 'D', 5th Regiment U.S. Artillery will parade from the Battery to the City Hall, in passing which we desire to tender you a marching salute.

Hoping to receive acceptance of our proposition
I am, Yours Very Truly

J. C. Sloan
Major Commanding

Horatio S. Sanford
891 VERNON AVENUE,
LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y.

Nov 21st /96

Hon Wm L. Strong - City Hall

New York City.

Dear Sir; I am desirous of obtaining an interview with you, regarding a matter for the benefit of this section of the Greater New York; and I can assure you I do not wish to take up any more of your time than is necessary to explain my object. Would suggest therefore that you name a time, convenient for you to give me ten or fifteen minutes - I have the honor to remain

Yours very truly
Horatio Sanford
late Mayor of Long Island City

City, Nov. 21 96

Hon. Mayor
of the City of New York

Sir,

As the Chief Magistrate
of this City I address the pre-
sent to the end that for mora-
lity sake there should be an end
to a continuous violation of the
law by Catherine Grillo living
on the 2.^d floor 144 West St. In
her rooms meet together a very
bad class of men and women
where they drink beer and liquors
without said Catherine Grillo
have any licence at all. The
singing, the loud talking and
the noise far in the night is

a regular nuisance to all
neighbours, besides, that the sight
of drunken people up and down
the stairs is not very pleasant.
Being the house a tenement
house it is inhabited by respect-
table families with children.
Who write this — and for strong
reasons do not sign it — already
sent complaints ~~to~~ the Captain
of the Precinct but the Div.
was not in the least molested.
I appeal then to you to move
in the matter so that such
a scandal should cease to
the comfort and peace of
all the neighbours.

Respectfully I am your
obedient servant.

A Neighbour

of house 144 Hester St.

The woman Evillo if living
with a man - as man and wife -
called Francesco Rotoli a bully
that threatens everybody.

New York

Nov 21st 1896

To the jury men in The Barberia
Case.

Gentlemen of the Jury
Allow me to say a few words
in regards of The case of Maria
Barberia who is now on trial for
the murder of the man who
caused her downfall. As don't
some of you gentlemen have
daughters and will sympathize
in that feeling with the
girl whose life you now
hold in The balance. Oh let

one implore you to spare the
life of this woman my heart
goes out in sympathy to her
for I have suffered a wrong
done me by one who pretended
to love me. A woman is weak
where the man she loves is
concerned and is ever ready
to do almost anything to please
him. I belong to a hard work-
ing respectable family and a
few years ago I met a young
man and he told me that
he loved me he induced me
to live with him saying that
he would sometimes make
me his wife, but he had
never kept his word. I am

now an outcast from my home
for I can never go back for
I have disgraced the dear ones
there. I have very often been
tempted to kill the man
who caused my ruin and
then to end my own life but
having been raised by Christian
parents I know what the
penalty of such an act would
be and that is eternal punish-
ment hereafter, so in silence
I must bear my trouble. Let
him live and the God who
rules over all will punish
him as he deserves to be
punished. I shall not go
completely to ruin oh no God

forbid that such be my end
I will try by Gods help to
lead a ^{good} life among people
who do not know what has
happened. Now again a few
words for the poor unfortunate
girl who is being tried for her
life Gentlemen my God
direct you in your decision
And with his blessing on
you all I am

Respectfully
E. J. A

A Notorious Sidewalk Obstruction.

21 Nov, 1896

Sir: Every day a large number of persons pass around the southeast corner of Church st. and Park place, partly because of the U. R. R. station there; and many of them are impeded not only by the narrowness of the sidewalk but by obstructions which should be removed forthwith.

Firstly, a fruit-seller who has filled up with his stand all the space inside the stoop-line of a drinking saloon there, frequently occupies half of the walk with his customers, his crates and himself; and, moreover, the doors of his lockers open outwardly and thus further occupy the walk. This man should be forced to move at once. The sidewalk is not for business no matter how honest, nor for any one man however industrious.

Secondly, the disused gas-lamp post at the corner should be taken away, for it serves no purpose save to bear street-names to, which can be put elsewhere nearby, and is a nuisance around which a man is often forced to dodge out of the way of a vehicle.

Finally, the sidewalk should be raised at the outer part, so as to have no more slope than is necessary to carry off rain, for as it is now, it tends to make one lose his footing, more particularly on days when a combination of dust and drizzle makes even good sidewalks "greasy".

Respectfully

A Plain Man,

The Mayor
of New York City.

Young Men's Business League.

—ORGANIZED TO AID ALL BUSINESS INTERESTS—

Charleston, S. C., Nov 22, 1896

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Hon Mr Strong
Mayor of New York
Dear Sir

I beg to introduce
to you Mr E. W. Percival
an Alderman of this City, and one
of our most active and progressive
Citizens, who visits your City on
business, and may need your ad-
vice and assistance.
You will find him a gentleman
in every sense of the word, and I
bespeak for him any assistance
you can give him in the
business matter for which he
goes to New York.

Your Kindness to him
will be appreciated by
yours very respectfully
Adger Smyth
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NEW YORK, Nov. 23rd, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the meeting to be held this evening at the Reform Club in regard to new quarters for the Register's Office, we beg to say that we have a corner building 100 x 100, well situated for the purpose and as absolutely fire proof as skill and money could make it; the floors are stone and the ceilings arched with solid brick; the property is ready for immediate occupancy, and there is sufficient room not only for the records of the Register's Office, but for those of the County Clerk as well.

We offer to lease this property pending the erection of a new building by the City, or one which we ourselves will build within 200 feet of City Hall Park, to be ready by February '98. We will erect this building to exactly suit the needs of the City and lease for a term of years at a reasonable price. We shall be glad to meet any parties interested at any time and place desired and give them particulars in detail.

Awaiting your reply, we are,

Yours truly,

Nicholson & Co.

Washington Heights Progressive Association,

S. W. Cor. 168th St. & AMSTERDAM AVE.



New York, Nov 23^d 1896

Hon Mr L. Stung, Mayor.

Dear Sir

I see by to days
Press, you have assumed the Central Labor
Union, of your earnest support, of the
proposed underground system of Rapid
Transit -

Permit ^{me} to draw your attention, to the
fact that the proposed plan of the
Commissioners, says that rapid transit
shall stop at 135th St and the Boulevard

You will agree with me, that the
people on the Bowery - and below 59th
St can reach the City Hall at present
within 15 minutes without change of cars
and are not wanting any rapid transit
but Washington Heights. north of 135th
St is the section of our City. that
now so isolated, should be brought
within at least an equal distance of
the City Hall as Philadelphia is in the
matter of transit, Yours truly Christian Trinks

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PARK AVENUE, EAST 139th STREET, MOTT HAVEN,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.
TELEPHONE, HARLEM 705.

New York, N. Y., November 23rd. 1896.

Hon Wm. L. Strong Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Is it not your duty as chief officer of this city to have some steps taken to indict the Health Officers of this city for neglect of duty. As a tax-payer and property owner I have repeatedly called their attention to the fact that sewage is flowing over the soil from 144th. Street to the head of the Mott Haven Canal about 100 feet, and that the soil there is saturated with sewage. And that condition exists to-day.

On June 18th. 1894, in answer to a complaint I made they replied, "Yours of 16th. inst. in regard to Mott Haven Canal has been received and has been referred to the Department of Public Works"
("signed Ammons Clark. Secretary.")

On July 16th. 1894 in reply to a further inquiry as to what the Public Works Dept. had to do with a nuisance in 23d. and 24th. wards &c. I received this reply.

"Dear Sir:-

Yours of 15th. inst. has been received and has been referred to Mr. Louis F. Haffen Com. of Street Improvements 23d. and 24th. wards who has entire jurisdiction in this matter and now has under consideration all nuisances connected with Mott Haven Canal"

("Very Respectfully

GEO. W. RAYMOND & CO.,
VITRIFIED DRAIN AND SEWER PIPE, PAVING BRICK, FIRE BRICK,
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PARK AVENUE, EAST 130th STREET, MOTT HAVEN,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

TELEPHONE, HARLEM 765.

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Emmons Clark

Secretary".)

Mr. Haffen caused a new sewer to be built in 144th. Street but the sewerage still flows from said street at the outlet of the old sewer just the same to all appearances, and it is probable that those factories in 144th. Street have neither connected their sewers with Rider Avenue, Park Avenue or 144th. Street new sewer, hence the nuisance we hear so much noise about, especially by those who are not residents of this district and not tax-payers, and those who are interested in dock property elsewhere, and those who wish the canal closed so the deal ^{would be consummated} to get the city to buy the bottom of the canal or land for a useless street which no one needs and no one wants 100 feet from Rider Avenue. Had you given us the Bridge which the clean Bill passed in the legislature called for, and which you saw fit to veto (though at the public hearing there was no opposition apparent, at least none heard;) I think this cry about the Mott Haven Canal would cease and you would see those large Printing Press factories and Boiler Works, Lumber Yards and Drain Pipe Yards on the west bank of that canal to-day.

Whatever nuisance there is about the canal, I charge herein is due entirely to the acts, and lack of proper action of the

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city authorities, when good clean law gave you power to act.

The old Bridge and Canal Closing, Street Building corrupt so called Marrin act is declared unconstitutional by Lawyer A.P. Whitehead of 50 Wall Street, also Richard Stacpoole of 88 Wall Street both of whom I consulted; and the constitutional act which Alonzo Beal introduced in assembly you vetoed much to the regret of the better element of business men of this district. I had the signatures of two hundred of them in this immediate neighborhood and we defy the city authorities to show that there is or has been any more sickness in this section than ⁱⁿ any of the best parts of the city.

We dont wish to build fine docks on the canal till we are sure we can have the use of them. We want the nuisance caused by the acts of the city stopped at once. We want a bridge at 138th Street which ordinary canal boats can pass and you will see all of this property covered with honorable business industries instead of the low grade tenements which will surely follow the destruction of the canal. I speak as a property owner on the canal, also as a property owner in the tenement district above the canal.

This is an open letter.

Kindly reply.

Respectfully
Geo W Raymond
Park Avenue 139th Street
New York

SAMUEL B. DONNELLY
PRESIDENT

WILLIAM FERGUSON
SEC'Y-TREAS

Typographical

Union

No. 6



Office of

President and Secretary-Treasurer

240 William Street

. New York

New York, November 21, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York:

Dear Sir. - I am directed by Typographical Union No. 6 to call your attention, when the awarding of the contracts for supplying the city departments with blank books, printed and lithographed forms and various articles of stationery for the year 1897, comes before you as a member of the Board of City Record, to the fact that the laws of the State require that the prevailing rate of wages be paid on all public work.

I inclose a list of printing offices in this city who pay the prevailing rate of wages, and trust that you will take them into consideration when awarding the contracts.

Respectfully yours,

Samuel B. Donnelly,

President Typo. Union No. 6.

SAMUEL B. DONNELLY
PRESIDENT

WILLIAM FERGUSON
SEC'Y-TREAS

Typographical

Union 

No. 6 



Office of

President and Secretary-Treasurer

240 William Street

. New York

New York, Nov. 23. 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor;

Dear Sir. - Enclosed please find a list of printing offices paying the prevailing rate of wages, who may be bidders for blank books, printed forms, stationery, etc., to be awarded by the Board of City Record, to which your attention was called by letter of Samuel B. Donnelly, President Typo. Union No. 6.

Respectfully yours,

Jno. F. Weber,

Organizer Typo. Union No. 6.

© New York Nov 23^d/96
To the Honorable Mayor of
New York

We received your favor
of the 29th of October, stating that
you had referred our letter to the
Board of Aldermen. Since then
we have not heard anything about
this matter, although we have
tried to impress upon your
mind the great necessity of
immediate ~~remedie~~ remedie of an
evil caused by the misconstruction
of the road, no matter whether
laid in accordance with the original
resolution of the Board of Aldermen
or not. If you go all over New York
City, you cannot find such
misconstruction ^{as this} and which has

caused so much damage to
the over-patient public.

A very simple alteration in
the tracks at the spot marked in
our diagram with "danger" is
all what is necessary.

Very respectfully yours

Lange Bros

410 W. 13th Str.

New York Nov 23^{1/6}
Hon. Wm. Strong
Mayor City of New York.

Dear Sir.

I desire to call your attention to a matter of great importance so far as I am concerned - About three years ago I had my little boy removed from the Post Graduate Hospital, as I could not afford to pay for him, to your place on Randles Island - Some time ago when Mr. Porter was a Commissioner he told me that as my little boy was incurable he would allow him to stay there, as no Asylum would take him owing to his unfortunate disease - Last month two different nurses

have called at my home for me² to come and take my little one home, or else the Supt would send him out West.

Now will you investigate and see for yourself how cruel and unjust this action is -

I went over there to explain my unfortunate situation -

When the head nurse a Miss Sherwood abused me and she made me wait until the Supt. a large woman in mourning came - the language she used was of a kind that as poor as I am I would not utter.

I have to admit I am an expense to the city, but I would gladly be otherwise, but unfortunately, I have

three other children³ to support on seven dollars and fifty cents a week.

I cannot take him home your Honor, as I go out to work each day in the week.

My employer will gladly vouch to you about me -

My little boy tells me he is treated worse than

the ones whose parents give money etc - to the nurses - the Supt hurt

me more than all the terrible years of struggles

I have gone through, by the words she said -

I am both honest and respectable, but she accused

one of things which will
make a true woman
blush -

For over seventy five
years my family have
resided in this city and
at one time I was not
placed as I am now.

I write this to you know-
ing that you will tell
the head of the Island
that she should treat
an honest if poor woman
with respect. Also I am
going to implore your kind-
ness not to allow my poor
little crippled boy to be sent
away - I will try hard to
take him home if ever I can
get one -

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Have this attended to for
me and surely God will
make your Thanksgiving
more blest.

I hope this signature will
not deter you from a kind
action, as it is the first
time in my life I did such
a thing but knowing how
the children suffer over this
I dread signing my name
for fear of worst treatment
to my little boy.

It would be worth your
while to see if my state-
ment is true as then you
would see you selected a
woman not the kind you
thought - An injured and
heart broken mother —

ARCHEVÊCHÉ
DE
MONTREAL.

Montreal, Nov 23 1896.

To His Worship
The Mayor of New York City.

Honorable Sir: —

Will you kindly inform me if, in your city, taxes are imposed on Churches, hospitals, and educational establishments, such as Colleges, Convents, Academies?

I have heard that these various institutions are exempt from taxation, if such is the case. I would be obliged if you would specify the reasons for this exemption.

How about the water-tax in reference to these establishments? Statistics & reports will be gratefully received.

What amount is being given yearly for the support
of Charitable Institutions? Any information you can
impart will be very valuable for a work I am
at present preparing.

Thanking you in advance

I am, Honorable Sir

Yours very respectfully.

Rev. Canon P. N. Bruchesi, D.D.

The attached letter has appeared in all the Boston Daily Papers of Monday, November 16.

As it is a matter of great importance to our city, it is suggested that a letter to the newspapers expressing your opinion whether favorable or unfavorable to the views expressed will help form public opinion rightly.

If you favor the movement will you send in your own signature and get as many other signatures as possible to a petition reading as follows:

"We, the undersigned, believe that the vital interests of the City demand that publicity be given to the terms of the Subway Lease and that a public hearing be granted before it is agreed to by the Boston Transit Commissioners. This request does not rest upon any doubt of the ability and zeal of the Commissioners."—

Whatever you do must be done this week.

Please send the petition to

EDWARD A. FILENE, 449 Washington St.

THE BOSTON DAILY GLOBE—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16,

LEASING THE SUBWAY.

Edward A. Filene Calls for a Public Hearing.

Declares the Real Issue to be Tax Payers', Not West End's Rights.

Says Squabble Between the Directors is Opening People's Eyes.

Open Letter to the Boston Transit Commission:

Gentlemen—A strange spectacle is being presented to the citizens and taxpayers of Boston. A lease and franchise is about to be given which carries with it the control for 20 years of Boston's street railways—of the rates of fares and other interests most vital to the taxpayers of present and future Boston.

So valuable is this lease and the rights that it carries with it that we have the spectacle of another corporation being formed to get control and to divide the surplus profits, above a very large rental, on the stock (already largely in excess of cost of construction) of the West End company, which is about to obtain this lease.

That this is the exact state of affairs is expressly stated in the letter of Mr. Charles P. Bowditch of the West End directorate in last Saturday's newspapers. Mr. Bowditch says:

"The real issue is whether it is for the benefit of the West End stockholders to put their property in the hands of others whose interests are not the same as their own. The real issue is whether the West End company shall be leased to another corporation, so that all the earnings of the West End company, beyond the reserved rental, shall be turned into the pockets of the leasing company, not necessarily the elevated road.

"That this is the real issue and not merely a phantom is proved by the remarks of Mr. Jefferson Coolidge, who in one of his interviews with the directors of the West End company stated that such a lease formed a part of the plan of his principals, and that it was of no consequence whether the leasing company should be the elevated road or some other company which should be formed for the purpose, remarking that the only point that the West End railroad was concerned in was that their rentals should be paid."

It is extremely fortunate for the citizens and taxpayers of Boston that such differences should have arisen among those in the very inmost circles of the West End directorate as to lead to such frank statements from both sides, as to show already that there is an enormous additional value in the subway lease under the new conditions which have arisen.

In view of these facts, I appeal to you as a citizen taxpayer of Boston to delay the granting of the lease to the West End company, and to give to the business men, taxpayers and citizens generally of Boston an opportunity to be heard on a matter so vital to their interests before it is consummated, or at least to publish the lease before it is signed.

Were such a hearing granted, I should submit the following: First, that almost every dollar of the anticipated profit for which the elevated railroad faction of the West End is fighting, belongs to the city of Boston, for as expressly stated by the directors themselves, it is a profit above the rental,

to be paid to the West End company on its own excessively large valuation of its plant.

Second, that an offer by well-known financiers of such a rental on an excessive valuation is made possible only by the enormous value of the subway lease above the terms on which it is to be made.

Third: In view of the new facts, it is desirable and practically possible to keep the control of the subway in the hands of the city of Boston, as represented by the Boston transit commission, and at the same time do exact justice to a corporation that has made very large investments in the belief that it would be justly dealt with.

A toll of seven cents on each car each time it runs through the subway will be an extremely moderate charge—far smaller than the savings and increased profits directly due to the use of the subway—and will bring a larger return to the city of Boston than a lease for 4% percent on a valuation of \$5,000,000. And this return will be a constantly increasing one from year to year, instead of remaining stationary, as it would under a fixed percentage on a fixed valuation—thus helping to reduce our taxes; or, if it be deemed better for the interests of our citizens, a reduction of the rate of the toll might be made to the company or companies using the subway in return for a lower rate of fare.

Moreover, such a toll system, if under the control of the same or a like commission as has built the subway, will keep the control where it belongs, and guard the interests of both the city and the West End road, even as our insurance commissioners guard the interests of both insurer and insured. And that such a control is necessary is shown by the fact that conditions are changing so rapidly that a lease not yet consummated has gained so much in value by the new conditions which have arisen since its careful conception as to add an enormous extra value to it.

With this control may go also the control of telegraph and telephone service lines, in the subway, and possibly pneumatic package delivery lines, and possibly other public services, which space does not admit of fully pointing out here, but which would, under certain conditions likely to occur, amount to monopolies and deprivation of our rights as citizens.

Fourth, if at such a hearing it should be, in your opinion, after listening to the great number of statements which a hearing equally important to the richest and the poorest citizen of Boston would elicit, that such a toll system were not best, I respectfully submit that no lease should be made for more than 10 years. The facts referred to above show that if a 20 years' lease is made a reduction of fares or a system of transfers for one fare would not be probable during these 20 years.

It may be that a reduction of fares from five cents is not practicable at present, but I believe that no far-sighted or successful business man will say at such a hearing that it may not be practicable in less than 10 years.

But if a lease for 20 years is given, the history of all street railways makes it almost sure that the earnings of the road will be capitalized on a basis of five-cent fares and eight-cent transfers, and I can see no way in which relief will be possible for the whole 20 years.

This plea for a public hearing is made in no spirit of hostility to the West End company, but under the firm conviction that governmental justice requires that the rights of lawful corporations shall be recognized and guarded; but it is because our city is also a corporation, whose rights seem to me and to many others who have spoken to me to be gravely threatened, that I make this plea for a public hearing.

I believe that if this request be granted points still more important to the taxpayers and citizens will be brought out. I therefore strongly urge you to grant this request.

Yours very truly,

Edward A. Filene.

A public hearing has been granted for Saturday, November 28th, at 10 A. M. at the office of the BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION, 20 Beacon St. Please attend. Your opinion in writing, whether favorable or unfavorable to these views would help to form public opinion rightly if sent at once to

EDWARD A. FILENE,
127 Newbury Street.

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GLOVES, HOSIERY, VEILINGS, Etc., Etc.

WASHINGTON STREET,

TWO DOORS FROM WINTER STREET.

Boston, Mass.,

Nov. 23, 1896, 189

Mayor Strong,

New York City.

Your Honor:

The enclosed circular will explain in the quickest way the cause for which we ask your opinion. There is a chance that the West End Railroad may obtain a lease ~~for~~ practically giving it the monopoly control of street railway transportation in Boston, for the period of 20 years, at a price which barely covers the rate at which the City of Boston has borrowed the money to construct the subway, and one per cent. additional for a sinking fund, which will not amount in twenty years to anywhere near the cost of the subway.

I heard you say at a Tenement House reform Meeting last year, that the question of street railway transportation and especially the subway, was perhaps the most important remedy that could be applied to the tenement house problem; also to other important interests of citizens of a city. Will you help us in forming public opinion rightly here in Boston by giving us the benefit of your experience in New York. As this hearing is for Saturday, an early reply is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,

Dict by E. A. F.

Edward A. Filet

Albany, N. Y. Nov. 24, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayors Office,

Dear Sir:-

I write to inquire if you would desire to receive copies of all bill and documents introduced in Senate and Assembly during ensuing session of 1897. I would guarantee to furnish copies daily and advise from time to time on any measure in which you would be particularly interested. I have supplied your office in former years and will be pleased to accept your contract. My compensation for such service would be \$50.00 payable at close of session. Hoping you will kindly consider the matter and awaiting reply, I am

Yours truly,

James O'Neill

Orange & Water Sts.

Albany

NEW YORK INFANT ASYLUM,

AMSTERDAM AVENUE AND 61ST STREET.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

New York, Nov. 24 1896

Hon Wm L. Strong
City Hall. N.Y.

Dear Sir.

A special meeting of the Board of Managers of the New York Infant Asylum will be held on December 3rd 1896. at the Chamber of Commerce, 30 Nassau Street, at two o'clock P.M. At this meeting a resolution will be introduced, authorizing the Institution to sell or mortgage its property situated on the Boulevard, in the City of New York.

This meeting is called by the President down town, and at the hour named, in the hope that two thirds or more of the Managers will be present, in order that this resolution may be passed. Several efforts have been made to pass the resolution, but owing to the fact that less than the necessary two thirds of the Board of Managers were present, the resolution could not be legally passed.

Yours very truly
Richard Davis
Secretary.

OFFICE OF

James D. Phelan.

301 PHELAN BUILDING.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 24th '98. 189

Mayor Strong,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Permit me, as the Mayor-elect of San Francisco, to introduce my attorney and brother-in-law, Mr. Francis J. Sullivan, who is temporarily visiting your city. I have requested him to call upon you with a view of receiving suggestions that experience in the administration of the affairs of New York City make valuable to me on the assumption of my new duties. I thus presume upon your official position because I believe that you are interested in good municipal government and because you must know, as chief magistrate of the greatest American city, that all other municipalities look to New York for reforms and improvements. With great respect, I am,

Your's faithfully,

James D. Phelan

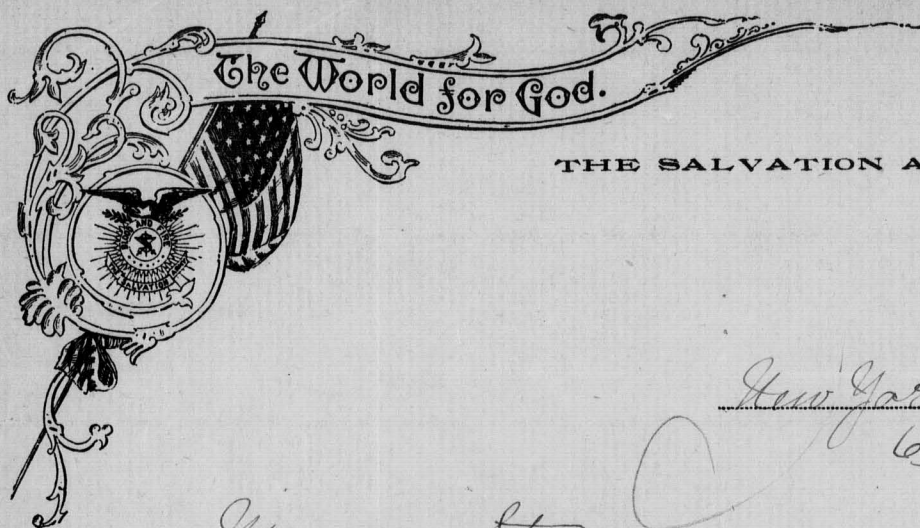
NEW YORK, Feb 24 1896.

Hon W^m L Strong
Mayor

Dr Sir

While the resolution prohibiting persons from carrying children on bicycles may be good in its way, I am inclined to the belief that it is unconstitutional as interfering with the rights & liberty of the American people.

Very Truly,
A. B. Bigelow



THE SALVATION ARMY.

New York City, Nov. 25th 1896
65 Cherry St.

Mayor Strong:-

Dear Sir, In behalf of the many hungry little children among whom we labor in the Slums, I feel led to ask you for a Thanksgiving donation. We want to give about 100 children a dinner tomorrow at our little hall at 82 Cherry St.

Some kind friends have already helped us financially but we haven't quite enough to cover all the expenses, therefore I appeal to you.

You know there are so very many little ones suffering on account of their parents wrong doing, so we do want to make one hour of tomorrow bright for them. I appeal to you in the name of the self-sacrificing Christ Give as God has given ^{unto} you, God bless you
Yours, in His service

Mary E. Ganselow Capt.

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9 Cliff Street.

New York Nov 25 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong.

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:

We beg to call your attention
to the fact that we have on hand about
fifty (50) maps of New York City &
State dating from 1776 to 1854 and
which are in Excellent Condition.

If you are interested in anything
of this kind we should be pleased to
submit same to you.

Very truly Yours.

We have also a
collection of steel engraved
Portraits of "old time" mayors
of New York

Geo. L. Goodman & Co.

Mr. C. S. Young of the Central National
Bank can certify for our responsibility,
and in which bank we are depositors.
S. C.

144 West 34 St.
New York

Nov. 25, 1896

Dear Mayor Strong:

One cannot listen to the stirring appeals of D. L. Moody without being roused to action.

Will you grant me the privilege of reading the Bible in Ludlow St. Jail or in any other place where prisoners are detained?

I am a teacher in the Sunday School (Presbyterian) Cor Ridge and Broome Sts - and I am desirous that those less fortunate than myself share the blessings of the Gospel.

If there are any technicalities to be complied with, please inform me that every thing may be done "decently and in order."

Respectfully S. S. Eddy.
(Address as above)

JOHN J. DULL,
ROBERT E. PETERSON, 3d,
ARCHITECTS,
1429 CHESTNUT STREET.

Philadelphia, Nov 25th 1896

To the Hon. Mr. Strong
Mayor of New York City.

Hon and dear Sir

We understand the
City of New York are
considering the erection of
a new record hall, if this
is correct we would like
to enter into competition for
same, and will esteem it a
favor if you will kindly
have our names placed on
file if there is any possibility
of same being made a competition
yours respt.

Dull and Peterson

Simon Borg.

Leo Speyer,
Member N.Y. Stock Exchange

Simon Borg & Co.
Bankers & Brokers,
20 Nassau Street,
New York.

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF
INVESTMENT SECURITIES.

P. O. Box 2964.

November 25, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I most respectfully protest against the Ordinance which was passed by the Board of Aldermen yesterday, prohibiting the carrying of children under five years of age on bicycles.

I have a little boy, 4 ^{for two years} 1/2 years old, who has been my companion while riding, and more than half the pleasure derived from my possession of a bicycle has consisted in taking him with me to visit friends living farther up-town, in New Jersey, or elsewhere.

I am sure that the ordinance is in itself unjustifiable and unconstitutional, for it interferes with a liberty which, exercised, does not disturb the peace of the community or in any way injure or encroach upon the rights of others; on the contrary, it is a source of great enjoyment for those who, like myself, desire to give their children the benefit of the fresh air and sunshine, with an occasional trip into the country. I have never met with

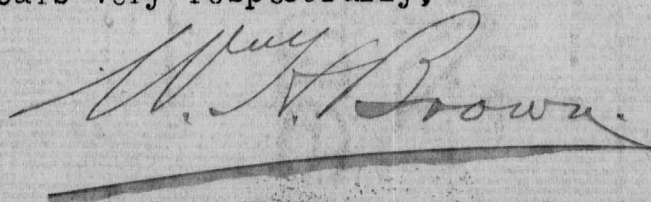
the slightest accident while out with my little boy, and I see no reason for any if one is ordinarily careful. I do not believe there are any more accidents to children on bicycles than to those in baby-carriages or walking; any carelessness in either event will result in accident, and I cannot understand why I have not as much right to take my children with me on my wheel as to take them to ride in a carriage or to walk in the street. As well might an ordinance be passed forbidding children to be taken out of doors at all for fear of injury; and no more real necessity exists for the one than for the other.

I may add (though it has no bearing on the general question) that my child does not ride "on the handle bars," or in front of them, but on a seat behind them and directly in front of the saddle

I sincerely trust that you will see your way clear to veto so unjust and unjustifiable an ordinance, and in this I know I express the hope of every parent and every child who has shared with me and my little one the pleasures of companionship on the wheel.

Believe me,

Yours very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. A. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

227 E 115th St
New York Nov 26/1896

Hon W^m L Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir:

I am the owner of premises 402 East 85th Street on the corner of 1st Avenue New York City and have as a tenant therein a lady carrying on a Candy Business.

These premises are opposite the public school in front of which for some time past have congregated street peddlers who have sold the school children Candies &c thereby seriously hurting my tenants trade.

I am informed by my lawyer that said peddlers & practice is contrary to law and at his suggestion and to protect

my tenant I appeal to your Honor
to put a stop to them.

Very Respectfully
John Martin



GIES & HARE, PROPRIETORS.

DERRICK PUB. CO.

Oil City, Pa. Nov. 26 1896.
Hon. W. L. Strong:
Dear Sir:

I see by the N.Y.
Herald of this date that the
Board of Aldermen are about
to present for your approval
the ordinance prohibiting the
carrying of small children on
the front of Bicycles.

While I have entire confidence
in the wisdom of your decision
in the matter, still I cannot
help offering an opinion
on a proposition which

seems to border decidedly upon the "officious." I ride a Bicycle when at home, I do not carry a child nor do I expect ever to, but I do not see why a man who probably works all week and would like to take his baby out for a spin through Central Park on a fine Sunday morning should be prohibited by law from doing so. Has a man no right to build anything that will carry himself and baby? Have we a right to put two babies in one carriage? - or will the law decide that there would thereby be danger of the carriage breaking down?

And again, the question arises, what, in the multiplicity of

inventions, would be classed as Bicycles or auto-carriage? Soon we may have no right to take a baby into the street at all unless the Health Dept. decides that the temperature of the atmosphere is just right.

I humbly suggest to you, ~~that~~ if this question of the safety of children cannot reasonably be left to the usually loving care of parents, as in other matters.

As I remarked before I have no personal interest in the matter, but I believe if the public had had the slightest idea that this question would have taken the prohibitive form there would have been many protests.

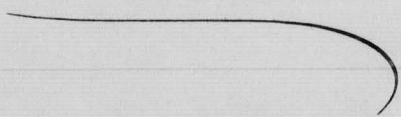
before now: and I would
much rather see our
Aldermen busying themselves
with more important and
less 'old-maidish' and
'busybody' questions.

Respectfully,

Chas. C. Smith.

2164-5th Ave.

N.Y. City





GIES & HARE, PROPRIETORS.

DERRICK PUB. CO.

Oil City, Pa. _____ 189 _____

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41 West Eleventh St.

Nov. 27. 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor &c, Sir,

You will, I am sure, be pleased to hear that an Inspector in the 22nd. District wished to make an appointment to visit a school. Her associates named Gielock, & when she asked if they could leave business so early, the reply was;

"This is our first business, other things must come after. I understand that there are Jewish gentlemen

Respectfully Ellen Collins
2nd Dist

New York City
Nov. 28th 1896.

Honorable Jun. R. Strong
Mayor.
New York City

Sir! - I have the honor to transmit herewith a picture of the Head of the Column of that memorable parade of the Republican Business-Men of this City. - The present deplorable conditions of the trade in which for years, I have made a living for myself and family, has made it impossible for me to obtain employment, or earn sufficient money to make both ends meet. - Forced to look in other directions to obtain the "wherewith," I induced a friend, in a similar position, who is an amateur photographer, to take some views of the parade, and especially of the Wholesale Dry-Goods Division, assuring him, that I would certainly be able to dispose of many of the pictures, as a memento to a never to be forgotten demonstration, ^{it} not only to outsiders, then certainly to all who had the honor to participate, particularly the

the Wholesale Dry-Goods Men. - Alas! - I was mistaken. - I could not sell any. -

The scheme turned out to be a magnificent failure, our earnest endeavors proved useless, our expectation of earning a honest Dollar chimerical, and the Balance was located on the wrong side of the Ledger. -

The picture I enclose is remarkable in as much, as it delineates the Mayor of the Metropolis of the Western Hemisphere surrounded by a body of men, such as never did march and perhaps never again will march, up Broadway in a political Parade. - One of my former employers, who is a Director in the Astor Place Bank, and he ought to know, stated in my hearing, that one line of marchers represented 50 Millions Dollars of Capital invested. -

'That line is on the picture.' It represents not alone the wealth, but also the brains, integrity, stability and strength, not only of this City, but of the whole Country. -

It is the reproduction of a scene that has never been equalled and cannot be duplicated. -

As such, I respectfully submit it, hoping it will receive Your Honor's kind consideration ^{and} endorsement - by acceptance.

Permit me to submit another picture, - a pen and ink sketch, of the sender of the first.

He is a man 50 years old, with a honorable discharge from the U. S. Army, with a wife and family to support, healthy and sound in body and mind, able, willing and anxious to work, but unable to obtain it, with rent unpaid ^{and} liable to be put into the street at any moment; without the means wherewith to procure the next meal, walking along the ragged edge of starvation with the choice of becoming a tramp or a suicide. - "If it is good to redeem a tramp, it is better to keep other men from becoming tramps!"

He is a man, whose services are not undesirable but at present unnecessary; whose savings of years have been absorbed by months of enforced idleness. Whose age prevents the consideration of his application for employment in Corporations, such

as Street - or 'L' Railroad, or in Municipal Departments
such as Police or Letter Carriers. who's previous occu-
pation, however willing he might be, makes it
physically impossible for him to handle the pickaxe
and shovel. who's political affiliation have not
been cultivated for revenue only, but who has for
years earned his bread by the exercise of his skill,
And who now, while turning over perhaps the
last leaf in his Book of Life, stands appalled
at the condition that confronts him.

Not a very pleasant picture to contemplate but
drawn from life! -

However: - "Dum spiro, spero!" -
If it is true that Business must improve,
when it can't get worse, then - relief is in sight;
and the recollection of your Honors' kind
acceptance of my efforts at this time, will be
the silver lining to the darkest cloud in
the whole sphere of my Terrestrial existence.

Very Respectfully -

George W. Larr.

314 East 80¹/₂ St.
N. Y. City

Unionport Tax-payers Association,

AFFILIATING WITH THE

White
TAX-PAYERS ALLIANCE,

OF THE

23rd and 24th Wards,

NEW YORK CITY.

New York, Nov. 28th 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor City of New York.

My Dear Sir:

I am directed by our Association to call your attention to the fact, that some of the streets and avenues in our section of the City, are in total darkness, and I am informed by Commissioner Collis, that no provisions have been made by the Board of Estimate to light up these streets in 1897. I have explained to Commissioner Collis and the Gas Commission, the necessity of having electric lamps placed in these particular places - which are all inhabited by Taxpayers and other citizens who are entitled to the lights as well as those persons who have their streets lighted, some of these streets are in bad condition and it is dangerous to life and limb to pass through them at night.

We think it no more than proper that the

Streets which are populated, in the Great City of New York should be supplied with the necessary lights.

We appeal to you, dear Mr. Mayor, that when the final estimates are made for lighting the Streets, you will call the attention of the Board of Estimate to this fact, and do your utmost to help our Community to obtain these most necessary lights.

This is a growing section of the City, but we find it a detriment in not having our Streets properly lighted.

Sincerely hoping you will be able to help us in this matter.

I am

Very Respectfully Yours

August H. Diehl
President.

Lighting Street
Reger Submits



City Hall, Nov. 28th 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong
Mayor.
New York City N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

This will introduce to you Mr.
Frank. Granieri of this City who desires
very much to have you perform the marriage
ceremony for him on Thursday December 3. 1896

By doing him the favor he seeks you
will confer one on.

Respectfully yours.

Patrick J. Gleason

DAVID B. SICKELS,
100 BROADWAY.

New York, November 28th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

I observe that the Department of Public Works is engaged in laying asphalt on 117th St., between Lenox and Seventh Avenues, on which street there are very few private houses now standing.

I have been endeavoring for five years to have asphalt pavement laid on 119th St., between Lenox and Fifth Avenues, on both sides of which street there are handsome brown stone houses, but for some strange reason I have not succeeded.

In this connection I desire to call your attention to the general condition of the pavement in that street, and if you will send one of your Inspectors to look at it, I think that he will agree with me that it is a public disgrace.

Very truly yours,

David B. Sickels

Baltimore Nov 27th / 1892
To the Mayor,

Dear Sir;

I take the liberty of addressing
you. I would like for you to let
me know if there are an estate
in New Ark called Gilbert's
Vineyard, that the heirs cannot
be found for I think I am
one of them. If you can find
out for me you will confer
a great favor or tell me in
what way I can find out.
I was told in Nov 1893 the
heirs of W. H. Gilbert were
advertised for. I have a copy
of the family record. My
Grandfather was a Sea Captain.

he married in New York
May 20th 1813. his name
was William Gilbert and
he married Miss Agnes Boyce
The first child was
born in New York

March 22nd 1816 After that
they moved to Pasquotank Co.
Near Elizabeth City N. Carolina
If you can find out anything
for me ~~it~~ you will do me a
great favor, by replying and
letting me know

Mrs Emma Gilbert
Marshall
247 S. Chester St
Baltimore
Md.

Grand Rapids Mich
for 30th 96

To the Hon Mayor of
the City of New York

Dear Sir I have an
Invention of a Suit to
be put on in case of
Fires which would
enable any person to go
into and through a fire
or intense smoke in perfect
safety to save life or
property and would give
you an equal interest
with me if you will help
me put it through as
I haven't the cash to do it.
Justice now will you kindly
consider this and answer
me at as early a date as possible
I am Truly Yours

William W Pratt
No 76 Alabama St

Gram. School 96,
New York, Nov. 30/96.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:

The bearer, Harry Aranow, has been a pupil in my class for the past four months. His earnest work has earned him the sincerest attachment I have seen existing between pupils and teachers. We are all very much interested in him.

He has pursued his studies although he is the only support of his family. He had a news stand at the n/e cor of 76 St. and Third Ave. - a permit has been granted to another

man. This will not only
take away the support of this
family, but will necessitate
that this boy, who is so
anxious to get an education,
must abandon his schooling.
We hope you may be able
to help him.

Very respectfully,
James Mulvan

I have read the
above and fully
concur with
Mr. Kieran's state-
ment.

B. W. Russell
Pres.

1896

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM P. DOUGLAS.

WILLIAM P. DOUGLAS, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is the plaintiff herein.

That the premises described in the complaint and being the premises located on the southeast corner of Park Place (formerly called Robinson Street) and Church Street, were originally part of a piece or parcel of land which during the early occupation of the Colony of New York by the English was reserved by the Crown and was known at first as land "without a gate, called the King's Farm", and afterwards as the Queen's Farm.

That by the Dongan Charter granted to the City of New York in the year 1686 and the Montgomerie Charter granted to the said City in the year 1730, said piece or parcel of land was especially reserved and excepted from the grants of land therein made to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

That in the year 1705, the said piece or parcel of land was granted by the Crown of England by royal patent, bearing date November 23, 1705, and recorded in the office of the Secretary of the State of New York to the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York in Communion of the Church of England as by law

established a corporation created by Royal Charter in the year 1697, and still existing by virtue of the said Charter and an Act of the Colonial Legislature passed June 27, 1704 and Acts of the Legislature of the State of New York passed April 17, 1784, March 10, 1788 and January 25, 1814, respectively, the name of the said corporation since said Act of 1814 have been the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church in the City of New York.

That in the year 1761, the said Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York in Communion with the Church of England, as by law established, having been in possession of the said King's Farm since such grants to them in the year 1705, caused the same to be surveyed and laid out into lots and streets, and a map thereof to be made by Francis Maerschalk, City Surveyor, and by deed of quitclaim dated April 9, 1761, and filed with a copy of the said map thereto annexed in the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, remised, released and forever quitclaimed unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of New York, and to their successors forever, all and every the said streets as they are particularly laid out and described and named in said map thereto annexed and all their right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of, in and to the same, the said streets, however, to be and remain and continue forever thereafter for the free and common

passage of and public streets and ways for the inhabitants of the City of New York, for which more particularity reference is made to a copy of the said map with the appers on this motion.

That the title of George Douglas, the father of this plaintiff to the premises is derived in part directly from the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York in Communion of the Church of England as by law established, and the title to the remaining parts of the said premises was derived through certain mesne conveyances, all of which conveyances contain substantially the same descriptions as described in the conveyance to George Douglas, the father of deponent.

The following is a description of said premises as conveyed to George Douglas, the father of deponent, with the date, liber and page of each description.

Elizabeth Mary Monroe, wife of James Monroe, party thereto of the first part, William Douglas, Robert Halliday and William Whetter, parties of the second part to George Douglas by deed dated November 1, 1834, and recorded November 1, 1834 in Liber 318 of Conveyances, page 138.

"All that certain three story brick dwelling house and lot of land, situated, lying and being at the corner of Park Place, late Robinson Street, and Church Street, in the Third Ward of the City of New York, measuring in front and rear 29 feet 6 inches, and in depth on

both sides 75 feet, bounded northwardly in front by Park Place, westwardly by Church Street, southwardly by the leasehold tenements, the property of Trinity Church and eastwardly as the walls and fences of said house and lot now stand, by a house and lot of the estate of Frederick King, deceased, as the same was conveyed by Rufus King and Mary King, his wife to John A. King by indenture bearing date the 2nd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, recorded in the Register's Office in and for the City and County of New York in Liber 103 of Conveyances, page 631, on the 23rd day of November, aforesaid, together with all and singular the easements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever as well in law as in equity of the said parties of the first part and second part of, in and to the whole and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances."

That another part of the said premises was conveyed to the said George Douglas by deed of the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church, bearing date the 28th day of February, 1839, which said deed was duly recorded in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on June 7 1839, in Liber 399 of Conveyances, page 203.

"All these two certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the Third Ward of the County of New York, being part of the lots of the said parties of the first part, commonly called the Church Farm and severally distinguished on Map or Chart thereof by the numbers 165 and 166, the said lots adjoining each other and taken together being bounded as follows:

Southwardly in front on Barclay Street; northwardly in the rear by two lots of land heretofore conveyed by the parties of the first part, one to Rufus King and the other to John H. Beekman, westwardly by Church Street, eastwardly by the lot distinguished on the said Map or Chart by the number 167, containing together in breadth front and rear 50 feet, and in length on the westerly side 73 feet and 2 inches, and on the easterly side 73 feet and 6 inches, be the same more or less."

That still another part of the said premises was conveyed to the said George Douglas by deed of James G. King as sole qualified Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Frederick G. King, bearing date the 1st day of May, 1852, which said deed was duly recorded in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York on the 14th day of May, 1852, in Liber of Conveyances at page 583.

"All that certain messuage lot of land, situate, lying and being in the Third Ward of the City of New York,

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on the southerly side of a certain street formerly called Robinson Street, now called Park Place, bounded northerly in front by Park Place, westerly by the line of a lot of land formerly of John A. King, now of the party of the second part, which is in part a curved or circular line projected eastwardly for the purpose of a stairway; southwardly by land now or late belonging to the corporation of Trinity Church, eastwardly by land formerly of Josiah Sturges, now or late of Isaac Bronson, containing in front and rear about 19 feet, and in depth about 75 feet, be the same more or less, together with all and singular the edifices, buildings, rights, members, privileges, advantages, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof."

And that the remaining part of the said premises was conveyed to the said George Douglas by a deed of Samuel D. Babcock and Elizabeth C. Babcock, his wife, bearing date April 28, 1852, and recorded in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York in Liber 610 of Conveyances, page 17.

"All that certain piece or strip of land, situate, lying and being in the Third Ward of the City of New York and on the southerly side of Park Place, being part of a lot now known as No. 24 Park Place, commencing at a point distant 43 feet 3 inches from Church Street,

containing in width in front and rear 12 inches, and in length on each side 75 feet, bounded northwardly by Park Place, eastwardly by land of said Samuel D. Babcock; southwardly by land now or late belonging to the said George Douglas and westwardly by land now or late belonging to Rufus King, together with all and singular the easements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof."

That on or about the 31st day of January, 1862, the said George Douglas died intestate, leaving plaintiff his only child and his only heir at law.

That from that time to the present, plaintiff has continuously been and now is the owner of said premises and has been and is now seized and possessed of the same by an absolute title in fee simple, as aforesaid.

The plaintiff further shows that he has an action in equity now pending against the Metropolitan Elevated Railway and the Manhattan Elevated Railway Companies, which is the usual and ordinary action against elevated railroads, on account of damages to his said premises, and which said action is now pending and has not been decided.

Sworn to before me, this
30th day of November, 1896.

(Signed) William G. Douglas

In Matter of
Newland Sciences
No. 150

Applicant showing
title of the of that

109.

128 E 127th My. Cif

Thanksgiving Day 1896.

Mayor Strong -

Dear Sir - Will you please
grant a License - or permit, such
as you have given me - to preach
on streets of My. Cif - Christ & Him
Crucified - to a Mission Worker who
works one night in the week at a Mission
at 124th 2nd Ave - coming up from 35th.

The name is

George Edwin Jackson

Of 126 W 35th - Refer to The Rev.
Mr. Ruber + myself. —

Also one for the Superintendent of
The "Harlem Peoples Church Mission"
At 124th + 2nd Ave. Joseph Bennett.
(over)

Sometimes I am not there & he
wants a permit to hold meeting
on street, even if I am absent
with my permit.

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We are doing a good work.
Keeping saloons off our street.

Replied to Rev. Dr. Samuel Virgin
& Edmunds. &

Rev. Albert Swift -

Calvary M. C. Church (mine)

San Francisco

John W. Cochran
Stenographer.

Do you recall
Richfield Street

P.S. If you can forward me - one
for 1897 - save my bothering you
for renewal of mine. M.C.

U. S. S. MONTGOMERY

Navy Yard, New York.

December 1st 1896.

His Honor,

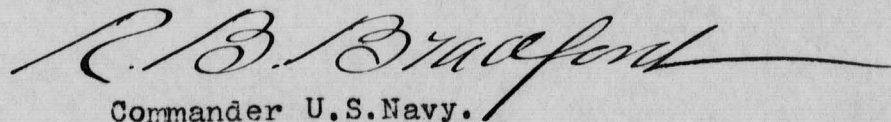
The Mayor of the City of New York,

State of New York.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that William Lester, Landsman, whose next of kin, Henry Lester, lives at 1645 Madison ave., New York City, State of New York, is a deserter from this ship and from the United States Naval Service.

He has therefore, in accordance with Sections 1996 and 1998 Revised Statutes, forfeited his rights of citizenship as well as his right to become a citizen and is forever incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under the United States or of exercising any rights of citizens thereof.



Commander U.S. Navy.

Commanding U. S. S. MONTGOMERY.

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120 £ 30 th St.

Dec 1st/96

To His Honor
The Mayor
Dear Sir:

Your letter
of November 28th,
by a mistake, has
only just reached
me, but as many

Members of the
Committee on Vacancy
as can, will be
present tomorrow
at three o'clock at
your office.

Thanking you for
the notice,

I am

Respectfully yours

J. S. Lowell

(Mrs. C. R. Lowell)
Chⁿ Counselor Vacancy

OFFICE OF

D. J. LOEWENTHAL,

IMPORTER OF
AND



WHOLESALE DEALER
IN

WINES, LIQUORS AND BRANDIES,
1352 FIRST AVENUE,

New York, DEC 2- 1896 189

Mrs. W. Strong

Mayor of the City N. Y.

Dear Sir.

Will you please oblige and advise me in the following matter.

Wines were sent to me, from Newark N. J. via Boat, which lands at Franklin St. Instead of receiving a notice, I received the goods, for which I was obliged to pay \$ 1.50 expressage, an expense unnecessary on my part as I have wagons of my own going daily down town. Now this has happened to me several times, from different companies.

This time, I made up my mind
to bring this matter to your attention,
trying thereby to find a remedy so as
it should not occur again.

It is my opinion, that
the delivery clerk and expressmen are
hard on hand. The money I
paid for expressage, was paid
under protest on the receipt.

Yours very respectfully

J. P. Allen

OFFICE OF

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New York,

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Hon. W. Strong.

Mayor of City of N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed letter of
4 inst, which was in reply of my
letter dat 12th has been received for
which please accept my thanks.

As you have stated in
your letter, that the matter does not
come within the jurisdiction of your
office, you would greatly oblige, by
informing me, under who's jurisdiction
it comes, so that I may be able
to find relief. Very respectfully yours
D. J. Loewenthal.

OFFICE OF
J. W. CLOWES, D. D. S.,
667 FIFTH AVENUE.

New York, December 2nd 1896

To the Honorable Mayor Strong:

It is easy to see that "Tammany" is putting itself in array to capture, once more, the City of New York and the worst thing about it is, that the present Government, by increasing values and the percentage on those values, is playing into the hands of the enemy. "Tammany" used to increase the valuation but was careful to not raise the percentage of taxation.

Our Reform Government has raised them both, thus imitating the action of the "Billionaire Congress" which was so generous in expenditures, that the surprise of 1892 occurred. I feel impelled to write you briefly upon a subject that you may not have fully considered, and remain

Very Respectfully yours.

J. W. Clowes

111 East 89th St

New York, December 2nd 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,
Dear Sir,

Both Dr. Palmer and myself
have been disappointed in seeing you on
several occasions lately,

I feel Compelled to notify you
that I have been working for the past
four months without any Salary,
on account of the Comptroller holding
back my pay, after being paid regularly
for the past ten years, which came
about through my carrying out the
orders of my Superior, and in the
discharge of my duty, which resulted
in my preferring Charges against an
Officer, who was found guilty, and
fined by the Park Board.

My family, and I have been made
to suffer to gratify a Spite at this
late day for a mistake which happened
over eleven years ago.

The Hon. Board of Park Commissioners have asked at different times, when this matter has been brought to their notice by Counsel if any one could prove anything against me to prefer Charges, but no one has ever done so, as they wish to keep under cover, and have others injure me.

The Hon. Board of Civil Service Commissioners, have taken action in my case, and have asked the Comptroller to pay me my Salary.

After working four months without any pay my family is in need, and I feel confident if you would kindly ask the Comptroller to get the Corporation Counsel's Opinion in the matter, so that it might be settled, as I don't think I should be compelled to go to any expense for what is justly due me.

I Am yours Very Respectfully,
Isaac C. Tyson Roundsman Park Police.

New York Central & Hudson River R.R. Co.

N.Y. City, Dec 3rd 1896

Hon W. L. Strong,
Mayor &c. City Hall,
City Hall Park,
New York City,
Dear Sir:

Having succeeded in obtaining a diagram of the property contemplated to be taken for a site for the College of the City of New York, I send same to you, together with a letter from Mr Harkess, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

An examination of the diagram, in the light of the "note" on same, and of Mr Harkess' letter, will enable you to determine "the meter and bounds" of the proposed ~~right~~ site, and also, the action on the part of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the Board of Education.

Trusting that you will find the information desired, and with great respect I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours,

Very truly Yours
W. J. Van Arsdale

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Horatio S. Sanford
891 VERNON AVENUE,
LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y.

Melby
Dec 4th 1906

Hon Wm L Strong - New York City

Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation of 27th ult, regarding a Free Bridge over the East River, I beg to state, that we are ready to meet your Engineer at such time as you or he may designate, suggesting that it may be at Mr L. C. L. Smith's office corner of Jackson and East Avenues Long Island City. Mr Smith is a Civil Engineer and is more or less familiar with the situation, and will be happy to show our side of the question as far as possible. - I line to me a day or two in advance, will insure his being on hand.

Very truly yours
Horatio Sanford

Historic Trees in New York.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I would respectfully call your attention to the following facts relating to certain historic trees in the upper part of the city, and hope some action will be taken by our patriotic citizens.

First—The thirteen historic Hamilton trees on the land which formerly belonged to Gen. Alexander Hamilton, Convent Avenue and One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third Streets. This property now belongs to the heirs of the late Orlando B. Potter, who are anxious to carry out his wishes. They are willing to donate certain portions of the land, provided a park can be laid out. This park should be 200 feet on Convent Avenue and 175 feet on One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third Streets, and called Hamilton Park.

These thirteen trees were planted by Gen. Alexander Hamilton in commemoration of the union of the thirteen States which first formed the United States of America. The shoots from which these trees grew were cut for that purpose by Gen. Hamilton at Mount Vernon, and brought home by him tied under his gig. I have letters from Mr. Frederick Potter and other information which would be of interest to those who are willing to assist in carrying out this project.

Second—On West One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, Washington Heights, stand a number of remarkable trees. They were formerly in the grounds surrounding the old Jumel mansion, which is now known as Earle Cliff. They are Egyptian cypress, and have a history like everything pertaining to this remarkable mansion and its grounds. They were sent as a present to Napoleon Bonaparte from the Sultan of Egypt as a gift of honor, but arrived in Havre, France, after the battle of Waterloo. Stephen Jumel, who was in France at that time, and a personal friend of Napoleon, succeeded in gaining an audience with the Emperor the night before he was banished to the Island of St. Helena. Napoleon presented these trees to Jumel, who brought them to America on the clipper ship Eliza, which he had chartered with the hope of aiding Napoleon to escape to this country. These trees, when brought here, had their native earth still clinging to the roots. They were planted as described above, where they flourished and grew to a large size, spreading out their peculiar branches wide over their adopted soil, a mute reminder of the decay of empires as well as people. I would recommend that the Park Commissioners remove them to Central Park, as they are probably the only ones in the country, and certainly none others with such a unique history.

FERDINAND P. EARLE.

Earle Cliff, Washington Heights, New York,
Dec. 1, 1896.

Let. Recd
Dec 12 1896



EARLE CLIFF, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.

Referred to

DEC 5 1896
for examination and report.

W. L. Strong,

MAYOR

New York, Dec. 4th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York.

Ny dear Colonel:-

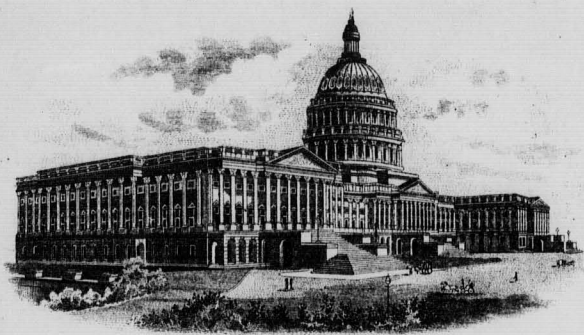
Now that we have buried Bryan, and the political atmosphere is clear again, I thought I would take advantage of the same and drop you a few lines in regard to certain historic trees in the upper part of the city. I have also enclosed a copy of a letter which I wrote to the New York Times a few days ago. I know certain parties have called upon you in regard to the Hamilton trees, but I have certain information which I have gathered in the last year, which would be of material benefit in case the city would buy this property for a public park. The heirs of Orlando B. Potter are particularly anxious to carry out certain wishes of their father, one of which was to make a park, say 200 ft. on Convent Avenue, and 175' on 142nd & 143rd St. They are willing to donate certain portions of the ground, which includes the ground that the thirteen historic trees now occupy. I also know that the old residence of Gen'l Alexander Hamilton, known as Hamilton Grange now the property

of St. Luke's church could be secured later on, and restored to its original place near the old trees. I can get the signatures of all the residents on Washington Heights if that would be of any help in carrying out this project. I am sorry to bother you with this matter, but I know that you are interested in anything that is patriotic, particularly where it relates to those who are in the Revolutionary War.

With much respect, I remain

Yours truly,

Frederick D. Paul



House of Representatives, U.S.
Washington.

Washington, D.C.,

December 5th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
New York City.

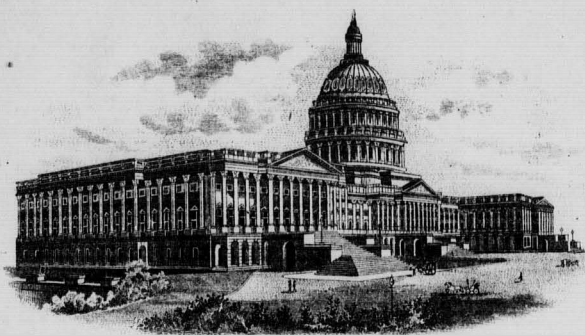
My Dear Mr. Strong:-

It is with the greatest pleasure that I write to thank you most heartily for the kind personal interest which you have taken in my campaign.

I was so busy during the campaign and afterwards, that I had not the time to call on you-^{but} only once- and then you were not in.

I not only thank you, but congratulate you on your powers as a diplomat.

I shall be in Washington now, until the spring, and I presume of course you will be here, at least in inauguration times. If you are to be here I hope you will let me know, as it would afford my wife and me great pleasure to have you dine with



House of Representatives, U.S.
Washington.

us, and ask to meet you such distinguished people as you will be
pleased to meet.

Thanking you again, and with kindest regards to Mrs.
Strong, believe me to be,

Yours very sincerely,

John Sumner

Faulkner, Page & Co.

Commission Merchants

66 to 72 Leonard St.

P. O. Box 843.

Dictated by

E.D.P.

New York Dec. 7th, 1896.

Subject

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I am informed that the Hon. Wm. F. Grote, commonly known as "Fatty Grote", has applied for a license for entertainments in the building on East 14th Street, formerly used as a very disreputable concert hall by one Theiss.

The reputation of this place in past years has been so bad that the 14th Street Presbyterian Church, Grace Church and the property owners of the neighborhood, including myself, have opposed the granting of a liquor license for that place before the Excise Board, and succeeded in preventing the use of that particular building, by its former frequenters, as a market place of crime.

I understand that you have for the present, denied Mr. Grote's application, but beg that you will kindly notify me and the bodies above referred to, before considering any further application for a concert hall license in that particular building.

Yours truly,

Edmund A. Page

Copy

New York Nov. 4/96.

Mr. Thomas Wilson has made the following amount.

Sept 26 th	2 3/4 Days	\$ 11.00
Oct. 3 rd	1 1/2 "	6.00
" 10 th	5 1/2 "	22.00
" 17	3 1/4 "	13.00
" 24	3 1/4 "	13.00
" 31	5 "	20.00
Total		\$ 85.00

Previous to this he was in our employ for about eight years and always gave entire satisfaction and would be glad to have him now, but the engineers union have notified us that they have rejected him.

Edlmeyer Morgan Co.
John H. Edlmeyer & Son.

363 Clinton Ave.

West Hoboken, New Jersey.
Dec. 7th 1896.

Honorable Mayor Strong.
New York City.

Sir:

I hereby take the liberty to ask your assistance in obtaining justice which will enable me to go to work that I can make a living for myself and my family.

I am a steam hoisting engineer and been a member of the hoisting-engineers union since it was organized in 1884. I resigned from the union in 1893 when I left New York City and started a small business for myself in West Hoboken, New Jersey.

Owing to dullness in business I was compelled to start at my trade again last September. I applied to the union on September the 26th at the engineers meeting in Washington Hall on Eighth Ave. between 47th & 48th St to be re-instated as a member. I was informed by the delegate Mr. Peter Gibbons of No 2497 - Second Ave. N.Y. that it would cost me (Fifty Dollars) \$50.00 in initiation fee. I paid (Ten Dollars) \$10.00 down, and got an extension of time of one month for the remaining Forty Dollars \$40.00 but as I was not working steady I again appealed for a short extension of time after having paid (Thirty Dollars) \$30.00 to the union. The Committee returned to me (Twenty Dollars) \$20.00 but kept the remaining (\$10.00) Ten Dollars. On November the 2nd delegate Peter Gibbons went to my employer Mr. Edelmeyer of

Edelmeyer & Morgan N^o 333 West 49th Street
New York City and informed said
Mr. Edelmeyer that I was no union man,
the result was that I ^{was} discharged at noon
that same day.

As every employer in that line of
trade in New York has signed contracts
with the engineers union to use only
union men it has been impossible
for me to get work at my trade.

Please find enclosed copy of letter
of recommendation from
Mess. Edelmeyer & Morgan, containing
specification of wages earned since I
returned to my trade last September.

Believing it to lay in your power to
assist me, I hope my humble petition
will receive your favorable consideration.

Yours very respectfully
Thomas Wilson.

E. SANDERS, M. D.

126 EAST 83RD STREET,

118

78th

OFFICE HOURS;

8 to 10 A. M.

4 to 6 P. M.

New York, Dec. 8th 1896

To the Honorable the Mayor
of the City of New York
Sir

Having removed
from the 24th Inspection District,
I hereby tender my resignation as
Inspector of Common Schools &
that district

Respectfully
E. Sanders M.D.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE,

New York, December 8th. 1896.

Whereas, the safe preservation of the records of all instruments affecting the titles to real estate in this City is of urgent importance to all Citizens of New York City, and

Whereas, the present building is faulty and inadequate for this purpose, and exposes the valuable records therein kept, of danger of loss by fire, and

Whereas, an Association has been formed to take the necessary action to urge the speedy erection of a new fireproof Hall of Records

RESOLVED, That this Board strongly endorses the proposal to erect a new Register's Office or Hall of Records and recommends all persons interested in real estate to enroll their names in the Association formed for this purpose.

The Rhinelander School,

(Of the CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,)

350 EAST 88TH STREET,
(BETWEEN 1ST AND 2D AVENUES.)

New York, Decr 8th, 1896

To the Hon:

Wm L. Strong;

Dear Sir:

I called at your home this evening, in hopes that I might be able to see you just long enough to invite you to visit my school on Tuesday Decr 15th, at three o'clk.

It has long been my desire to have you know of the patriotic work that we are doing with the foreign born children (and those of foreign parentage) of which our school is composed; and I think that the enclosed letter - a copy

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of one I received last week - will suggest that to witness the result of our civic instruction will repay you for giving enough of your valuable time to make this visit; and the interest; in our work, thus displayed, and the honor of your presence will act as an inspiration to both teachers and scholars.

Ex-Mayor Hewitt has kindly consented to be with us on that day to meet you; and if we are to be favored by you, I shall invite a few other gentlemen who like yourself - are interested in the education of foreigners.

On any other day, next week, will better suit your convenience I shall be happy to change the date as you may suggest.

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Sincerely hoping that we may
have the great pleasure of
entertaining you, I am
with very great respect,

Yours truly
(Miss) Margaret P. Pascal
Principal.

P.S.

Mr Roosevelt visited my
school on the 5th of June of
this year. M.P.P.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Ticket Office STATION, Bourse Building DIVISION.

Philadelphia Dec. 8th, 1896.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,
Secretary.

Office of the Mayor.
City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 11th, 1896, in which you kindly advised me that the Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor of the City of New York, would favorably bear my request in mind, for a copy of the Dutch Records.

Pardon me for reminding you of the same, I would be infinitely obliged if you can possibly secure me a copy, which would be highly appreciated.

I beg to remain,

Very Respectfully,
C. E. Van Velt.



New York, Dec 8 - 1896

Mr Jot Hedges

Dear Sir

We wish to thank you for your courtesy in protecting us from the annoyance caused us by the "Salvationists", but regret to say that they have started up in our corner again, and request that you will have it stopped. When our store is closed we have no objection to the "Army" having the benefit of our Arc lights. We keep open nights until Christmas and as their appearance usually empties our store for the time being we feel that we should

be protected. Our neighbors on
the opposite corner feel as do
we in this matter

Rufy
H. Palmer

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My Dec. 8th 96.

Now.

Maya Strong
My.

Dear Sir,

I for myself, as well as for many of my neighbors, and friends up here in the Annexed District, I do most urgently beg of your honor to use all the power to dispose of and abolish the nuisance up here called the Matt Haven Canal —

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The odor arising from
 it even in cold weather
 is horrible, and our children
 are always more or less
 ill, in fact, the Doctors are
 constant visitors to our house;
 and they ascribe the whole sickness
 and trouble to the stercoraceous

Canal,

Once more, kind Mr. May or,
 we appeal to you in the name
 of humanity to push the work
 of abolition at once, as our
 lives are in danger, we

are, kind Sir yours Truly
 Victor Edwards
 And others —

Morrisania Artificial Stone Works.

Granite Stationary Laundry Tubs A Specialty.

1178 VANDERBILT AVENUE, NEAR 167th STREET.

New York, Dec 7th 1896

How much Strong

Mayor -

Dear Sir -

I wish to personally present to you certain facts which have caused the annihilation of my business by the Building Department, and also certain letters from Supt. Constable, to myself. Will you kindly advise me when it will be agreeable for you to see me.

Yours truly

S. M. Hendrickson.

Prop^r Morrisania

Stone Tub Works.

Wm. A. M.

Morrisania Artificial Stone Works.

Granite Stationary Laundry Tubs A Specialty.

1178 VANDERBILT AVENUE, NEAR 167th STREET.

New York, Dec 8th 1896

Secy Job Medges -

Dear Sir -

Kindly present my apologies to the Mayor for my failure to keep appointment of yesterday.

Mr. Constables action in the matter made interview unnecessary.

I take this opportunity of commending the appointment of Mr Constable.

I have lost largely in his prohibition of Cement tubs - but I have no hesitation in saying that to his ability is due the satisfactory solution of a very complicated problem.

Yours truly

S W Hendrickson

GEO. E. GREEN, President,
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York.

My dear Mayor Strong:--

In behalf of the large majority of the Commercial Travelers of America, and especially in behalf of the membership of the Commercial Travelers' Home Ass'n of America, ^{and} the Management of the Commercial Travelers' Fair, (the proceeds of which are to be used in completing the Home for indigent Commercial Travelers, their dependent wives or widows, and children), I most respectfully and earnestly invite you to be present and participate in the opening exercises of the Fair at Madison Square Garden, Tuesday evening next, Dec. 15th, at 8:00 o'clock.

Your kind acceptance of this invitation will, I am sure, go far toward making the enterprise an unqualified success. We sincerely hope you may find it convenient to give an early affirmative answer. Permit me to assure you that a more worthy and philanthropic motive than prompts the holding of this Commercial Travelers' Fair, could not be conceived, and your position is such that your presence at the opening ceremonies would be of the greatest benefit.

Knowing your practical interest in philanthropic work, and as you graciously accepted the position of Vice President of the Honorary Fair

Wm.L.Strong, 2.

Committee, we make bold to press the invitation, and urge your early acceptance. Kindly direct your reply care Madison Square Garden, New York. You will note from accompanying letter-head that many of our foremost Statesmen, professional and business men are actively engaged in assisting this enterprise.

Yours very truly,

Dic.G.E.G. (G)

Geo. E. Gwyn
Pres't C.T.H.A. of A.

NOTE DATE OF FAIR - DECEMBER 15th - 28th

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1896.

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No. VS.

Dallas, Texas, 12/9, 1896

TO THE HON. CITY SECRETARY,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to state that I am a member of the Legislature of the State of Texas, which will convene in Austin on the 12th, of January next in regular session. The City Council of the City of Dallas, this state, will submit to ~~that~~ body, certain amendments to their city charter which involves the question of having the City Attorney, City Secretary, City Health Officer, Chief of Police, City Judge and in fact, all the city officers except the Mayor and Aldermen appointed by the City Council. Will you be kind enough to give me at your earliest convenience, either by letter or copy of your city ordinances, the plans under which you are operating in this regard. It has occurred to me that in taking these offices away from the people and placing them in the hands of a city council that we will probably be placing too much appointing power in this body of men.

I am informed that under your city charter your mayor or city council have the appointing power of at least a great many of these offices and that it has reached the point that unless an applicant, no matter how worthy he may be, secure the influence of certain individuals, there is no need of his applying for the position under your city government. What has been your experience in this regard? Do you find it more economical, more satisfactory or fruitful of better results to have all these matters submitted to a vote of the people or to the appointing power of the mayor or city council?

Hoping you will do me the favor to write me in full at your earliest convenience, I am

Yours very truly

W. C. McKamy

Wendel's Casino
Nos 618 & 620 - 9th ave
New York Dec 9th 1896

To

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

Honorable Sir

At a Indignation Meeting
held this Evening at above
place, The Citizens of the
22nd Prec. have met in a
body to Vindicate Their rights
because the unjust & unlawfull
manner in which a large
number were arrested
through orders of Police
Head Quarters against
whom warrants were issued
against innocent and
law abiding Citizens and
dragged through the streets
to the Station House of
West 47th Street. There only
to be discharged as no
evidence could be produced
against them and to further
prove their innocence
Several suits against the

The city are now about
being brought.

Now Sir
we respectfully demand
of you for this unjust
act that you will
investigate this matter
thoroughly and bring
those who have issued
such call to justice
and also those who have
committed perjury for
having such warrants
granted for their arrest

Respectfully
Yours

Andrew Beiser
Acting Chairman

Committee

Chas. Eggendorf
Chris Kappeler
Jac Lehner
Adam Christman
M. Spiegel

New York
Dec 9th 1896

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Mayor
Wm L Strong
New York
City.

Indignation
Meeting
of
Citizens 22 Pect.

This document
being approved
at Meeting

MYER S. ISAACS, PRESIDENT.

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A. S. SOLOMONS, GENERAL AGENT.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BARON DE HIRSCH FUND.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, No. 45 BROADWAY, Room 163.

NEW YORK, December 9, 1896.

Reginald
Hon. William Strong,

Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:

If you can spare the time, it would afford me much pleasure to greet you on Friday morning next, the 11th inst., at eleven o'clock, at the Educational Alliance building, corner of East Broadway and Jefferson Street, when over 600 Russian immigrant children will compete for prizes offered by the "Patria Club" of this city, for the best original "Salute to the Flag" and original patriotic hymns.

As hitherto named to you, we are devoting our best energies to Americanizing the Russian element of our foreign population, and I would like you to witness the success we have met with.

On Saturday evening, the 12th inst., at eight o'clock, our working people's classes, numbering 600 Russian immigrants, will compete for prizes offered by the same Club, for the best oral examinations on "Colonial History" and the "Constitution of the United States", and papers on "The Declaration of Independence".

With much regard, I am,

Yours truly,

A. S. Solomons
General Agent.