

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street.

New York _____ May 1, 1895.

H. Caro, Esq.,
Secretary, Property Owners Union,
78 East 96th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor transmitted to me, under date of 22nd ultimo, your letter to him complaining of the defective condition of the sidewalks on the N. W. corner of Park Avenue and 97th Street, and the N. E. corner of 97th and 98th Streets and Madison Avenue, and the defective condition of the crosswalks in the vicinity of Madison and Park Avenues, 97th and 98th Streets.

The Water Purveyor reports that he finds the crosswalk at Park Avenue and 97th Street defective, and will have it repaired as soon as possible.

The Supt. of Street Improvements reports that there is no cause for complaint regarding the sidewalk at the N. E. corner of 98th Street and Madison Avenue, and that he will forward certificate to be made to the Board of Aldermen regarding the defective condition of the sidewalks at the N. W. corner of Park Avenue and 97th Street, and the N. E. corner of Madison Avenue and 97th Street, for the purpose of obtaining authority, by ordinance, to have the necessary work done by this Department and the cost assessed on the abutting property.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Wm Brookfield
Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, May 1, 1895

SHOW. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr Caro, of the Property Owners' Union.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 34 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 3,

1890

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor. ✓

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have transmitted to the Park Department the letter addressed to you by Mr Joshua Riece, jr., 40 West Broadway, and received with letter of 1st inst. from your Secretary.

This Department has no jurisdiction over the matter complained of by Mr Riece.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 3, 1895.

Copy.

Charles E. Evans, Esq.,

220 West 122nd Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 29th ultimo, in reference to the bad condition of the sidewalk in front of a house adjoining yours on West 122nd Street.

The Supt. of Street Improvements reports that, on a previous complaint regarding the sidewalk referred to, certificate and ordinance were transmitted from this Department to the Common Council, in order to obtain authority to have the sidewalk improved by this Department at the expense of the owner of the abutting property. The ordinance is now pending in the Board of Aldermen, and this Department can do nothing until it is passed and approved.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles H. T. Collis
Supt. Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, May 3, 1896

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr Charles E. Evans, 220 West 122nd
Street.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 4, 1895.

Copy.

R. Moscovitch, Esq.,

456 Grand Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 26th ultimo, requesting the removal of a stand from in front of No 444 Grand Street.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reported to me yesterday that final notice had been served on the owner of the stand to remove it before 12 o'clock to-day. If the notice is not complied with, the stand will be taken to the Corporation Yard.

Very respectfully,

Wm. C. Collins

Lecky Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 4,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr R. Moscovitch, of 456 Grand Street.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins

Leopy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, May 8th, 1895.

Copy.

Messrs Scheuer Bros.,
425 Broadway.

G e n t l e m e n :

The Mayor transmitted to this Department for attention your letter to him of 30th ultimo, requesting the removal of a show-case from in front of their premises.

The Superintendent of Incumbrances, to whom I referred your letter, reports to me that the show-case complained of has been removed to the Corporation Yard.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles H. T. Collis
S^{up} Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 8,

1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Messrs Scheuer Bros.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 13,

1883

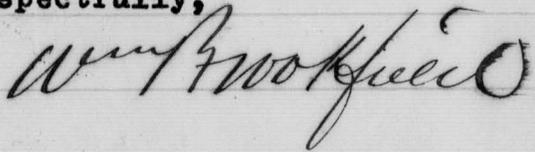
HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3rd inst., and to say that Mr Louis Becker, 30 Spring Street, has filed in the Bureau of Incumbrances a letter withdrawing the complaint he made to you regarding a stand at No 28 Spring Street.

Very respectfully,



Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, May 13, 1895.

Thomas Anderson, Esq.,

169 8th Avenue.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter of 6th inst., complaining of the bad condition of the asphalt pavement on 8th Avenue, and, in reply, I beg to say that the Department had hope of repairing this pavement before this time, but was prevented by legal complications relating to the obligations of the contractor and the sureties on the two contracts.

A contract for the needed repairs is now being advertised, and will be relet at an early day, so that by the first week of June next the entire pavement may be placed in good order.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Wm. B. Smith
Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 13,

1888

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr Thomas Anderson, of 160 8th Avenue.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, May 13, 1895.

Copy.

C. C. Roe, Esq.,
Room 42, City Hall,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of 3rd inst., I beg to say that the first pavement of any street is paid for by local assessment on the property abutting on the street. Subsequent repavements and repairs are paid for out of annual or special appropriations raised by general taxation.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) *How Brookfield*
Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 14, ¹¹/₂

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by C. C. Roe of Louisville, Ky.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

Copy.

New York, May 14, 1895.

Walter L. Sears, Esq.,
Member of City Council,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter of 10th inst., making certain inquiries in regard to our water service, to which I reply as follows:

The water service and system have been owned by the City since 1838.

The water rates are assessed or charged against each building separately according to frontage, height and other dimensions, in addition to which special rates are charged for extra families above one for each house, extra water closets above one for each house, and for baths and various kinds of business.

From this you will see that there is no per capita rate.

I enclose you a schedule of our water rates:

Very respectfully,

Wm. Woodford

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, May 14, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to you by Walter L. Sears of Boston, Mass.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

Copy.

New York, May 14, 1895.

Messrs McPartland and O'Flaherty,

8th Avenue and 40th Street.

G e n t l e m e n :

The Mayor has transmitted to me your complaint of 7th inst., regarding the bad condition of the asphalt pavement on 8th Avenue.

In reply, I beg to say that the Department has used every effort to bring about the thorough repair of this pavement, but has been deterred by legal complications regarding the obligations and liability of the contractors' sureties. A contract for the needed repairs is now being advertised for public letting, and it is expected that the work will be commenced within ten days.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles H. J. Collier
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, May 14, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Messrs McPartland and O'Flaherty, 8th
Avenue and 40th Street.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. T. Collins
copy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York,

May 14, 1895.

Copy.

Messrs Kaepfel and Brooker,

778 East 177th Street.

G e n t l e m e n :

The Mayor has transmitted to me your complaint to him of 7th inst. against signs maintained by your neighbor.

From report of the Supt. of Incumbrances, I find that you are yourselves maintaining similar signs, and that your complaint must be actuated by business rivalry or spite. I do not consider that this Department should be called upon to arbitrate in a matter of this kind, and if any action is taken, your own signs will be removed as well as those of your neighbor.

Very respectfully,

C. H. J. Collins

deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 14,

1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Messrs Kaepfel and Brooker, 778 East
177th Street.

Very respectfully,

C. W. Collis

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York.

May 15,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that to the letter addressed to you by Messrs Kaepfel and Brooker against signs maintained by their neighbor, I have replied that I find they are maintaining similar signs themselves, and that if any action is taken by this Department, their own signs must be removed as well as those of their neighbor.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 16,

1876

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Captain Henry W. Picking of the U. S.
Ship "Minnesota".

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins

Leep Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York,

May 17, 1895.

Copy.

Captain Henry W. Picking,
Commanding U. S. Ship "Minnesota".

Dear Sir:

The Mayor transmitted to me your letter to him of 5th inst., urging that 50th Street, west of 11th Avenue to the water front be opened, paved and provided with proper sidewalks.

In reply, I beg to say that chapter 223 of the Laws of 1893 authorized the Board of Street Opening and Improvement to change the grades of 48th, 49th and 50th Streets, from the centre line of 11th Avenue westerly, to correspond with the grade of 12th Avenue.

The matter was before that Board in September, 1893, and, after several hearings, was laid over. The obstacle to the accomplishment of the desired improvement is that the owners of the abutting property have not petitioned for the alteration of the grades, and the cost of the changes would entirely fall upon the City if the Board ordered the changes without such petition.

The matter will probably come up again at the next meeting of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement, as it is no doubt desirable to settle the question of grades and improve these streets as early as possible.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins
deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, May 17, 1895.

Copy.

Emil Muller, Esq.,
88 Park Row.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter to him of 14th inst., objecting to the work being done by this Department in flagging the sidewalk in front of No 1138 1st Avenue, and, in reply, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Street Improvements that the work is being done in a satisfactory manner, and no flagging is being laid except where absolutely necessary. The work was ordered by ordinance of the Common Council, and this Department had no option except to execute it.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Chas H. Collins
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 17,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr Emil Muller, 88 Park Row.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, May 18, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the letter of 14th inst. from your Secretary, transmitting a communication addressed to you by Mr John Langman, requesting the removal of a stand from the N. E. corner of 3rd Avenue and 102nd Street; also a letter addressed to you by Mr T. C. Turney, regarding paving stones piled at 574 East 159th Street.

The latter complaint comes under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23rd and 24th Wards, to whom I have sent it.

"John Langman" gives no address, and his name is not in the City Directory. The Superintendent of Incumbrances thinks the name is fictitious, and reports that the stand complained of is different in no respect from many other stands in its immediate vicinity.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York,

May 20, 1895.

Lambert S. Quackenbush, Esq.,
President, Property Owners Union,
78 East 96th Street.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 11th inst., complaining of delays in executing necessary street improvements in the section of the City which includes 96th, 97th and 98th Streets, Park, Madison and 5th Avenues, was duly received and referred to the respective bureaux which have charge of the different classes of improvements.

From reports which I now have, I find that there has been no delay on the part of this Department in executing ordinances and resolutions providing for such improvements, except the delays which are necessitated by the requirements of law in advertising, letting and executing public contracts.

Bids for the contract to pave 96th Street, between Park and 5th Avenues, are to be opened on the 22nd inst; a resolution for the repaving of 95th Street is now before the Common Council; in 97th Street there are as yet no water-mains nor gas-mains which must be placed before the street is paved.

An ordinance was recently passed to pave Park Avenue, from 95th to 97th Street. The surveys for this work are now being made, and the contract will be advertised and let at an early date.

An order has been given to the Consolidated Gas Company to lay gas-mains and light public lamps on 97th Street, between Park and 5th Avenues, and on the west side of Park Avenue, from 96th to 97th Street.

In respect to the improvements of regulating, grading flagging and curbing streets and fencing vacant lots, the Department can take no action until directed by ordinance of the Common Council, and in every case, as soon as an ordinance is passed, the City surveyors are appointed to make preliminary plans and estimates, and all other measures are taken to execute the ordinance.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 20,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by the President of the Property Owners'
Union.

Very respectfully,

Wm. M. Field

Commissioner of Public Works.

Enclosure.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street*

New York, _____ May 21, 1895.

Copy.

Mrs Josephine Shaw Lowell,
120 East 30th Street.

M a d a m:

Your letter of 6th inst. to the Mayor, calling attention to the play-ground on 50th Street below 11th Avenue, which you desire to have retained, was referred to me.

In reply, I beg to say that the Captain commanding the U. S. Receiving Ship "Minnesota" addressed a request through the Mayor a few days ago, that 50th Street, from 11th Avenue to the River, be graded, curbed, paved and flagged as speedily as possible, so as to give convenient access to the river front, and, in the investigation which was made on his letter, it was found that by chapter 223, Laws of 1893, the Board of Street Opening and Improvement was empowered to establish grades for that and other adjoining streets west of 11th Avenue to correspond with the grade of 12th Avenue, with which the old grades do not coincide. The matter was under consideration of that Board for some time and then laid over. It is now found that the establishment of a new grade, which is really necessary, requires the petition of the owners of not less than two-thirds in frontage of the property on the line of the street, and it appears that the entire property is owned by the Astor Estate. It is probable

that the Estate would petition for such change of grade and possibly regulate and grade the street to the new grade at its own expense if the matter were properly represented to its representatives. The subject will come up for consideration and action at the next meeting of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York;

May 21,

1896

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor,

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mrs Josephine Shaw Lowell.

Very respectfully,

Wm. F. Frothingham

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street*

New York, _____ May 21, 1895.

Copy.

M. L. Noyes, Esq.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me your letter to him of 17th inst., alleging errors in the making of plans for the bridge over the Harlem River at 3rd Avenue.

In reply, I beg to say that section 1 of chapter 413 of the Laws of 1892, which authorizes the construction of the bridge, prescribes that it shall be as nearly as possible in the position of the present or old bridge.

Section 2 of the Act provides for the construction of a temporary bridge.

Section 4 reads as follows: "The expense of constructing the said bridge and approaches shall not exceed one and one-half million dollars and such further sum which may be paid for the lease of land" as mentioned in section 6 thereof, also to pay awards and compensation for lands taken for the purposes of the bridge.

The engineers who were employed by authority of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to draw the plans for the bridge presented several plans under the limitation of \$1,500,000 expenditure for construction.

Public hearings were had in the matter before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the present plan was adopted after mature discussion and consideration.

Considering the limitations as to the location of

the bridge, prescribed by the Act, the engineers had little or no voice in that matter.

The Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct states that your estimate as to property to be taken under your scheme or plan would be found totally inadequate, and the cost of construction, including the approaches, pavements, etc., would exceed the limit of \$1,500,000 prescribed by the Act.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 21,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr M. L. Noyes, New York City.

Very respectfully,

Wm Brookfield

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

*Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street,*

New York, May 21, 1895.

Copy.

J. D. Russell, Esq.,

213 East 107th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to this Department for attention your letter to him, requesting that the stands or booths for the sale of newspapers, etc., on the S. W. corner of 106th Street and 3rd Avenue, be not removed.

The Supt. of Incumbrances reports that the stands or booths are inside the stoop-line, and that they are about 100 feet in length, and 5-1/2 feet in width. Several complaints have been made against these stands, impelling this Department to have them removed. The time for removing them, however, has been extended to the 1st of June.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 21,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to transmit to you here-
with a copy of my reply to the letter addres-
sed to you by Mr J. D. Russell of 213 East
107th Street.

A similar reply would have been sent to
the postal card addressed to you by "James
Sheils" but for the fact that the writer gives
no address, and it is not in the City Directory.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. Collins

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street

New York, May 21, 1895.

Copy.

Israel Bergiender, Esq.,
294 Stanton Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 10th inst., requesting permission to replace a stand at No 294 Stanton Street.

In reply, I beg to say I have report from the Supt. of Incumbrances that your stand was complained of by the Health Department, and was removed by you upon notice from the Bureau of Incumbrances. If the stand were replaced, it is probable that people living in the ^{vicinity} ~~city~~ would again complain against it through the Health Department.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 21,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr Israel Berglender, 294 Stanton Street.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins

Lafayette

Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street,*

New York, May 22, 1895.

Copy.

Messrs Breschel and Mamelok,
257 6th Avenue.

G e n t l e m e n :

The Mayor has transmitted to me your complaint of 16th inst. against show-cases maintained in front of No 253 to 261 6th Avenue.

From report of the Supt. of Incumbrances, I find that your complaint is against a show-case which was removed from the sidewalk on a former complaint from you, and has been placed against the doorway of the building, where it is no sidewalk obstruction. There is therefore no cause for further action on the part of this Department. If the show-case is a violation of the rules of the Fire Department, you should address your complaint to that Department.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. H. P. Follis
Supt. Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 22,

1896

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Messrs Breschel and Mamelok.

Very respectfully,

C. S. J. Collis

deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works.

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York,

May 22, 1895.

Copy.

George Petri, Esq.,

1910 3rd Avenue.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to this Department for attention your letter to him of 15th inst., requesting the removal of booths from the S. W. corner of 106th Street and 3rd Avenue.

In reply, I beg to say I have report from the Superintendent of Incumbrances that some time ago the owner of the booths complained of was notified to vacate and remove them. Subsequently it was ascertained that rent for the booths for the month of May had been paid, and an appeal was made for an extension of time to the 1st of June to remove them. This extension was granted, and the owner will remove the booths on or before the 1st proximo.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. A. T. Folger
Supt Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 22,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r .

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to you by Mr George Petri of 1910 3rd Avenue.

Very respectfully,

C. M. J. Collis
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street

New York,

May 22, 1895.

Copy.

George E. Bellamy, Esq.,
3rd Avenue and 65th Street.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has transmitted to me your letter to him of 14th inst., regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the old Macadam pavement on East 72nd Street, in reference to which I have had direct correspondence with you.

As stated in my previous letter to you, the present pavement is being repaired as well as the means at the command of the Department will allow, and the question of repaving the street with a more durable pavement is under consideration.

Very respectfully,

(Sgd) C. H. T. Collins
Sup Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 22,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to you by Mr George E. Bellamy of 3rd Avenue and 65th Street.

Very respectfully,

Charles H. D. Collis
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No. 31 Chambers Street*

Copy.

New York, _____ *May 22, 1895.*

Stephen Vail, Esq.,
Reform Club,
223 5th Avenue.

Dear Sir:

The Mayor has referred to me your letter to him of 12th inst., referring to a letter you addressed to this Department on the 18th ultimo. On receipt of the latter communication, the several matters therein complained of were referred to the Bureaux having jurisdiction over the same.

In the matter of the temporary awnings placed across sidewalks in stormy weather in front of a certain class of buildings, the Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that, notwithstanding your statement alleging the exercise of undue discretion or favor, all parties maintaining such awnings were notified, on receipt of a previous complaint, to remove them, and all except a few complied. In the latter cases the awnings were taken to the Corporation Yard.

I concur in the view of the Superintendent of Incumbrances that it is impracticable to carry out your suggestion of making a persistent crusade against temporary awnings in stormy weather. In considering this question, it must be borne in mind that this Department is limited to a force of six inspectors of incumbrances for the entire territory of the City, and cannot there-

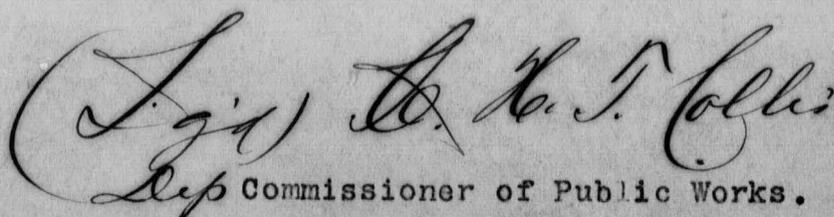
fore cope with obstructions which are replaced again and again after removals by this Department. This would also consume the entire appropriation for removal of obstructions for one single object of less magnitude and importance than others because the proceeds of penalties for removals do not go into the appropriation but into the general fund.

In respect to the special cases mentioned in your letter, the Supt. of Incumbrances reports as follows:

The permanent iron awning on Broadway, between 39th and 40th Streets, in front of the Metropolitan Opera House, is maintained under special resolution of the Common Council passed in December, 1881. The obstructions on the sidewalk in front of Jefferson Market are maintained by a florist under permission or license from the Comptroller. The Trunks on the sidewalk at No 178 Broadway have been removed by the owner upon notice from the Bureau of Incumbrances. The furniture dealers at 14th Street and 5th Avenue have been notified to remove their furniture, and the boot-black stands at Cortlandt and Church Streets, and 14th Street and 4th Avenue, will be removed by the Bureau.

In respect to crosswalks on the lines of the cable railway of the Metropolitan Street Railway Co., the Water Purveyor has been instructed to make a general inspection along its lines, and to order the railway company to restore every crosswalk which existed prior to the construction of the cable railway.

Very respectfully,


Dep Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 22,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith
a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to
you by Mr Stephen Vail of the Reform Club.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. D. Collins
Leapy Commissioner of Public Works.



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May 23rd 1895.

My dear Mr. Mayor;

I am happy to say that I have been able to appoint both Mrs. Florence Foye and Mrs. W.J. Clark, (about whom you wrote me,) as Bath Attendants. They seem like very genteel, intelligent ladies, and I was very glad to have them.

I think you will find the organization of the free baths a credit to your administration.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles H. D. Collier's

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

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Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 22, 1895.

Copy.

Mrs Harriet E. Strong,
Washington Heights,
New York City.

M a d a m:

The Mayor has referred to me for attention your letter to him of 17th inst., calling attention to a row of beautiful trees which you desire not to be disturbed in connection with the improvement of 158th Street.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the Superintendent of Street Improvements, under whose supervision the improvement of 158th Street will be made, will see that the trees mentioned are taken care of. Trees inside curb lines are never disturbed in making public improvements.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Wm Brewster
Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York, May 23, 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit to you herewith a copy of my reply to the letter addressed to you by Mrs Harriet E. Strong of Washington Heights,

Very respectfully,

Wm Woodford

Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 23,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

M a y o r.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have transmitted to the Corporation Attorney the letter addressed to you by Mrs Florence D. Whiting, and referred to this Department for attention.

No complaint against Mrs Whiting's swinging sign has been made to this Department, and I am informed that the notice to remove it was sent to her from the office of the Corporation Attorney.

I have notified Mrs Whiting that her letter has been sent to the Corporation Attorney.

Very respectfully,

Charles W. Collins

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Commissioner of Public Works.

Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office,

No. 31 Chambers Street,

New York,

May 24,

1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have transmitted to the Street Cleaning Department the letter addressed to you by the De Palos Engineering Company regarding governors for use on the gas meters in the stables of the Department of Street Cleaning, this Department having no jurisdiction in the matter.

Very respectfully,

Charles A. T. Collins

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