

Office of the  
Commissioners of Accounts,

ROOMS 114 AND 115,  
Stewart Building,  
280 Broadway

New York, June 7th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor:

Sir:-

We beg to notify you that we have secured the services of Mr. Charles W. Haskins at \$5,000. per year in accordance with your suggestion yesterday. Mr. Haskins will report for work at this office on Monday next, June 10th, 1895.

Respectfully yours,

Seth Sprague Terry  
Robert S. Dennis  
Commissioners.

Dictated.



showing the Number of Officers, Employees, Laborers, etc. in the various Departments, Bureaux, etc. in the City of New York

January

1896.

compiled by the Commissioners of Accounts.

Department	No.	Total	Department	No.	Total	Department	No.	Total	Department	No.	Total
<u>Mayors Office</u>			<u>Board of Education</u>			<u>Health Department</u>			<u>Change of Grade, etc. Comrs.</u>		
Mayor	1		President & Commissioners	21		Commissioners	2		Commissioners	3	
Office Force	6	7	Clerical Force & Employes	65		Office Force	14		Office Force	3	6
<u>Bureau of Licenses</u>			Inspectors	19		Attorney's Office	6		<u>Sheriffs Office</u>		
Marshal	1		Assistant Draftsmen	20	125	Sanitary Insp't Office	8		Sheriff	1	
Office Force	7	8	Teachers			Division of			Deputy Sheriffs	12	
<u>Common Council</u>			Evening High Schools	100		Sanitary Inspection	41		Under Sheriff & Counsel	2	
Aldermen	31		Evening Schools	369		Contagious Diseases	81		Assistant Deputy Sheriffs	12	
Office Force	16	47	Nautical School	2		Food Inspection	28		Employes	50	77
<u>Finance Department</u>			Grammar Schools	2287		Pathology, Dissection &c.	5		<u>County Clerks Office</u>		
Comptroller	1		Primary Schools	2277	4985	Bureau of Records	15		County Clerk	1	
Deputy & Office Force	43		Janitors		172	Anti-Typhoid Com. & Bldg.	22		Deputy & Office Force	35	
Auditing Bureau	40		<u>College City of New York</u>			Helland Park Hospital	50		Searchers Department	10	
Bureau of Appeals	32		President and Vice Pres't.	2		Riverside Hosp't & Sanitarium	50	322	Temporary Recording Clerks	12	
Marine Collection Taxes	14		Professors, Instructors & Laborers	48		<u>Public Parks Dept.</u>			Indexing Clerks	4	62
Bureau City Bldg. & Markets	12		Secretary etc.	9	59	Commissioners	4		<u>Registers Office</u>		
Cleaning Markets	51		<u>Normal College</u>			Office Force	8		Register	1	
Chamberlain	1		President	1		Superintendent of Parks	4		Deputy & Office Force	36	
Office Force	6	200	Professors & Laborers	41		Director of Management	1		Recording Clerks	47	
<u>Law Department</u>			Superintendent - Sec'y &c.	7		Engineers & Employes	90		Preservation Public Records	9	115
Corporation Counsel	1		Training Dept.	28	77	Foremen, Mill & Laborers	27		<u>Coroners Office</u>		
Assistants	16		<u>Fire Department</u>			Barbers, Drivers etc.	529		Coroners	4	
Office Force	31		Commissioners	3		Boatmen, Stevedores	22		Coroners Physicians	4	
Bureau Public Administration	7		Secretary, Office Force & Atty	13		Police			Office Force	13	21
Bureau Corporation Attorney	9		Bureau of Combustibles	13		Captain	1		<u>District Attorneys Office</u>		
Bureau Coll. & Personal Taxes	4		Bureau Fire Marshals	5		Surgeon	1		District Attorney	1	
Attorney St. Insp't. 23 1/4 Wards	2		Bureau T. & Telegraph	50		Servants	10		Assistants	8	
Bureau Street Openings	27	97	Repair Shops	78		Roundmen	16		Deputy Assistants	10	
<u>Police Department</u>			Hospital & Training Station	9		Park Keepers	273	959	Secretary & Office Force	49	68
Commissioners	4		Employes	28	204	<u>Dock Department</u>			<u>Surrogates Office</u>		
Head Quarters Force	42		Uniformed Force			Commissioners	3		Surrogates	2	
Employes	67		Chief of Dept. & Deputies	3		Secretary & Office Force	14		Chief Clerk & Office Force	65	
Bureau of Elections	2	115	Chiefs of Battalion	14		Dock Masters & Insp't.	19		Preservation Public Records	9	76
Force			Foremen	84		Construction, Repairs &c.	581	617	<u>Supreme Court</u>		
Chief	1		Assistant Foremen	97		<u>Taxes &amp; Assessments</u>			Justices	22	
Surgeons	15		Engineers	147		President & Commissioners	3				
Captains	23		Foremen - Engines	557		Deputy Commissioners	22				
			Foremen - Atty.	262	1164	Secretary & Office Force	35				
						Block Tax Ass't. Maps	8				



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<u>Sanitation Dept.</u>			<u>Professors, Instructors &amp; Tutors</u>	48		<u>Public Parks Dept.</u>			<u>Searchers Department</u>	12	
Auditing Bureau	40		Secretary etc.	9	59	Commissioners	4		Temporary Recording Clerks	12	
Bureau of Appeals	32					Office Force	8		Indexing Clerks	4	62
Bureau Collection Taxes	14		<u>Normal College</u>			Superintendent of Parks	4		<u>Registers Office</u>		
Bureau City Rd. & Markets	12		President	1		Director of Maintenance	1		Register	1	
Cleaning Markets	51		Professors & Tutors	41		Engineers & Employees	90		Deputy & Office Force	36	
Chamberlain	1		Superintendent - Socy. re	7		Foremen, Mills Laborers	27		Recording Clerks	47	
Office Force	6	200	Training Dept.	28	77	Barbers, Drivers etc.	329		Preservation Public Records	9	115
<u>Law Department</u>						Doormen, Stablemen	22		<u>Coroners Office</u>		
Corporation Counsel	1		<u>Fire Department</u>			Police			Coroners	4	
Assistants	16		Commissioners	3		Captain	1		Coroners Physicians	4	
Office Force	31		Secretary, Office Force & Atty	18		Surgeon	1		Office Force	13	21
Bureau Public Administration	7		Bureau of Combustibles	13		Sergeants	13		<u>District Attorneys Office</u>		
Bureau Corporation Attorney	9		Bureau Fire Marshals	5		Roundsmen	16		District Attorney	1	
Bureau Coll. Dr. Personal Taxes	4		Bureau T. & T. Telegraph	50		Park Keepers	273	959	Assistants	8	
Attorney St. Imp. & Rep. Works	2		Repair Shops	78		<u>Dock Department</u>			Deputy Assistants	10	
Bureau Street Openings	27	97	Hospital & Training Stables	9		Commissioners	3		Secretary & Office Force	49	68
<u>Police Department</u>			Employes	28	204	Secretary & Office Force	14		<u>Surrogates Office</u>		
Commissioners	4		Uniformed Force			Dock Masters & Capt.	19		Surrogates	2	
Head Quarters Force	42		Chief of Dept. & Deputies	3		Construction, Repairs re	581	617	Chief Clerk & Office Force	65	
Employes	67		Chiefs of Battalion	14		<u>Taxes &amp; Assessments</u>			Preservation Public Records	9	76
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Chief	1		Engineers	147		Secretary & Office Force	35		Clerks	68	
Surgeons	15		Firemen - Engines	557		Block Tax Ass. Maps	8		Stenographers	21	
Captains	23		Firemen - Attd.	262	1164	Board of Assessors Office	10	78	Attendants	90	201
Sergeants	155		<u>Department Charities</u>			<u>Board of Excise</u>			<u>General Sessions</u>		
Roundsmen	164		Commissioners	3		Commissioners	3		Judges	5	
Patrolmen	3365		Central Office	9		Attorney	1		Employes	12	
Doormen	72		Out Door Poor Dept.	12		Office Force	11		Attendants	38	55
Detective Sergeants	36	3,831	Bureau Medical Relief	4		Chief, License & Spl. Inspection	11		<u>Special Sessions</u>		
<u>Street Cleaning Dept.</u>			Storehouse S.D.	21		Inspectors	48		Justices	5	
Commissioner	1		General Drug Dept.	8		Special Aids	9	83	Employes	14	19
Office Force	31		Steamboat Squad	20		<u>Acqueduct Commission</u>			<u>City Court</u>		
Uniformed Force			Belleuve Hospital			Commissioners	4		Justices	6	
Superintendents	16		Employes	75		Secretary & Office Force	5		Employes	20	
Employes	4		Parish Nurses	59		Bureau Chief Engineer	11		Attendants	13	39
Stable Foremen	9		Emergency Hospital	3		Engineer Corps	89	109	<u>District Courts</u>		
Assistants do.	10		Insane Pavilion	4		<u>Civil Service Board</u>			Justices	11	
Aug & Soot Inspectors	20		Male Training School	70		Chairman	5		Employes	78	89
Dump Inspectors	17		Governments Hospital	13		Secretary & Office	9		<u>City Magistrates Court</u>		
Assistant do.	16		Hatfield Hospital	16		Examining Board	10	24	City Magistrates	9	
Section Foremen	58		Fordham Hospital	18		<u>Armory Commissioners</u>			Secretary & Employes	34	43
Mechanics Laborers etc.	2338	2,520	City Hospital, S.D.			Office Force	2	2	<u>Commissioner of Jurors</u>		
<u>Public Works Dept.</u>			Employes	71		<u>Estimate &amp; Apporpt. Bd.</u>			Commissioner	1	
Commissioner	1		Heron's Beacon Hospital	6		Clerk	1	1			
Deputy & Office Force	15		Training School	57		<u>Street Opening &amp; Imp. Bd.</u>					
Bureau Chief Engineer S.A.			Alms House S.D.	51		Secretary	1	1			
Mash & Use of Water	3		Incurable Hospital	6							
Laying Broken Pipes	13		Metropolitan Hospital	29							
Bridge Harlem River, S.D.	6		Training School for Nurses	42							
Bridge Harlem River, S.D.	2		Pandals Island H. & S.	252							
Water Main Fund	5		Hatfield Island Insane Asylum								
			Officers	16							
			Female Department	366							



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Patrolmen	3365		Central Office	9				21
Doormen	72		Out Door Poor Dept.	12				90
Selective Sergeants	36	3,831	Bureau Medical Relief	4				201
<u>Street Cleaning Dept.</u>			Shothouse B. D.	21				
Commissioner	1		General Drug Dept.	8				
Office Force	31		Steamboat Squad	20				
Uniformed Force			Belleue Hospital					
Superintendents	16		Employes	75				
Employes	4		Paupers Nurses	59				
Stable Foremen	9		Emergency Hospital	3				
Assistants &c.	10		Insane Pavilion	4				
Reg & Scott Inspectors	20		Male Training School	70				
Dump Inspectors	17		Conversant Hospital	13				
Assistant &c.	16		Hatlen Hospital	16				
Section Foremen	58		Fordham Hospital	18				
Mechanics, Laborers &c.	2338	2,520	City Hospital, B. D.					
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Deputy & Office Force	15		Training School	57				
Bureau Chief Engineer &c.			Alms House B. D.	51				
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Laying Croton Pipes	13		Metropolitan Hospital	29				
Bridge Harlem River, 5th Ave.	6		Training School for Nurses	42				
Bridge Harlem River, 12th Ave.	2		Orandals Island H. & S.	252				
Water Main Fund	5		Harts Island Insane Asylum					
Fire Hydrant Stock	2		Officers	16				
Aqueduct	18		Female Department	366				
Bronx River Works	2		Male Department	310				
Construction & New Savings	32		Harts Island Insane Asylum	206				
Bureau of Incumbrances	11		Central Islip Insane Asylum	141	1888			
Bureau Lamps & Gas	8		<u>Department Correction</u>					
Bureau Repairs & Supplies	41		Commissioner	1				
Bureau Streets & Roads	5		Central Office	6				
Bureau Water Carveyot	50		Steamboat Squad & Stables	18				
Bureau Water Register	71		Prison Employes, City	75				
Bureau Street Improvement	4		Penitentiary B. D.	67				
Bureau of Sewers	37		Work House B. D.	56	223			
Per Day Men allowed by the Board of C. & A.	970	1296	<u>Street Improvements 234th St.</u>					
<u>Building Dept.</u>			Commissioner & Deputy	2				
Sup't. Office Force & Alloways	47		Office, Sup't. Maint. &c.	19				
Confidential Examiners	6		Topographical Bureau	59				
Inspectors	85		Construction Bureau	32				
Messengers & Machinists	27	165	Construction of Sewers	41				
			Inspectors Reg't & Grady	70				
			Foremen, Laborers &c.	581	803			
			<u>Board of Excise</u>					
			Commissioners	3				
			Attorney	1				
			Office Force	11				
			Chief, License & Spl. Inspection	11				
			Inspectors	48				
			Special Aids	9	83			
			<u>Aqueduct Commission</u>					
			Commissioners	4				
			Secretary & Office Force	5				
			Bureau Chief Engineer	11				
			Engineer Corps	89	109			
			<u>Civil Service Board</u>					
			Chairman	5				
			Secretary & Office	9				
			Examining Board	10	24			
			<u>Armory Commissioners</u>					
			Office Force	2	2			
			<u>Estimate &amp; Appoint. Bd.</u>					
			Clerk	1	1			
			<u>Street Opening &amp; Imp. Bd.</u>					
			Secretary	1	1			
			<u>Rapid Transit Commission</u>					
			Secretary	1				
			Messenger	1	2			
			<u>Examining Bd. of Plumbers</u>					
			Chairman	1				
			Secretary & Office	3	4			
			<u>City Record Board</u>					
			Supervisor	1				
			Deputy & Office Force	10	11			
			<u>Commissioners of Accounts</u>					
			Commissioners	2				
			Chief Clerk & Office Force	33	35			
			<u>Electrical Control Bd.</u>					
			Secretary & Office Force	3				
			Inspectors	10	13			
			<u>General Sessions</u>					
			Judges	5				
			Employes	12				
			Attendants	38	55			
			<u>Special Sessions</u>					
			Justices	5				
			Employes	14	19			
			<u>City Court</u>					
			Justices	6				
			Employes	20				
			Attendants	13	39			
			<u>District Courts</u>					
			Justices	11				
			Employes	78	89			
			<u>City Magistrates Court</u>					
			City Magistrates	9				
			Secretary & Employes	34	43			
			<u>Commissioner of Juries</u>					
			Commissioner	1				
			Deputy & Office Force	26	27			
			<u>Gas Commission</u>					
			Secretary	1	1			
			<u>Inspectors &amp; Dealers of Weights &amp; Me.</u>					
			Inspectors & Sealers	4	4			
			<u>National Guard</u>					
			Armours, Janitors &c.	65	65			
			<u>Total</u>					
			21,213.					



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280 Broadway.

SETH SPRAGUE TERRY,  
RODNEY S. DENNIS,  
Commissioners.

New York, April 4, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir :-

Pursuant to your request, we herewith enclose a statement showing the moneys expended by us during the years 1895 and 1896.

Respectfully yours,

Seth Sprague Terry  
Rodney S. Dennis

Commissioners.



The Board of Estimate and Apportionment in their regular budget for 1895 allowed the Commissioners of Accounts the sum of \$32,500.00. Pursuant to Chapter 1003 of the Laws of 1895, the Board, on June 28, 1895, made an additional appropriation of \$100,000.00, available for expenditures during the year 1895 and not thereafter. The regular appropriation of \$32,500.00 was expended, but of the \$100,000.00 specially appropriated only \$33,463.91 was expended, leaving in the City treasury an unexpended balance of \$66,536.09.

The total expenditures for 1895 were as follows:

Salaries	56,981.42
Services of detectives	3,446.56
Services of experts	1,315.00
Stenographic reports of testimony	951.90
Rent of additional rooms	718.33
Safe, typewriting machines, desk and other office furniture	734.00
Services of stenographer	336.00
Printing and stationery	288.97
Newspapers	124.83
Extra typewriting	81.99
Statements of accounts in certain banks and offices in connection with investigations	75.00
Books	41.00
Fees of witnesses, fares, postage and incidental expenses of office	868.91

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment allowed the Commissioners of Accounts for the year 1895 the sum of \$65,000.00. Of this amount there has been expended during the first three months of the year the sum of \$16,260.22, of which \$15,957.59 was for salaries and \$302.63 was for witness fees, fares, typewriting, office supplies and other incidentals.



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RODNEY S. DENNIS,  
Commissioners.

New York, April 24, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

In compliance with a request from the Supervisor of the City Record that we should compare the account rendered by Martin B. Brown with the statement referred to in the communication from the Commissioner of Accounts to John A. Sleicher, Supervisor of the City Record, dated March 29, 1895, we transmit herewith a statement in which such comparison is made.

The correctness of the bills has not been considered in the preparation of this statement, as the data furnished by Martin B. Brown has been assumed to be correct, solely for the purpose of making this comparison.

Respectfully yours,

Seth Sprague Terry.  
Rodney S. Dennis  
Commissioners.



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SETH SPRAGUE TERRY,  
RODNEY S. DENNIS,  
Commissioners.

*New York,* December 19, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Sir:-

An examination made of the accounts of the officials of the various towns and villages annexed to the City of New York June 6, 1895, shows:

FIRST. That A. M. Field, Supervisor of the Town of Westchester, owes the City for moneys received by him, the sum of \$570.34, as per schedule A, hereto annexed.

SECOND. That Frank Watson, the Treasurer of the Commissioners of Improvement in the Town of Westchester, on such date of annexation had in his possession a balance of \$1,644.40, which belongs to the City. A statement showing such balance is hereto annexed and marked Schedule B.

THIRD. That George F. Wettje and J. A. Blumenberg, officials of the Village of Wakefield, have omitted to pay to the City the sums of \$232.31 and \$1,076.73, respectively, received by them, which money belongs to this City. Statements showing such balances are hereto annexed and marked Schedules C and D respectively.

FOURTH. That Robert McTurk, Treasurer of the Village of Williamsbridge, owes the City the sum of \$535.20 for moneys received by him. A statement showing such balance is hereto annexed and marked Schedule E.

SIXTH. That H. D. Lent, Supervisor of the Town of Eastchester, owes the City the sum of \$3,841.73 for taxes collected by him from June 6 to December 31, 1895. A statement showing such collections is hereto annexed, marked Schedule F.

SEVENTH. That J. M. Shinn, the Supervisor of the Town of Pelham, owes the City the sum of \$1,247.42 for taxes collected by



him from June 6 to December 31, 1895. A statement showing such collections is hereto annexed, marked Schedule G.

EIGHTH. That Frederick Liebrock, Treasurer of the Board of Excise of the Town of Westchester, owes the City \$1,570.00 for license fees collected by him and which he has omitted to pay. A statement of the same, marked Schedule H, is hereto annexed.

NINTH. That there is on deposit in the Bank of Mount Vernon the sum of \$2,500.00 to the credit of the sinking fund account of the Village of Williamsbridge. This amount belongs to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

*Seth Sprague Terry*  
*Robert A. Lewis*

Commissioners.



# SCHEDULE A.

A. M. Field, Supervisor Town of Westchester.

Balance at last audit by town board, Mch. 22, 1895,	738.28
Recd. as per cash book, Mch. 26 to May 23, 1895,	84,996.87
" " " unpaid tax record Mch. 30 to July 5, 1895	<u>3,898.03</u>
	89,633.18
Disbursements to June 12, 1895,	<u>72,961.52</u>
	16,671.66
Payment to Comptroller June 12, 1895	<u>16,101.32</u>
Balance due New York City	\$570.34



# SCHEDULE B.

## Commissioners of Improvement of Town of Westchester.

### Receipts:

May, 1895, from M. H. Murray, Recr. Taxes	15,000.00
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### Disbursements:

Balance due Treas. from last account	659.68	
Alex. J. Howell, materials	1,607.20	
Talman P. Hyde, labor &c.	276.40	
Terrence Gerrity, labor &c.	140.00	
M. J. Keogh, legal services	192.00	
Henry C. Henderson, legal services	3,000.00	
T. S. Burr, services rendered Secy.	500.00	
Samuel Warren, services rendered Treas.	500.00	
Bonker Contracting Co., materials	471.80	
Hyde & Barton, labor, material &c. contract	5,992.50	
Postage, telegrams, &c.	16.02	
Cash in bank	<u>1,644.40</u>	
	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00



# SCHEDULE C.

Moneys received for taxes of Wakefield by George F. Wettje  
and paid by him to Village Treasurer Nicholas Wilhelm.

July 18, 1890, to Nov., 1890	1,222.93
Oct. 16, 1891, to Feb. 19, 1892	5,533.20
Dec. 19, 1892, to May 5, 1893	7,160.73
Nov. 1, 1893, to Dec. 13, 1893	<u>7,174.48</u>
	21,091.34

Amount received by Wettje as per tax rolls:

1890	1,222.93	
1891	5,505.68	
1892	7,338.38	
1893	7,256.66	
Balance due New York City		<u>232.31</u>
	\$21,323.65	\$21,323.65



# SCHEDULE D.

Moneys received for taxes of Wakefield by J. A. Blumenberg and paid to Village Treasurers Nicholas Wilhelm and Stephen Toepfer.

N. Wilhelm 1893 and 1894	4,800.00
" June 4, 1894	300.00
" June 1, 1894	4,000.00
" Nov. 1894	1,000.00
S. Toepfer Dec. 18 1894	3,000.00
" Jan. 28 1895	2,000.00
" Feb. 28 1895	2,000.00
" Apl. 26 1895	1,000.00

Taxes received by Blumenberg 1893	4,825.02	
Taxes received by Blumenberg 1894	14,351.71	
Balance due New York City		<u>1,076.73</u>
	\$19,176.73	\$19,176.73



SCHEDULE E.

Robert McTurk, Treasurer, Village of Williamsbridge.

Balance on hand Aug. 15, 1894	23,716.68	
Receipts to July 9, 1895	56,530.10	
Disbursements to July 10, 1895	79,711.58	
Balance due New York City	<u>535.20</u>	
	\$80,246.78	\$80,246.78



# SCHEDULE F.

## Town of Eastchester.

	Taxes.	Sales.	School.	Amount paid after June 6, 1895
Washington ville	5,551.64			52.54
"		8,115.65		154.96
So. Washingtonville	1,536.94			
"		2,462.76		
Wakefield	1,662.94			55.55
"		2,210.81		382.70
Edenwald	82.75			17.62
"		2,096.12		120.26
Jacksonville	11.44			
"		267.86		
Arden Lots		886.60		
So. Vernon Park	6.58			7.36
"		61.79		74.49
Plot 5th Ave.		399.22		
Odell Plot		258.98		13.90
Bullard Plot		34.73		
Penfield Plot	97.38	465.77		15.85
Farm Lands	1,890.70			
"		4,886.18		955.16
Resident		5,028.54		702.77
"	609.90			13.97
Sales to private parties paid to Supervisor June 6, 1895				25.69
Unpaid School Taxes 1st Dist. 1894			850.20	643.11
Unpaid School Taxes 4th Dist. 1894			2,613.63	605.80
	\$11,450.27	\$27,175.01	\$3,463.83	\$3,841.73



SCHEDULE G.

Town of Pelham.

Taxes and Sales, 1877 to 1894

2,394.91

School taxes 1894 and 1895

333.84

Collected by Supervisor Shinn

June 6th to Dec. 31st, 1895

1,247.42



SCHEDULE H.

Moneys received by the Board of Excise of the Town of  
Westchester, Frederick Liebrock, Treasurer.

126 Liquor Licenses at \$30 each	\$3780.00
2       "       "       "       \$20       "	<u>40.00</u>
	3820.00
Amount paid to Supervisor Field	<u>2250.00</u>
Balance in Treasurer's hands	\$1570.00



REPORTS MADE BY COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS DURING THE YEAR 1896.

- Jan. 20 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions of the Peace from July 1, 1895, to January 8, 1896, showing a shortage of \$5105.60, which money has been recovered.
- Jan. 30 Report on an examination of the accounts and vouchers of the Chamberlain's office for the year ending November 30, 1895, as required by law.
- Jan. 31 Report on a contract of C. W. Collins and T. J. Gillis for regulating, grading and improving 168th Street between Webster and Franklin Avenues, recommending a deduction from final estimate of 7560 cubic yards of rock excavation, and recommending a change in system of inspection in Department of Street Improvements of 23rd and 24th Wards.
- Feb. 17 Report on an examination of the various charitable and benevolent institutions receiving appropriations from the excise fund, showing 1263 errors in the examination of 18 bills and an overpayment of \$592.87, which money has been recovered.
- Mch. 3 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the Chamberlain's and Comptroller's offices for the quarter ending December 31, 1895, as required by law.
- Mch. 24 Report on payments made by the Board of Police from the appropriation for contingent expenses for the year 1895.
- Apl. 18 Report on bids from Owen Laughlin and William Young for furnishing and delivering sod to the Park Department, as a result of which the contract was readvertised and a considerable amount saved.
- Apl. 24 Report on bill of Martin B. Brown Co.



- . Apl. 30 Report on an examination of all Magistrate's Courts from July 1, 1895, to December 31, 1895, showing a deficit of \$32.00, which has been recovered.
- . Apl. 30 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the Clerks of the old Police Courts and the Wardens for the period between July 1, 1894, and June 30, 1895.
- . June 1 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the Chamberlain's and Comptroller's offices for the quarter ending March 31, 1896, as required by law.
- . June 23 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions for the period between January 1, 1894, and May 31, 1896.
- . Aug. 5 Report on an examination of the New York Infant Asylum, showing overpayments aggregating \$16,731.62, which amount has been recovered to the City.
- . Aug. 10 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the Public Administrator from December 1, 1888, to June 30, 1896, showing a shortage of \$5550.29, which amount has not yet been paid over to the City by the Public Administrator.
- . Aug. 25 Report on an examination of the Pension Fund of the Fire Department.
- . Aug. 27 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the Chamberlain's and Comptroller's offices for the quarter ending June 30, 1896, as required by law.
- . Sep. 28 Report on an examination of the Department of Public Charities, relating to property of insane patients transferred to the State February 28, 1896, showing a shortage of cash aggregating \$4128.48, which money has been recovered.
- . Nov. 9 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the Clerks of the Magistrate's Courts and the Wardens for the six months ending June 30, 1896, showing a deficit of \$11.00, which amount has been recovered.



- Nov. 19 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions of the Peace for the period extending from June 10, 1896, to and including October 31, 1896.
- Dec. 1 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the Chamberlain's and Comptroller's offices for the quarter ending September 30, 1896, as required by law.
- Dec. 9 Inventory of property belonging to the City in charge of the Department of Public Parks.
- Dec. 15 Report on an examination of St. Zita's Home for Friendless Women of the City of New York.
- Dec. 19 Report on a contract of Thomas J. McLaughlin for regulating and grading Hawthorne Street between Seaman and Amsterdam Avenues, recommending a deduction for 7259 cubic yards of earth excavation and that the contractor be required to excavate the rock to sub-grade.
- Dec. 19 Report upon the accounts of officials of the various towns and villages annexed to the City of New York June 6, 1895, showing that nine of such officials had failed to pay into the City Treasury various sums, amounting in the aggregate to \$13,218.13. About one-third of the said sum has been recovered and the Counsel to the Corporation has taken means to collect the balance.
- Dec. 30 Report on an examination of the books and accounts of the late Board of Excise, showing a shortage of \$5980 in the accounts of Daniel Whalen as cashier, of which sum \$5000 has been recovered, and the amount of excise moneys paid in 1896 to be returned in accordance with the present excise law.
- Dec. 31 Report on an examination of the property of the Fire Department, recommending the adoption of a system for properly recording property belonging to the City in charge of the Fire Department.



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SETH SPRAGUE TERRY,  
RODNEY S. DENNIS,  
*Commissioners.*

*New York,* January 30, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

In compliance with the requirements of section 164 of the New York City Consolidation Act, we herewith transmit a report of an examination of the accounts and vouchers of the Chamberlain's office for the year ending November 30, 1896, and our certificate thereto annexed.

The law requires that such report shall be made "to the Mayor and Common Council".

Very respectfully,

*Seth Sprague Terry*  
*Rodney S. Dennis*  
Commissioners of Accounts.



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*New York,* February 3, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Sir:-

We enclose herewith a brief statement of investigations upon which formal reports were made to you during the year 1896, together with the results of some of such investigations. Examinations have also been made of the Departments of Public Works, Public Parks and Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; these are nearly completed, and reports upon them will be made later.

Section 110 of Chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882 provides that the Commissioners of Accounts shall "make such special examinations of the accounts and methods of the departments and offices of the City and County government as the Mayor may from time to time direct, and report to the Mayor the results thereof, and such other examinations as the said Commissioners may deem for the best interests of the City and County. For the purpose of ascertaining facts in connection with these examinations, they shall have full power to compel the attendance of witnesses, to administer oaths, and to examine such persons as they may deem necessary."

Believing that under this law much more was intended to be done than the making of examinations of the books and records



of the various City Departments, we determined to extend the work of the Commissioners of Accounts from mere routine examinations to examinations of the methods and work of the departments, with a view of ascertaining whether any irregularities existed which would not appear from any inspection of the books and records.

A very great opportunity for fraud exists in the performance of contracts for such public works as the regulating and grading of streets, the building of sewers, and paving. For the purpose of ascertaining whether such contracts are properly performed, we established last year an engineering bureau, and work under these contracts is now examined by us. The result of the work already performed by that bureau has demonstrated the wisdom of our action. Not only are we examining work as it progresses, but also suits based upon either completed or uncompleted contracts are referred to us by the Counsel to the Corporation for an examination of the work claimed to have been performed; we have been informed by him that such examinations and the testimony furnished by our staff have contributed largely to the successful defence of such suits; the money saved to the City in this way has been much more than sufficient to pay the entire cost of the bureau. City contractors have ascertained that the work performed by them is subject to our examination, and for that reason the terms of the contracts are being fulfilled much better than ever before.

Another new branch of work has been the examination of the quality, quantity and price of supplies furnished to the City;



for this purpose a small additional force has been employed. In a number of instances it has been ascertained that the quality of supplies has been below that specified in the contract, that the City has not always received full weight and that prices have been excessive. In these cases, the attention of the head of the department affected has been called to the facts, and a saving to the City has been the result.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lith Sprague Terry.*  
*Robert L. Dennis*

Commissioners.



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Office of the  
*Commissioners of Accounts,*  
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*New York.* March 10th, 1887

Arthur Berry, Esq.,  
Secretary &c.,

Dear Sir:-

We have received your letter of this date, and take due note of the contents thereof.

Will you kindly say to the Mayor that concerning the investigation of the affairs of the Department of Public Parks, requested by him, we shall be glad if he will cause to be sent to us the charges made by President Coleman of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and any other charges or complaints touching the management of the Department of Parks that may be lodged with, or that may come to him hereafter, during the progress of such investigation.

We also desire to be informed of any request the Mayor may have to make in regard to the question whether the testimony to be adduced shall be taken in open session or otherwise. Our rule is to admit the public to our hearings except in cases where in the opinion of the Mayor the interests of the City will be best subserved by taking the testimony in private.

Very Respectfully,

*J. P. Adams*  
Commissioners of Accounts.



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In regard to  
Dunbar's investigation

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New York, August 5, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Sir:-

Your communication of the 2nd inst., referring to the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which takes place in Buffalo the week beginning August 23, 1897, is received. In reply would say that in accordance with your wish expressed therein I have this day granted permission to such men in the employ of this office as are members of the Grand Army of the Republic who desire to attend this encampment to be absent from this office for that week.

Respectfully,

  
Commissioner.



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*New York,* December 21, 1897.

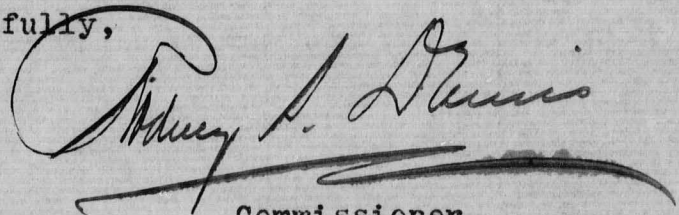
Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

In accordance with your request I send you herewith a complete roster of the officers and employes of this office as of November 30, 1897.

Yours respectfully,

  
Commissioner.