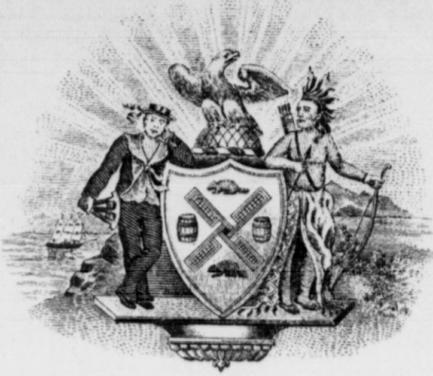


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Correction, Department of

1913, Sept.-Dec.



Department of Correction,

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

PATRICK A. WHITNEY,
Commissioner.
WM. J. WRIGHT,
Deputy Commissioner.
JOHN B. FITZGERALD,
Secretary.

Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,

New York,

September 13th, 1913.

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

Dear Sir:

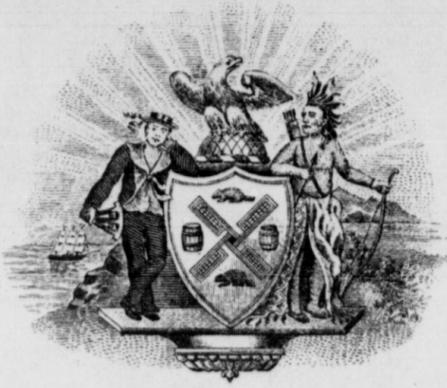
This Department desires to tender to you the use of the Steamboat "Correction", for the purpose of taking the body of the late Mayor Gaynor up to the City, on the arrival of the Steamer "Lusitania" at Quarantine.

Yours respectfully,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.

Accept



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Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,

New York,

September 25th, 1913.

Robert Adamson, Esq.,
Secretary,
Office of The Mayor,
New York City.

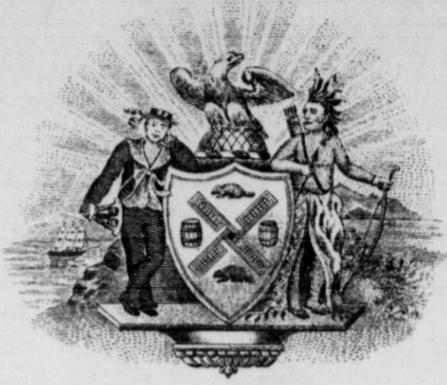
Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation over the telephone, this morning, I beg to enclose letter addressed to the Mayor by the Secretary of the American Prison Association, Mr. Joseph P. Byers, Trenton, New Jersey.

Yours very truly,

John B. Fitzgerald

Secretary.



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Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,

New York, September 26th, 1913.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter, under date of September 25th, 1913, in regard to Estimates of Appropriations for the year 1914, has been received.

In answer, I beg to state that I will be ready to give reasons for any increases which may be asked for by this Department, in the Budget for the coming year.

Very respectfully yours,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.



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Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,

New York, October 3, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph R. Kline, Mayor and
Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment,

Dear Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith, an estimate of the expenses of the Department of Correction for the year 1914:

Salary Funds Requested 1914.....	\$633,899.00
" " Allowed, 1913.....	<u>606,444.87</u>
	Increase.....\$ 27,454.13
Miscellaneous Funds Requested 1914..	\$961,435.55
" " Allowed 1913....	<u>667,602.00</u>
	Increase..... <u>\$293,833.55</u>
	Total Net Increase.....\$321,287.68

Inasmuch as this estimate has been prepared with the desire of being as economical as possible, without impairing the efficiency and usefulness of the Institutions of the Department, I trust that your Honorable Board will pass it as presented..

Respectfully,

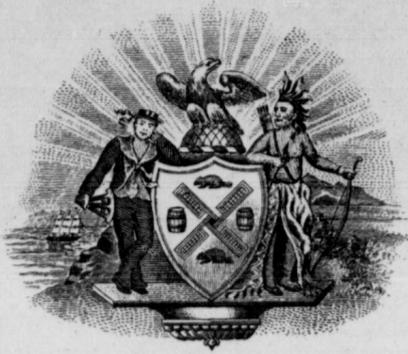
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Commissioner.

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Secretary

Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,

New York, October 4th, 1913.

Joseph Haag, Esq.,
Secretary, Board of Estimate and Apportionment,
#277 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

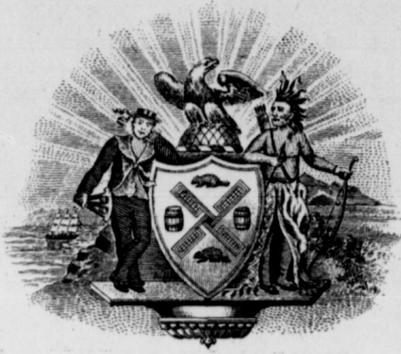
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Allowed for 1913-----	606,444.87	
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ANALYSIS AND EXPLANATION OF INCREASE IN SALARY FUNDS.

INCREASES IN SALARIES.

<u>Code No.</u>		<u>Increase.</u>
407.	William J. Wright, Deputy Commissioner, \$4000.- To \$5000.-	1000.
	John B. Fitzgerald, Secretary, \$3000.- To \$3500.-	500.
	Hugh A. Tracy, Clerk, \$1500.- To \$1800.-	300.
	Antoinette G. Becker, Telephone Operator, \$600. To \$750.-	150.
408.	Harry C. Honeck, Insp. of Rep. & Supplies, \$1500. To \$1800.	300.
	Walter A. Lamb, Clerk, \$1200.- to \$1500.-	300.
411.	Bridget Jaques, Orderly, \$360.- To \$480.-	120.
417.	Martin J. Moore, Overseer, \$1800.- To \$2500.-	700.



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419:	Richard L. Robinson, Driver, 1000.- to Foreman of Stables \$4.00 Per Day.	460.-
425:	James J. Travers, Chief of Bertillon System, \$1200. To \$1500.-	300.-
427:	James E. King, General Foreman, \$2190.- to \$2500.-	310.-
440.;	Richard G. McCloskey, Tinsmith, \$4.25 Per Day To \$4.50 Per Day	75.75
		<hr/> 4515.75

NEW POSITIONS.

DISTRICT PRISONS.

410:	3 Matrons At \$600.- For New District Court The Bronx.	1800.-
	1 Clerk, " 720.- " " " " " " "	720.-
	5 Keepers " 800.- " " " " " " "	4000.-
	2 " " 800.- For City Magistrates Court--Manhattan	1600.-

BRANCH WORKHOUSE, R. I.

416:	1 Clerk,	900.-
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CENTRAL OFFICE STABLES.

419:	2 Drivers At \$1000.-	2000.-
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DISTRICT PRISONS.

436:	1 Stoker,	1095.-
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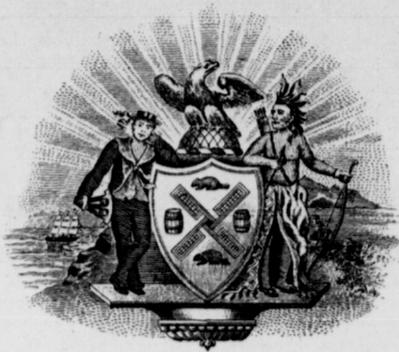
GENERAL.

445:	1 Stoker to provide for vacation of Stokers on shore duty, 98 days at \$3.00	294.-
	1 Stoker to provide for vacation of stokers on Steamboats, 56 days at \$3.00	168.-
		<hr/> 12577.-

INCREASES OF KEEPERS FOR SERVICE.

Keepers appointed at \$800.- after two years service receive \$900.- and after four years service receive \$1050.- and having served six years receive \$1200.-

Increases as above affecting 72 Keepers -----\$5701.50



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ANALYSIS AND EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OVER 1913-----27454.13

Requested Increase in Salaries-----4515.75

New Positions-----12577.-

Increase of Keepers for service----- 5701.50

Keepers Salary Increase Schedules
1914. 5701.50

Keepers Salary Increase Schedules
1913. 3091.62

Net Increase of Keepers Salary
Increase Schedules 2609.88

Amount to be paid in increased
salaries to Keepers in 1914
who were increased during 1913--
the amount of which were carried
in Code Nos. 428 to 435-----4000.-

Less total of unassigned balances
in 1913 schedules. 1950.- 2050.-

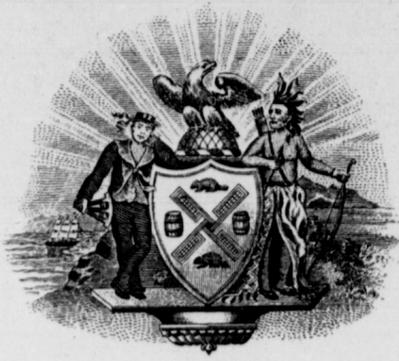
27454.13

During the early part of this year request was made for an issue of Special Revenue Bonds to the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purchase of Food Supplies &c., to provide for the needs of the department during the balance of the year 1913, the appropriations made being insufficient.

This request has not yet been acted upon but it should be considered in the calculation of the Total Net Increase which would then be only 221,287.68 had this amount been granted.

In the above mentioned request were eight items of Food Supplies aggregating \$73,653.00.

A comparison of the aggregate of Food Supply
Appropriations asked for 1914-----\$406,357.07
over the amounts allowed for 1913----- 330,192.58
shows an aggregate increase of 76,164.49



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The following will explain the other more notable increases in Miscellaneous Funds:

501: GENERAL PLANT MATERIALS

Asked for 1914-----	55,031.25
Allowed for 1913.-----	<u>24,600.-</u>
Increase.	30,431.25

This is for materials for repairs and replacements by prison labor and includes an item of \$3,000.- for the construction of a shop at the Penitentiary for the manufacture of articles in the Galvanized Iron line such as ash cans &c., to be disposed of to other departments.

504: PRISON INDUSTRIES, GENERAL PLANT MATERIALS

Amount requested 1914-----	121,000.00
Amount allowed 1913-----	<u>94,000.00</u>
Increase	27,000.00

This is for the purchase of materials for the manufacture at the Penitentiary of articles which are supplied to other City Departments.

The sums received from this source and turned in to the City Chamberlain January 1st to September 30th amount to -----126,891.49

506: GENERAL REPAIRS

Amount requested 1914-----	66,225.-
Amount allowed 1913-----	<u>17,410.-</u>
Increase.	48,815.-

This includes Caulking Steamer Hart's Island-----	1000.-
Caulking Steamer Riker's Island-----	1000.-
New Boilers Steamer "Massasoit"	12000.-
Electric Wiring " " "	1000.-



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General Repairs Steamer "Massasoit"	3000.-
General Repairs Steamer "Correction"	6000.-
Drydocking &c., " "	500.-

The above repairs were ordered by the Local Steamboat Inspection Bureau.

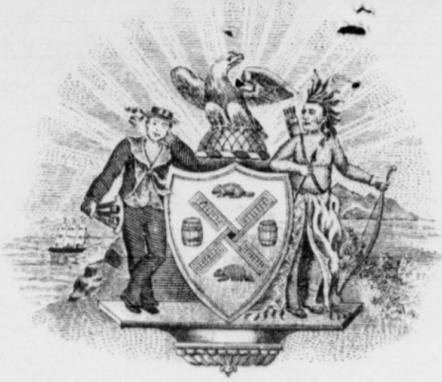
Repairs to Ice Plant, Hart's Island-----	10,000.-
Installing Cable to Coal Hoist &c.,-----	2,000.-
Repairs to City Prison, Queens-----	6,025.-

Inasmuch as this estimate has been prepared with the desire
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of being economical as possible, without impairing the efficiency and
usefulness of the institutions of the department, I trust that your
Honorable Board will pass it as presented.

Very respectfully,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.



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Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,

New York,

October 8th, 1913.

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of October 2nd, 1913, relative to the enclosed petition of Frederick H. Bartels, No. 736 Kelly Street, New York City, I would say that if application in the form of an affidavit, from the said Frederick H. Bartels, stating that new evidence in his case could be presented to me, and if he agreed to waive all claim for back pay, against the City of New York, I would grant him a re-hearing in the case.

The Petition which Mr. Bartels addressed to you is herewith returned.

Very truly yours,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.

(Enclosure)

736 Kelly Street,
New York City,

September 30th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolf L. Kline,
Mayor of the City of New York,
City Hall, New York City, N. Y.

Honorable Sir:-

I most respectfully make application for reinstatement to the position of Keeper in the Department of Correction, Branch Workhouse, Hart's Island, from which position I was dismissed on October 31st, 1912.

The charge against me was that I had violated a regulation of the department in striking a prisoner. My reasons for making the application, briefly, are as follows: Prior to the charges, I had served twenty-nine years in the department and had never been brought up on charges, or had any charges made against me.

The testimony upon which my dismissal was based was absolutely false, but at the time of my hearing, this fact was not known to me. Subsequently I received information from various sources that the witnesses who testified against me had, with design, manufactured their testimony to accomplish my dismissal. Documentary evidence of this fact is now in the hands of my counsel, Alfred J. Talley of No. 165 Broadway, New York City, and I shall be glad to submit it.

I did strike a prisoner on the afternoon of October 5th, 1913, but the conditions under which the punishment was inflicted were such that it made it absolutely necessary for the maintenance of

Hon. A. L. K. - 2:

discipline to do so. That I acted right under the circumstances is attested to by various witnesses, who since the trial, have come forward and are now willing to corroborate the fact that I acted properly in the premises and without any undue harshness or cruelty.

The prisoner who was struck committed suicide some four days after the punishment was inflicted, and the cause of his death was his own voluntary act, and was not due to the punishment I inflicted. The whole case has been investigated thoroughly both by the department and the Coroner and no blame whatever was attached to me by the Coroner.

During the month of October next, had I been permitted to retain my position in the department, I would have served thirty years, during which period, as I have said before, my record has been one without reproach or complaint.

My dismissal was unjust as subsequent facts have demonstrated and I believe that if you will investigate the circumstances, you will agree with me that I should be reinstated in my position in the Department of Correction. Should you decide to reopen my case, I will place in your hands all documents pertaining thereto and will summon, if you so desire, the parties who are the authors of said documents and who are willing to testify under oath as to the correctness and truth of the statements which they have subscribed.

Trusting that this appeal will meet with your ap-

Hon. A. L. K. - 3:

proval and consideration and that you will take steps to have me
granted a re-hearing, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Fred. H. Bartel

Sworn to before me this 14th day
14th day of October, 1913.

S. T. Gray

COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS
CITY OF NEW YORK.

736 Kelly St,

N. Y. City October 14, 1913

Hon. Patrick A. Whitney, Commissioner.

S i r:-

In connection with my application for re-instatement to the position of Keeper at Branch Workhouse, Hart's Island, from which I was dismissed by you on October 31, 1912, I herewith wish to state that I will not, if reinstated to above position look for any claim from the City of New York, (will waive all back pay) from the time of my dismissal, Oct 31, 1912 to the time of my reinstatement should the new evidence in my case entitle me to such.

Respectfully

Test. H. Bartels,
Subscribed & sworn
to before me this
date October 14th 1913
Samuel S. Miller
Notary Public
N.Y. City.

736 Kelly St,

N. Y. City October 14, 1913

Hon. Patrick A. Whitney, Commissioner.

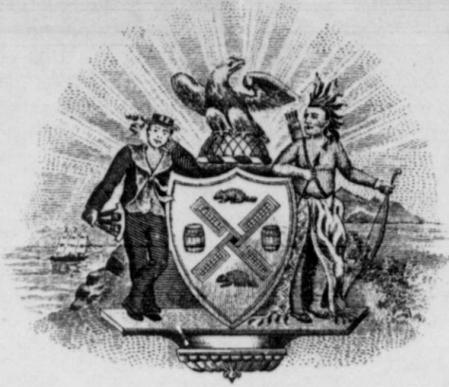
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Thos. A. Bartels,



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Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,

New York,

November 6th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline, Mayor,
Chairman, Board of
Estimate and Apportionment.

*\$1200.
1/2 = \$600*

Dear Sir:

Mr. James T. Cooper, Keeper at the Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island, has made application for retirement as follows:

"I want to make application for retirement from the Department of Correction, on December 31st, 1913, for the following reasons, viz.:

1st. I was appointed in the Department of Charities and Correction, on April 1st, 1877.

2nd. I am eighty (80) years of age.

3rd. I am a Civil War Veteran, having served in the 90th N. Y. Volunteers."

(Signed) James T. Cooper.

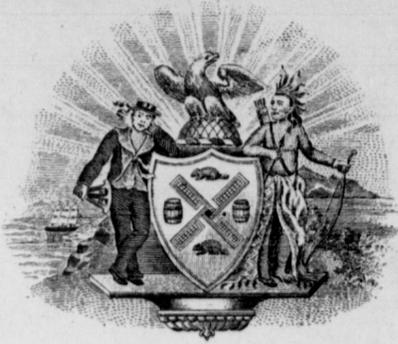
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(Signed) Patrick Hayes,
Warden.

The above application has my approval. I would, therefore ask that you will kindly present the request to the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for its consideration.

Very respectfully yours,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.



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Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,

New York,

November 6th, 1913.

William B. Crowell, Esq.,
Assistant Corporation Counsel,
Office of The Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of November 5th, 1913, relative to proposed Ordinance, which gives the right to a writ of certiorari to removed members of the uniformed force of the Department of Correction, I would say that I appeared before the Committee of the Board of Aldermen and argued in favor of the passage of such an ordinance.

The reasons given by me at the time, were that I was desirous of giving full protection to the members of the uniformed force of this Department, so that a removal might be reviewed by the proper authorities, putting our force on the same plane as that of members of the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Department of Street Cleaning.

These reasons still hold good, and I would state that I still approve of the ordinance.

Furthermore, I would inform you that a bill of similar nature, was presented to the Legislature, but, at my request, it did not come out of the Committee for the reasons that I believed that the Home Rule Measure which was then under consideration, gave the Board of Aldermen power to regulate a matter of this kind.

Yours very truly,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.



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Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,

New York,

November 6th, 1913.

William B. Crowell, Esq.,
Assistant Corporation Counsel,
Office of The Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of November 5th, 1913, relative to the division of Matrons and Keepers into three platoons, I would say that I also appeared before the Committee of the Board of Aldermen on this matter, and argued in favor of its adoption, for the reason that the State and the City are virtually pledged to an eight-hour work-day, and, as the keepers and matrons in the Department of Correction work on an average of twelve hours each day, I felt that something should be done to reduce their working hours. I, therefore, made a strenuous plea in favor of the ordinance as afterwards passed by the Board of Aldermen.

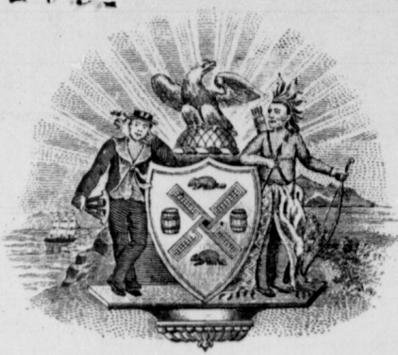
In answer to your request for an estimate of the increased amount of money required to put this ordinance into effect, I would call your attention to a letter which I sent to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment relative to this very matter, on October 29th, 1913, and which is as follows:-

"October 29, 1913.

Joseph Haag, Esq.,
Secretary, Board of Estimate & Apportionment,
#277 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that, at their meeting yesterday, the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution to the effect that 8 hours shall constitute a day's work for Keepers and Matrons. Should this resolution be approved by his Honor the Mayor, it will be necessary, in order to make provision for same that the following additional number of Keepers and Matrons be provided for:



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148 East 20th Street,

New York,

	Keepers.	Matrons.
City Prison, Manhattan,	14	3
City Prison, Brooklyn,	7	1
City Prison, Queens,	5	2
District Prisons,	6	1
Penitentiary, B. I.,	15	2
Workhouse, B. I.,	10	4
Branch Workhouse, R. I.	5	---
Branch Workhouse, H. I.,	8	3
N.Y. City Reformatory, H. I.	4	---
74 Keepers, at \$800. per annum,	\$59,200.	
16 Matrons, at \$600. " "	9,600.	
Total Cost,	<u>\$68,800.</u> "	

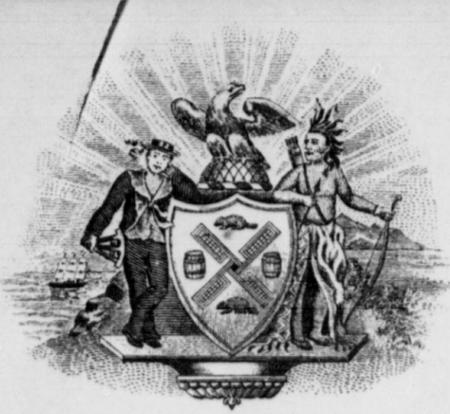
As an offset to the cost as set forth above, the fact of the keepers and matrons being put on eight-hour shifts, would save the cost of Maintenance, which the keepers and matrons now receive. The estimate of this cost of maintenance, is about \$25,000. a year.

For the above reasons, I am in favor of the ordinance.

Respectfully yours,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.



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Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,

New York,

November 7th, 1913.

William B. Crowell, Esq.,
Assistant Corporation Counsel,
Office of The Mayor, New York City.

Dear Mr. Crowell:

In writing to you yesterday, relative to an ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen, creating a Uniformed Force in the Department of Correction, I would say that I omitted one reason why such an ordinance should be approved by the Mayor. The reason is this: The Wardens, Head Keepers, Keepers and others mentioned in the ordinance, as constituting the uniformed force, are in a good many respects in a position similar to the members of the Police Department and Fire Department, and are subjected to criticisms and complaints from outside of the Department, the same as the members of the Departments mentioned above. Therefore, I believe that they should be protected in case of removal by the right of a writ of certiorari.

Very truly yours,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.



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Commissioner's Office,
148 East 20th Street,
New York,

November 8th, 1913.

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

Dear Sir:

Mr. Hugh O'Brien, Keeper at the City Prison, Manhattan, has made application for retirement from active service, in the Department of Correction, as follows:

"Having been in the service of the Department of Correction for upwards of twenty-seven years, and being an Honorably Discharged Veteran of the Civil War, I feel impelled by declining health and advancing years, (being over seventy years of age), to ask for Retirement from further duty under the provisions of the State Veteran Pension Bill, on one-half of my present salary.

I therefore most respectfully ask your coöperation in the matter."

(Signed) Hugh O'Brien,
Keeper, City Prison,
Manhattan.

I approve of the above application, which is in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 479, Laws of 1912.

I would, therefore, ask that you will kindly present the request of Mr. O'Brien to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for its consideration.

Very respectfully yours,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.

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GRAND JURY- SEPTEMBER TERM
1913 Cont'd, SUPREME Court

QUEENS COUNTY

~~THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF~~
~~NEW YORK~~

~~vs~~

In the Matter of the
CITY PRISON,
QUEENS.

RECOMMENDATION.

MATTHEW J. SMITH

District Attorney of Queens County

Long Island City, N. Y.

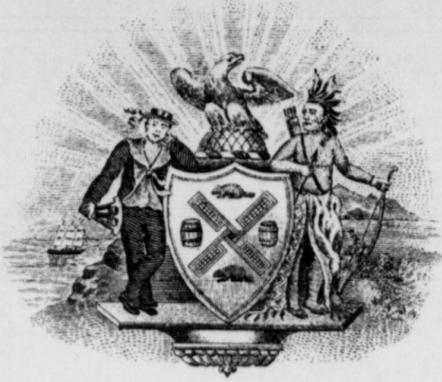


We, The Grand Jury of the County of Queens, called and sworn on September 23rd, 1913, and continuing during the month of October, having visited the city prison and jail in our county, and having been impressed with the general deplorable condition of the same it is our opinion that it is unhealthy and unsanitary, We cannot nor can any Grand Jury from a casual visit undertake to specify in detail the numerous defects and requirements, but inasmuch as former Grand Juries have called attention to this condition without avail we do hereby express our condemnation of the general situation and do strongly recommend that such action be taken as will result in a thorough investigation and complete report to the proper authorities as to this condition with a view to obtaining speedy relief and immediate action upon the same and we call upon the Mayor of the City of New York to instruct the officials having charge of such Prisons to investigate this matter at once, and make a report which will call for intelligent appropriation for such alterations and requirements as are necessary.

We recommend that the incoming Grand Jury give the above recited matter immediate consideration,

George E. Payne
Foreman

Chas E. Doughty
Secretary



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New York,

November 17th, 1913.

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

Dear Sir:

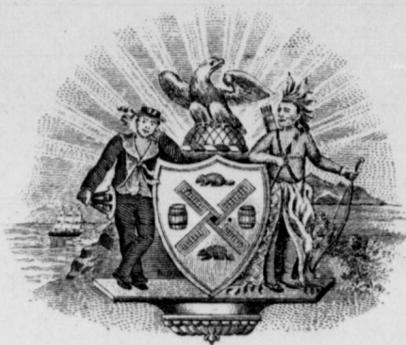
Mr. James Matthews, Executive Secretary, has notified me of your kind appointment of me as a Delagate of The City of New York, to the Conference of Charities and Correction, to be held at Buffalo, November 18th to 20th, 1913.

I accept the appointment with pleasure, and hope to attend.

Thanking you for your courtesy and kindness, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Patrick A. Whitney
Commissioner.



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Mayor of The City of New York.

Dear Sir:

In acknowledging receipt of yours of November 13th, enclosing a presentment from the Grand Jury of the County of Queens, would say that the statements made in the presentment are true and that no one in the City Government would sooner see those conditions corrected than myself.

A history of the Queens Jail, covering the years 1912 and 1913, would not be amiss. Prior to June 1st, 1912, the jail was under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff of Queens County, at which time by act of Legislature it was placed under the control of the Department of Correction. One of the strong arguments in favor of the passage of the bill was that, if a change of jurisdiction was made, there would be some chance of bettering the conditions which existed in the jail that had been condemned by the State Prison Commission. We are happy to say that some things have been done in the way of improvements, but very much remains to be done before the jail can be called a fit habitation for prisoners. The jail came into the Department of Correction, as stated before, on June 1st, 1912, and, of course, no provision had been made in our 1912 budget for such a contingency, so you can see we had no funds available for repairs of any kind. However, we got some money by taking it from other Department sources; skimping here and there, neglecting some things which were necessary but which did not seem so important as a few of those bad ones at Queens, and thereby a little was done to make the Queens Jail presentable. Our Department Inspector made a thorough examination of the jail. He informed me of what was needed. From his reports, I quote the following:



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"I must report that the sanitary condition of the plumbing system in the cells of this institution (City Prison, Queens) is in a very unhealthy and filthy condition, * * * .

* * * it is needless to say that the inmates are compelled to live in this foul atmosphere, which situation, it seems to me, should be put up squarely to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for immediate action to allow a sufficient appropriation to put the sanitary conditions, if money for no other repairs is given, in a healthy and habitable condition for the prisoners incarcerated therein. To put the plumbing system in shape it will cost at least \$10,000.00".

Among our budget requests for 1913, the sum of \$85,000.00 was asked for the purpose of making the needed repairs at the Queens Jail. The money was denied me because the Budget Committee ruled that it should be a corporate stock request, so, on November 6th, 1912, a request was made on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as per copy of letter enclosed herewith.

The enclosed clipping from the City Record will show what was done with our request for money for improving the Queens Jail.

I desire particularly to call your attention to two allowances of money which were made to our Department, namely:

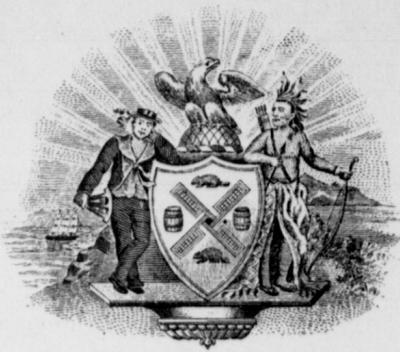
Installation of a laundry plant, \$3,000.00

Installation of a sterilizer, 1,000.00.

These were given and there is no place suitable in the jail to install them. I am going to request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to allow the transfer of the \$8,000.00 allotted this Department, for elevation of wall, to building an addition to the jail for laundry and kitchen purposes.

I make this long explanation to show that there has been no neglect by the Department of Correction in trying to improve things at the Queens Jail.

I endorse the recommendation made by the Grand Jury in respect to an investigation of the Queens Jail. I would suggest that you call upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to



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appoint a committee for that purpose. And I would also suggest that the committee go further and make an investigation into the buildings of the Department of Correction on Blackwell's Island, Riker's Island, Hart's Island and of the City Prison, so that something may be done by the City to alleviate the existing conditions. But very little can be done to reform the inmates of our institutions unless we have the proper tools to work with, and the first step is to make the living quarters habitable.

The press is giving quite considerable space to a report from two women who entered the Auburn State Prison and remained there for one week. Nearly all who read the report of the interviews wonder why something has not been done to better conditions at Auburn. Yet in our Penitentiary at Blackwell's Island we have women confined in cells 3 feet 6 inches wide. We have no work for them to do. Their only opportunity of relief from the monotony of cell life is to go down to the corridor for meals, where they can exercise a little before and after eating. We have no workshops for them. A few of them are employed in cleaning around the prison. As you can see from the enclosed clipping from City Record, a request for \$250,000.00 to put up a prison for women with workshops, kitchen, mess hall, etc., was denied. New York City can not be proud of its prisons, and I beg of you to do all in your power to have a committee of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment make a report on them.

Thanking you for the opportunity given me to comment on the Grand Jury presentment and trusting that it may bring forth good in the near future, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.

(Copy)

November 6th, 1913.

Joseph Haag, Esq., Secretary,
Board of Estimate and Apportionment,
No. 277 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

I would respectfully ask the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to authorize the issue of Corporate Stock to the amount of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.-), for the purpose of improving the City Prison, Borough of Queens, both as to sanitary conditions and the means of securely guarding the prisoners therein confined.

This institution (formerly Queens County Jail, under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff of Queens County) was on June 1st of this year taken under the care of the Department of Correction.

We made application in our Departmental Estimate for 1913 for \$75,000.- to put this jail in proper condition, as a result of a report on its condition made by our Department Inspector Mr. Charles Jamer, but were advised that this was a matter that should be provided for by an issue of Corporate Stock.

In order to meet the immediate sanitary needs of the situation Mr. Joseph D. Duffy a plumber, was ordered to make an inspection of the prison in order to ascertain what repairs would be necessary. He reported that it would be a waste of money to make repairs.

A copy of the report on this matter by our Department Inspector A estimating the cost of putting the plumbing system in proper shape at \$10,000.- as well as his previous report on general repairs needed, to cost \$75,000.- is herewith enclosed.

I would strongly urge the granting of this request, and trust that your Honorable Board will set aside the necessary funds for this purpose.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) Patrick A. Whitney.

Commissioner.

Department of Correction.

Department of Finance, City of New York, Bureau of Municipal Investigation and Statistics, June 16, 1913.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Gentlemen—We transmit herewith our report upon the requests made by the Department of Correction for corporate stock.

Our recommendations are embraced in the attached resolutions, which are drawn in accordance with the two schedules, A and B, included herein.

Schedule A includes our recommendations for all new authorizations of corporate stock other than additions to existing authorizations.

Schedule B includes our recommendations for all requests for corporate stock to be disapproved.

Schedule A—New Authorizations.

*Women's Court, Women's Jail and Place of Detention for Women.....	\$450,000 00
Installation of a laundry plant in the City Prison, Borough of Queens...	3,000 00
Installation of a sterilizer in the City Prison, Borough of Queens.....	1,000 00
Reconstruction of the lighting system throughout the first three floors of the Administration Building, Borough of Queens	1,000 00
Elevation of the wall surrounding the yard of the City Prison, Borough of Queens	8,000 00
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Schedule B—Requests Disapproved.

Male workhouse building on Rikers Island.....	\$1,200,000 00
Addition to City Prison, Manhattan	750,000 00
Addition to Penitentiary, prison for women with workshops, kitchen, mess hall, etc.	250,000 00
Addition to storehouse on Blackwells Island	40,000 00
Repairs to cots, etc., City Prison, Queens	650 00
Repairs to cell doors and new locking device, City Prison, Queens.....	10,000 00
Repairs to plumbing system and new showers.....	3,000 00
Fire standpipes and fire hose, male prison, City Prison, Queens.....	1,500 00
Installation of standpipe with hose and hose connections, etc., in the Administration Building of the City Prison, Borough of Queens.....	750 00
Purchase of kitchen equipment for the City Prison, Borough of Queens...	1,500 00
Removal of stairway and repairs to cell structure, male prison, City Prison, Queens	500 00
Repair nozing to treads, City Prison, Queens.....	500 00
Repairs to window guards, sash, frames, trim, etc., City Prison, Queens...	2,000 00
Repairs to lock on entrance door, City Prison, Queens.....	75 00
New terrazzo floor in corridor, male prison, City Prison, Queens.....	350 00
Reconstruction lighting installation, male prison, City Prison, Queens.....	1,500 00
Painting interior of male prison, City Prison, Queens.....	3,500 00
New receiving office, City Prison, Queens	150 00
Warden's and general offices and equipment, City Prison, Queens.....	1,500 00
Changes and additions to Matrons' quarters and civil prison, City Prison, Queens	500 00
General repairs and alterations to female prison, City Prison, Queens.....	14,250 00
Improvement of plumbing system, City Prison, Queens.....	10,000 00
Painting interior of Administration Building, City Prison, Queens.....	1,500 00
New terrazzo floor, visitors' corridor, City Prison, Queens.....	500 00
New steam heating system, City Prison, Queens.....	6,000 00
Intercommunicating telephone system, City Prison, Queens.....	600 00
Paving prison yard, City Prison, Queens	2,500 00
Painting exterior window guards, grilles, window frames, sash, door frames, doors, cornices, etc., City Prison, Queens	1,000 00
Electric lighting installation, City Prison, Manhattan	15,000 00
Electric lighting installation, Workhouse, Blackwells Island.....	5,000 00
Fire apparatus appliances, standpipes, hose, extinguishers, etc., all institutions	20,000 00
New steam heating system for buildings on Harts Island.....	25,000 00
New dock, Rikers Island	34,500 00
New dock, Harts Island	36,700 00
New plumbing system, Second District Prison.....	10,000 00
New copper roof, north wing, Workhouse, Blackwells Island.....	5,000 00
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	\$2,455,525 00

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolutions. Respectfully,
WM. A. PRENDERGAST, Comptroller; A. L. KLINE, President, Board of Aldermen; GEORGE McANENY, President, Borough of Manhattan; Corporate Stock Budget Committee.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 47 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of corporate stock of The City of New York to an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000), to provide means for the installation of a laundry plant in the City Prison, Borough of Queens, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction, and that when authority therefor shall have been obtained from the Board of Aldermen, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue said corporate stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 169 of the Greater New York Charter, the proceeds thereof to the amount of the par value of the stock to be applied to the purposes aforesaid.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The Comptroller, the Acting President of the Board of Aldermen and the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Queens and Richmond—13.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 47 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of corporate stock of The City of New York to an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), to provide means for the installation of a sterilizer in the City Prison, Borough of Queens, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction, and that when authority therefor shall have been obtained from the Board of Aldermen, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue said corporate stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 169 of the Greater New York Charter, the proceeds thereof to the amount of the par value of the stock to be applied to the purposes aforesaid.

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The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 47 of the Greater New York Charter, as amended, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment hereby approves of the issue of corporate stock of The City of New York to an amount not exceeding eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), to provide means for the elevation of the wall surrounding the yard of the City Prison, Borough of Queens, under the

* It is the opinion of the Committee that the purchase of a site and the construction of a building thereon to be used as a Women's Night Court, Women's Jail and Place of Detention for Women should be under the jurisdiction of the President of the Borough of Manhattan. The sum of \$450,000 for this purpose has been included in the new authorizations recommended by the Committee for the President's office.

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THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1913.

jurisdiction of the Department of Correction, and that when authority therefor shall have been obtained from the Board of Aldermen, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to issue said corporate stock of The City of New York in the manner provided by section 169 of the Greater New York Charter, the proceeds thereof to the amount of the par value of the stock to be applied to the purposes aforesaid.

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Commissioner's Office,

448 East 20th Street,

New York,

December 18th, 1913.

The Honorable A. L. Kline,
Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Letter addressed to me as President of the Board of Parole, asking for Report and Recommendations for improving conditions and extending the work in that Branch of the City Government which has charge of the Reformatory for Misdemeanants.

Your letter has been referred to the Secretary of the Board of Parole, who will assist me in preparing the report.

Very respectfully,

Patrick A. Whitney
President.

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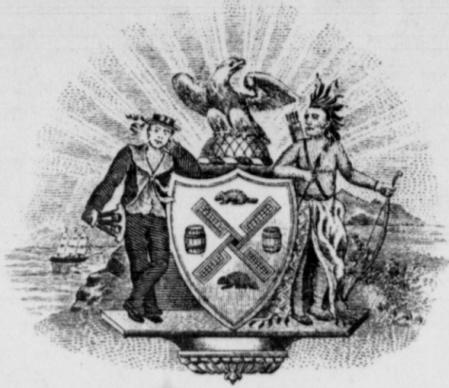
Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 10th, which reached me this morning.

The recommendation of the Commissioner of Accounts in regard to pay rolls and time records, has received my approval, as per my letter of December 10th, 1913, to the Hon. H. M. Rice, Commissioner.

Respectfully yours,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.



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December 30, 1913.

Re. reinstatement of
Dennis Lynch as Keeper.

James Matthews, Esq.,
Executive Secretary,
Office of The Mayor,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of December 29th, 1913, I would say that on December 26th, 1913, a request was made to the Municipal Civil Service Commission, for Mr. Lynch's reinstatement in this Department as Keeper.

Respectfully yours,

Patrick A. Whitney

Commissioner.