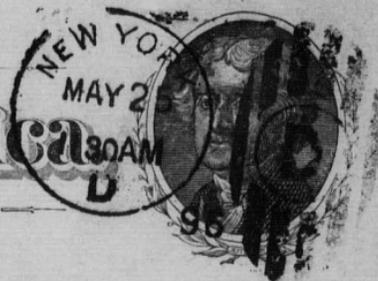


POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

United States of America

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.



Mayor Strong  
City Hall  
City

24 May 1896

Dr Sir

Kindly ascertain from  
Narrow why he allowed the  
men to leave accumulation  
of ashes & Garbage in front  
3053 E 18th St from the past 10 days  
Disturbance breeder Respect yours

H. B. Tucker  
411 E 19th St.



Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, May 27th, 1896. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Commissioner I beg to return you the enclosed postal card from H. B. Tucker, and also a copy of a letter which has this day been sent to Mr. Tucker.

Yours truly,

*Jno. P. Yates*  
Private Secretary.

(2 enclosures)

*(Copy)*

Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,



*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* May 27th, 1896. *189*

H. B. Tucker, Esq.,

400 E. 19th St., City.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Commissioner I beg to inform you that your postal card of the 25th inst., addressed to the Mayor, has been forwarded to this Department for attention.

The District Superintendent, who was instructed to investigate the cause of the non-removal of ashes and garbage from 353 East 18th street, reports that he personally visited the tenants of the premises last week and explained to them that the ordinance requiring the separation of ashes and garbage is being enforced by the Health Department, and that the material referred to could not be taken because of being mixed until a separation had been made.

When that regulation is complied with, there will be no delay by this Department in its removal.

Yours truly,

*(signed) Jno. P. Yates*

Private Secretary.

C.B.L.



Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, May 28th, 1896. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary,

Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of May 27th inclosing a petition from the hotel and water front property owners, who are subject to discomfort from floating garbage.

Of course, nothing can be done until the garbage contract is determined on and proper arrangements made.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

Petition returned herein.

(Inclosure)

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Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:--

We, the undersigned, owners of Hotels and water front property, respectfully request that you stop the dumping of garbage at sea to float back and ruin our shores and business, on or before June 1st.

Respectfully,

Hotel,

Location,

Proprietor,

The Man Beach

Bathing

Co. by Bathing

Amstevon Hotel

500 feet Bathing

Fred Lindy

100 feet

" "

George Vanderveer

200 feet Bathing

E. C. Smith

200 feet

John E. Vanderveer Hotel

Bathing

Arthur Chaubert

Gar Boyle

Hotel 500 feet Bathing

Harry Taylor

200 Bathing

Augustus Cohen

Hotel

Frank W. Andrews Surf Ave

Corrad Sturtevant 150 Bathing

C. J. Johnson

Hotel 300 feet Bathing

H. Kelly Claunders Hotel

Jarvis Water 350 Bathing

R. Rosshall, 300 Feet

Hotel Bathing

Vanderveer Hotel

Prosper Home

Cahoon Hotel

Fitchner Hotel

Rosen Hotel  
Rosen Hotel

John Davlin 116 ft Battery

Louis Dranch 50 feet Battery

Henry Henderson 100 ft <sup>Hotel</sup> Battery

A. D. Buschman 750 ft front-



Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,

S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, May 29th, 1896. 189

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your communication of the 28th instant, enclosing a letter from Messrs. Parker, Stearns & Sutton, making complaint of the seizure of gutter bridges from in front of their premises, a copy in answer to that firm is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Deputy Commissioner.

COPY.

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



S.A.W.

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* May 29th, 1896. 189

Messrs. Parker, Stearns & Sutton,  
228-229 South St., City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of May 26th to his Honor the Mayor, in regard to the seizure of two gutter bridges, by this Department, taken from in front of your premises, has been referred to the Department of Street Cleaning for reply.

This seizure was made at 3 A. M., on the 23rd instant, after the receipt of a report from the Police Department to the effect that the gutter beneath them was in a dirty condition.

This report upon examination, was found to be absolutely correct.

If you will refer back to December 14th, 1895, you will find that a gutter bridge of yours was seized on that date also for the same reason.

All who use gutter bridges have been repeatedly notified, personally, or their employees have, that it is absolutely necessary to keep the gutters beneath them clean at all times.

The fault lies most likely in your men not giving the attention necessary to the gutters.

Your permit requires that the gutter be cleaned once a week, but this Department must insist upon it being cleaned as

(2)

often as it becomes dirty.

The bridges will be released upon the payment of \$2.00 fine for each bridge.

Yours truly,

(signed ) F. M. GIBSON,

Deputy Commissioner.

Complaints

1896

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(attached) S. K. OLBORN

VIVARTTAS SYSTEM ODORLESS REFUSE DESTROYER,

*108 Fulton*  
~~127 AND 129 WATER~~ STREET,

SEE DIAGRAMS ON OTHER SIDE.

NEW YORK, June 1st. 189<sup>6</sup>

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor.

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

As you expressed a desire to have all light possible on the question of Final Disposition of Garbage and all other city Refuse, I take the liberty to hand you the enclosed copy of letter sent to Gustav Schwab, Esq. on December 20th. 1894, which I think will assist you very much in solving the important problem.

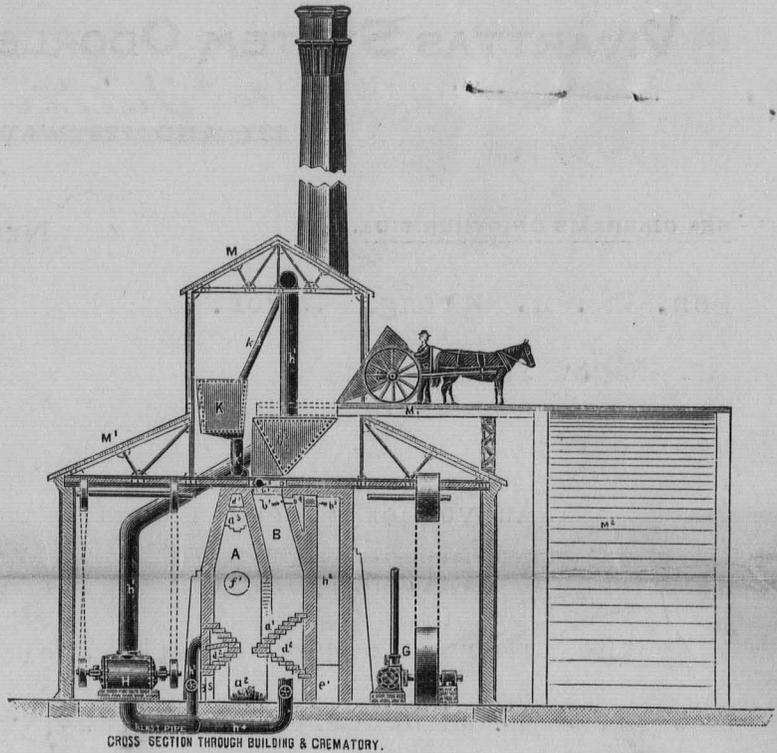
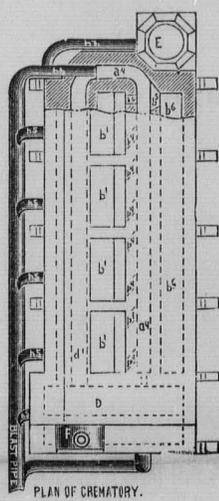
House seperation would be one of the greatest nuisances and most dangerous methods that could be adopted.

Our system can handle everything, in bulk, in a thorough sanitary way, without any expensive changes in method of gathering and very much cheaper than anything that has yet been put before you.

Very Respectfully Yours

*S. G. Smith*

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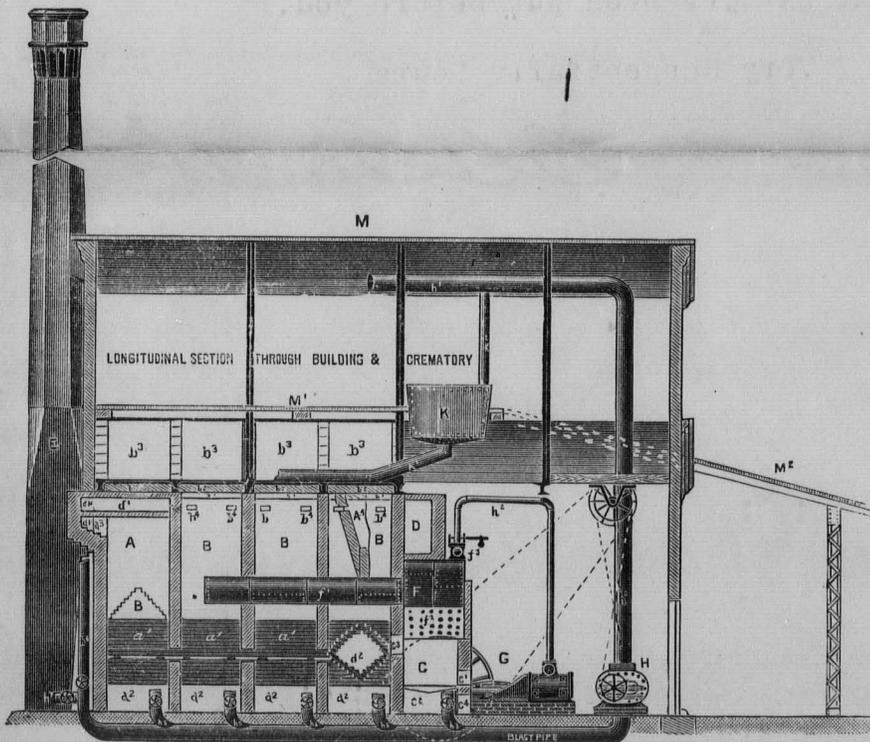


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DESCRIPTION.

- A Combustion Chamber
- a1 Burning Hearth.
- a2 Ash Pit.
- a3 Opening from Combustion Chamber to Smoke Flue.
- a4 Smoke Flue.
- a5 Ash Pit Doors.
- B Dry Cells.
- b1 Openings of Dry Cells.
- b2 Covers of Openings.
- b3 Chutes to Dry Cells.
- b4 Openings from Cells to Smoke Flue.
- b5 Opening from Smoke Flue to Down Take.
- b6 Down Take or Second Combustion Chamber.
- C Coal Fire Furnace.
- c1 Furnace Door.
- c2 Coal Fire Ash Pit.
- c3 Opening from Coal Fire to First Cell.
- c4 Coal Fire Ash Pit Door.
- D Hot Air Chamber.
- d1 Passage for Hot Air to Smoke Flue.
- d2 Passages for Hot Air to Combustion Chamber and Dry Cells.
- E Chimney.
- e1 Opening from Down Take to Chimney.
- F Boiler.
- f1 Extension Tube of Boiler.
- f2 Water Legs of Boiler.
- f3 Safety Valve.
- G Engine.
- H Blower.
- h1 Supply Pipe to Blower taking Foul air, Gases and Smoke from Building.
- h2 Steam Pipe to Engine.
- h3 Blast Pipe from Blower to Coal Fire Furnace.
- h4 " " " " " Hot Air Chamber.
- h5 " " " " " Combustion Chamber A.
- h6 " " " " " Smoke Flue.
- h7 " " " " " Chimney.
- K Night Soil Tank.
- k1 Feed from Tank to Dry Cells
- k2 Vent Pipe from Tank to Supply Pipe of Blower.
- M Building.
- m1 Dump Platform.
- m2 Inclining approach to Dump Platform.





No 35 & 37 WOOSTER ST.  
(copy) *New York,*

May 21st, 1896.

The Department of Public Works,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

We would kindly request you to inform us why the plank in front of our building was removed. We have a permit for a plank gutter; furthermore, same was cleaned yesterday morning, and the writer personally saw it himself. It also can be proved by three (3) eye witnesses. We hereby notify your department, that we shall hold you responsible for any accident that may occur, or damage that may be done on account of the removal of the plank, and request you to return same at once.

Yours very truly,

THEO. TIEDEMANN & BRO.

New York, May 23rd, 1896.

Messrs. Theodore Tiedemann & Bro.,

35 Wooster St. N. Y. City.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your inquiry of the 21st inst., I would say that a gutter plank was not removed from in front of your premises by this Department. It may have been removed by the Department of Street Cleaning, to which you should write on the subject.

Very respectfully,

Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.



No 35 & 37 WOOSTER ST.

(copy)

*New York*

May 22nd, 1896.

Messrs. Theo. Tiedemann & Bro.,  
35 Wooster St., City.

Gentlemen:

Yours of May 21st received, and in answer would say that the matter has been referred to the District Superintendent for report on the subject, and he states that there were four (4) gutter planks in front of your premises, each of which were lifted up to be inspected as to the condition beneath them. Three of them were comparatively clean while the one seized was dirty. Otherwise it would not have been taken.

In view of this fact, it cannot be released without the payment of the fine.

Yours truly,

F. W. Gibson,

Deputy Commissioner.

New York, May 25th, 1896.

F. W. Gibson, Esq.,

Deputy Commissioner Dept. Street Cleaning,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

We have been favored with yours of the 22nd inst., and in reply desire to state, that your district superintendent's report is incorrect in respect to the number of gutter planks in front of our premises.



No 35 & 37 WOOSTER ST.

*New York.*

as we have only three of these, one of which was removed by your superintendent, leaving us in possession of two, which are visible for his or your inspection at any time. If his report as regards the dirt under one of the planks is <sup>as</sup> incorrect as the statement above referred to, it would seem that his report is of a worthless character. At all events, we reiterate our previous statement, that the cleaning under our planks was thoroughly done on the morning of the 20th inst., and if cleaning on the part of our neighbors at a later hour in the day brought some of their refuse under our plank, we contend that we cannot be responsible for such an occurrence; and it is simply an outrage to impose a fine in view of the facts.

Awaiting your reply, we are,

Very respectfully,

THEO. TIEDEMANN & BRO.

New York June 2nd, 1896.

F. W. Gibson, Esq.,

Deputy Commissioner Dept. Street Cleaning,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

We addressed you on the 25th ult., but up to the present writing have not been favored with a reply; and in this connection

CABLE ADDRESS:  
"CENTRALIZE"

TELEPHONE CALL  
729 SPRING.



No 35 & 37 WOOSTER ST.

*New York,*

would say, that while courtesy may not have dictated a reply on your part, we should think that it was your duty as a public official to respond to our communication. We have simply to add that if this matter does not have your attention, we shall place it in the hands of our lawyer Mr. Theo. Sutro, Commissioner of Taxes; but meanwhile are putting full copies of the correspondence before his Honor the Mayor,

Yours very truly,

THEO. TIEDEMANN & BRO.

CABLE ADDRESS:  
"CENTRALIZE"

TELEPHONE CALL  
729 SPRING.



No 35 & 37 WOOSTER ST.

*New York,*

June 2nd, 1896.

Honorable W. L. Strong, Mayor,

Mayor's Office,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith copy of correspondence which has passed between the Department of Street Cleaning and ourselves, and in the interest of what is right and just would request that you give same your kind attention.

Yours very truly,

*Theo. Tiedemann Bro*

June. 5<sup>th</sup> - 196.

Hon. Meyer Strong -

My dear Sir, -

I am obliged  
to call your attention  
to a great nuisance  
that we have - by not  
having our Street  
Sweepst. (126<sup>th</sup> St. bet.  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave's)  
on Sunday morning.  
The man that sweeps -  
stops at 4 P. M. Each  
day - Now, think of it

We have to be in this unclean  
condition from this time, until  
Monday morning - This is the only  
St. up-town - Near 128<sup>th</sup> St - That  
is as fetter - The consequence is -  
all the vehicles on East and  
West go through this St. The  
Market and grocery wagons  
deliver goods until late Sat.  
night. The reason we send you  
this note - is - you being one of the  
Estimate and Portinment of the  
City and County of N. Y. and  
by your objection we are unable  
to get money to do the work.

Very Respectfully.

Mrs. DeLacy.

247 - W. 126<sup>th</sup> St.

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COMPLAINT.

RECORD No. 844  
DATE June 8/196  
DIST No. 9 SEC. No.  
REFERRED TO D. S. *Barby*  
REPORT MADE

(COPY)

DISTRICT No. 9.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

NEW YORK CITY, June 8th, 1896

GEORGE E. WARING, JR.,

COMMISSIONER OF STREET CLEANING.

Captain F. M. Gibson,

SIR:—I have to report that

Deputy Commissioner.

Sir:

Returning enclosed letter I beg to say: I called on Mrs. DeLacy, who is the wife of Ex-Alderman DeLacy.

I hardly know what to say regarding this letter. I have had several complaints from this lady regarding very trifling matters. She told me to-day that enclosed letter was addressed to the Comptroller, and that she had sent similar ones to the Mayor and the President of the Board of Aldermen, the latter's reply she showed me. During the last year I have sent out every Sunday morning 4 sweepers alternately from 45, 47 and 49th Sections, and alternating amongst the men, and one cart to clean up gutters, etc., on 125th St. and 8th Ave. which is necessary, owing to business prominence of these thoroughfares, and the lateness to which the stores, located in these streets, keep open Saturday evenings.

There is, true enough, a great traffic through 126th St. but whether the men are paid or not for Sunday work I should not advise the sweeping of this street on Sundays for the simple reason that the same demand would at once be made from every other resident street in the district.

I also enclose Mrs. DeLacy's complaint to the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Oscar A. F. Saabye,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF DISTRICT No. 9.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, June 10th, 1896. 189*

Bion L. Burrows, Esq.,

Confidential Clerk, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Commissioner to return herewith the complaint from Mrs. DeLacy, 247 West 126th street, and also to enclose a copy of the report of the District Superintendent, to whom the matter was referred for investigation.

Yours truly,

*Jno. P. Yates.*

Private Secretary.

(2 enclosures)

Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,



S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, June 10th, 1896. 189

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

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with your communication of June 9th, enclosing a letter from Jas. H. Brennan of 2495 Third Avenue, concerning reinstatement in this Department, a copy in answer to Mr. Brennan is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

(Enclosure)

COPY.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*Criminal Court Building,*

*Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.*

S.A.W.

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner*

*New York, June 10th, 1896.*

Mr. Jas. H. Brennan,

2495 Third Avenue, City.

Sir:-

A letter from you to His Honor the Mayor of the 8th instant, has been referred to this Department.

You voluntarily gave up your position in this Department by resigning on the 7th of December, 1895, and then assigned no reason for such action. Sickness in one's family should be a very good reason for holding fast to employment.

In your letter of June 8th, which was neither written or signed by yourself, you intimate that you have not had fair treatment.

It would be as well for you to understand that men cannot come into, and go out of this Department at will.

You were authorized to renew your application, and will have to be treated the same as other applicants, many of whom are no doubt as deserving as you, and are probably in quite as much distress.

All applicants are appointed according to the date of their application, and when your name is reached, you will be duly notified.

Yours truly,

(signed) F. M. GIBSON,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

21-1-11

50. 8' ave

June 16. 96

Mayor City New York  
Honorable Sir

Kindly let me know  
by what right the  
ash man who collects  
the ashes from my place  
to break out the button  
of my Barrel wilfully

very truly

J. M. Heilbronner

L.MCM.



Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, June 20th, 1896. 189

Bion L. Burrows, Esq.,  
Confidential Clerk,  
Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Commissioner to return herewith the communication of M. Heilbronner, No. 50 Eighth Avenue, and to inform you that the District Superintendent, to whom his complaint was referred for investigation, reports as follows:-

"The above complaint is one of many just complaints. Every Police Station in this District has received orders to notify all householders to provide metal, water-tight ash receptacles; the Policemen have not done so, consequently the people do not understand why their wooden receptacles are confiscated.

I have called on all complainants and have in every instance settled the matter according to the Sanitary regulations by simply explaining the cause of confiscation. The people are satisfied to provide cans but object to seizure without notification first. It is impossible for me to notify all the residents of this District with the limited force of officers under my control.

I would respectfully request that the Police be again reminded of these violations of the Sanitary Code."

Yours truly,

*Geo. P. Yates,*  
Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)



Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,

S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, June 23rd, 1896. 189

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Sir:-

On the 13th of last December the bid or proposal of Zephaniah F. Magill for the final disposition of refuse gathered by this Department was sent to your Board for examination, but has not yet been returned.

May I ask that it be returned as soon as possible, as it is desired to incorporate its contents in a report on the matter now in preparation by this Department.

Respectfully,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

april 18/95  
May 5/95

CONCERNING THE SEPARATION OF GARBAGE FROM OTHER WASTES.

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In furtherance thereof attention is called to the following regulation of the Health Department, passed June 23rd, 1896;-

To HOUSEHOLDERS and HOUSEKEEPERS;-

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By order of the Board of Health,  
EMMONS CLARK, Secretary. CHARLES G. WILSON, President.

NOW THEREFORE: I do hereby order and direct all City Departments and officials, especially the Departments of Health and Police, and I request all of the citizens of the City of New York, to do all in their power to aid the Department of Street Cleaning in securing completeness of separation, and that promptness of removal that is so essential to the health and comfort of the people.

Dated New York City, June 24th, 1896,

M a y o r .

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*Date. New York - June 24. 1896*  
*W. L. Strong*  
*Mayor*



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

S.A.W.

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* June 30th, 1896. 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

President of the Board of Estimate & Apportionment,  
12 West 57th St., City.

Sir :-

By direction of the Commissioner, I enclose a copy of the proposed form of contract for picking over rubbish, other than ashes, street sweepings and garbage collected by this Department.

Respectfully,

*Thos. J. Galwey.*

(Enclosures)

Incumbrance and Contract Clerk.

CITY OF NEW YORK.  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

wrote  
Mayor  
July 11  
1896

June 29/96

Hon. W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong  
Mayor &

Deac. Mayor.

The bearing

This is an old  
client of mine,  
from whom he tells  
me I think he

has been hardly  
dealt with by  
some of Col. Rawlin's  
men. He took  
his money off  
the St. & charged  
him \$10<sup>00</sup> stamps.

It was after 10  
P. M. at night.

He felt oppressed  
& wants to do state

his grievance to  
you.

Will you extend  
to him your usual  
courtesy & oblige  
Respectfully yours  
Jno. J. Wolman.

owner - W. L. Barry  
245 N. 19<sup>th</sup> St.

Please investigate  
& report June 30/96.  
S.W.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

~~Criminal Court Building,~~

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



S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York,

July 1st, 1896.

His Honor the Mayor

William L. Strong.

Dear Sir:-

I have investigated the matter referred to in Judge Jeroloman's letter to you of June 29th, which is herewith returned.

The District Superintendent, in his report of this seizure, states that Mr. Barry had his wagons unhitched on the street after 10 o'clock P. M., which would indicate that it was the intention of leaving them there all night.

After this seizure was made, the stable employees about the place, took one wagon away from our men by force, and considerable trouble was made. The Police reserves, from the 20th Street Station, had to be called out, and in the fray two of our men were injured. This seems to have been as flagrant a violation of the law as has occurred during the entire period of our incumbrance seizures.

In view of these facts, I think Mr. Barry appears only in the light of a deliberate law-breaker.

Respectfully,

*J. McIlhenny*

(Enclosure)

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

July 6th, 1896.

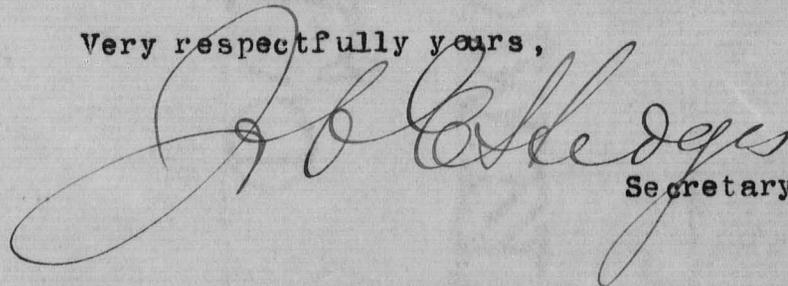
Hon. John Jeroloman,

Aldermanic Chamber, New York.

My dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to hand you the enclosed letter from the Deputy Street Cleaning Commissioner, reporting upon your favor of 29th ulto. attached thereto. Kindly return the letter to this office after perusal.

Very respectfully yours,

  
Secretary.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

~~Criminal Court Building,~~

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

L. McM.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, July 7th, 1896. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of July 1st, 1896, enclosing a letter from M. J. Langan, Esq., No. 254 Third Avenue, concerning the non-removal of garbage, would say that the matter was referred to the Superintendent of the District for investigation and report, which is as follows:-

"I called upon Mr. Langan to-day, and found the material complained of to be mixed ashes, garbage and paper. Mr. Langan knows very well why it was refused, as he has had the same thing happen on previous occasions."

Respectfully,

*Jno. P. Yates.*

Private Secretary.

50. 8' ave.

Aug 6. 96

Hon. Wm. A. Strong  
Mayor City N. Y.

Dear Sir

Kindly let me call your attention to these facts, Ashmen now refuse to take Garbage when only a very small piece of paper which has been used by the Housewives to put <sup>in</sup> a little wet Garbage (per-  
haps from the table) is this right, to leave in this hot weather, the Garbage on a piece of a handful of paper. What shall I do

with this Garbage. That is refused  
another fact  
Foul Smelling ash Cans in front of doors.  
Where small children are playing. especially in the tenement dis-  
trict

Why cannot these Cans be placed on curb.

Truly  
Wm. Hellbrommer

COMPLAINT.

RECORD No. 1213  
DATE Aug 8/96  
DIST. No. 3 SEC. No.  
REFERRED TO D. S. *Wm. Hellbrommer*  
REPORT REC'D



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building.)*

*Centre, White, Elm and Franklin Streets.*

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, August 11, 1896. 189*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Commissioner to return herewith the enclosed communication from M. Heilbronner, Esq., 50 Eighth Avenue, and to inform you that the District Superintendent to whom the complaint was referred for investigation reports that Mr. Heilbronner is well known to him; that the refuse he refers to is in a worse state of mixture than his letter indicates, and that he refuses to separate his ashes and garbage in compliance with the present regulations.

Under the circumstances this Department cannot see its way clear to make an exception in his case.

Respectfully,

*Jno. P. Yates.*

Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)



Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, August 25th, 1896.

Honorable William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with instructions contained in letter of August 24th, 1896, directing that a copy of the answer to the complaint of Mr. Hans H. Schramm be forwarded to your office, I herewith enclose the same.

Respectfully,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

(Copy)

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



A.M.C.

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* August 25th, 1896. 189

Mr. Hans H. Schramm,

687 East 134th Street.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of August 21st to His Honor, the Mayor, has been referred by him to this Department. In regard to the men of this Department depositing ashes and garbage on the same Scows, would say that this City is under contract with the New York Sanitary Utilization Company to furnish them clear garbage, and as the separation of garbage only commenced on the first of August, it has been impossible up to this time to procure a complete separation, and deliver to the Contractor such garbage as he would be willing to take as such, therefore the separation up to this date has been in the way of educating the people as to the separation as it will be required by the Contractor.

Up to the present time the Contractor has been taking 60 tons of garbage daily, but when his Plant is completed, which it is hoped will be in the very near future, he will take the entire garbage accumulation of the City.

In regard to the paper of which you complain, would say that this Department is employing carts for the collection of

paper, exclusively. In some Sections of the city however, we find it necessary to put paper with the ashes, but <sup>now</sup> ~~no~~ is permitted to be mixed with the garbage. I would say in addition in regard to the collection of paper, that it is not strictly the business of this Department to take it at all, as its duty consists in taking away the garbage, ash and street sweeping accumulation, and the collection of paper has been purely and entirely for the convenience of the inhabitants.

Should it come under your notice that any of the employees of this Department are neglecting their duty in any way, you would confer a great favor upon the Commissioner by reporting the fact at once, giving the badge number, if a sweeper, or the cart number if the man be a driver, also the date of the occurrence.

I hope this will be a satisfactory reply to your letter.

Respectfully,

(Signed) F. M. Gibson,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

# DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

## ESTIMATE.

To the Department of Street Cleaning:

For the Privilege of Picking over the Rubbish, other than Garbage, Ashes and Street Sweepings, that may be collected in the City of New York, and delivered at the Yards of the Department of Street Cleaning, for a period of One Year, from the \_\_\_\_\_ day 189 .

Made this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1896, by  
Herbert Lake  
36 N. 25<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York, City.

I declare that I am the only person interested in this estimate; and no other person other than herein above named has any interest in this estimate, or in the contract proposed to be taken.

I further declare that this estimate is made without any connection with any other person or persons making an estimate for the same work, and is in all respects fair, and without collusion or fraud.

I further declare that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or any other officer of the Corporation of the City of New York, is directly or indirectly interested in this bid or estimate, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

I refer to the estimate, specifications and form of agreement as forming a part of this estimate, issued by the Department of Street Cleaning, and will contract to perform the work in the manner and on the conditions required by the specifications and agreements above referred to, and to pay for the privilege hereinbefore mentioned, the sum of

Two hundred & forty five thousand (245,000) dollars

per annum, to be paid to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in fifty-two equal portions, by weekly payments in advance.

And I will further contract to commence the work according to the terms of the agreement referred to above, within the time therein stated, and prosecute the same satisfactorily until this contract is completed.

Provided, however, that this bid, or proposal, is to be understood, as made, as follows:

Namely, that if the contract for the work above mentioned is awarded to me I shall execute it on condition that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, bind themselves to me under seal to provide, without delay, a reasonable number of store-yards, suitably located for the distribution of the work, and also to make an allowance by way of set off in the contract for which the City of New York to enforce the law which forbids the failure of the City of New York to enforce the law which forbids the disturbance of refuse receptacles by unauthorized persons, or from the failure of the City of New York to enforce the City ordinances and compliance with the terms of the Sanitary Code of the Board of Health of the City of New York relating to or governing in any way the handling and disposition of the material referred to in this Estimate and indicated as Rubbish.

As a guarantee of good faith in this matter, I deposit herewith, a certified check on The Third National Bank one of the National Banks of the City of New York, for the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00), payable to the order of the Comptroller of said City, which I agree to forfeit and surrender to said City of New York, in the event of failure to execute the said contract, if the same shall be awarded to me.

Herbert Lake

CITY AND COUNTY OF } ss.  
NEW YORK,

Herbert Lake

being duly sworn, say each for himself, that the several matters stated in the above estimate are in all respects true.

Subscribed and sworn to this 26 day

of August, A. D. 1896

Herbert Lake

before me,

William J. Jones

Commissioner of Deeds.

Mayor Public New York Co.



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**DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.**

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*New York,* ..... *189 .*

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*Estimator.*

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Department of Taxes and Assessments,  
Commissioners' Office,  
Stewart Building,  
New York.

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Hon William R. Strong

Mayor City of New York.

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# Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

Criminal Court Buildings

Centre White Elm and Franklin Streets.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, Aug. 26th, 1896. 189

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment  
of the City of New York.

Gentlemen:-

At the formal opening to-day of the sealed proposals for the privilege of picking over the rubbish of the City other than garbage, ashes, and street sweepings but one bid, or proposal was received, that of Mr. Herbert Tate, of 21 East 20th Street, City, of Two hundred and forty-five thousand (\$245,000) dollars per annum.

But to this bid was annexed the following condition:-

"Provided, however, that this bid, or proposal, is to be understood as made, as follows;

Namely, that if the contract for the work above mentioned is awarded to me I shall execute it on condition that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, bind themselves to me under seal to provide, without delay, a reasonable number of store-yards, suitably located for the distribution of the work and also to make an allowance by way of set off in the contract for which this bid is made for the loss which I may sustain through the failure of the City of New York to enforce the law which forbids the disturbance of refuse receptacles by unauthorized persons, or from the failure of the City of New York to enforce the City ordinances and compliance with the terms of the Sanitary Code of the Board of Health of the City of New York relating to or governing in any way the handling and disposition of the material referred to in this Estimate and indicated as Rubbish."

thus making the bid, or proposal of no effect. I transmit Mr. Tate's proposal herewith for such action as you may see fit to take.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. H. Gibson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

(Enclosure)

C O P Y .



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Building)*

*Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets*

S.A.W.

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, September 4th, 1896. 189*

J. Fred Boss, Esq.,

161 East 82nd St., City.

Dear Sir:-

Your communication of August 29th, 1896, to His Honor the Mayor, was handed to me for answer as far as this Department is concerned.

In reply I would say that in complying with the requirements of the law, this Department has no option but to follow it to the letter.

In regard to the removal of garbage and ashes, they are taken about the same hour each day, provided they are properly separated,- if not, I have given orders not to remove them until they are.

If you will give me one instance, or be kind enough to report any Driver for any neglect, or violation of his orders, I will consider it a favor, and will correct any act of commission or omission of which the offender may be guilty.

The law is being strictly observed by at least 85% of the inhabitants of the city, and in view of this fact, we can see no reason at all why the remaining small percentage of the residents of New York cannot also comply with these requirements.

Hoping to hear from you in the event of any neglect of

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duty on the part of any of the employees of this Department, that  
may come under your notice, or that of any other citizen, I am

Yours truly,

(signed) F. M. GIBSON,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.



*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*Criminal Court Building,*

*Centre White Elm and Franklin Streets*

S.A.W.

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, September 4th, 1896*

His Honor

William L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find a communication from The House and Real Estate Owners' Association and my reply to the Secretary, J. Fred Goss of 161 East 82nd Street.

Respectfully,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

(Enclosures)

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George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York,

New York, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon W. L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:

I am instructed by our chairman of the committee of arrangements for the outing of the employees of the dept. of Street Cleaning, to be held at Sulzer's Harlem River Park on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1896. that a committee would like to see you at your earliest convenience.

Most Respectfully,

Thos. S. Heand,  
Chairman Com. of  
Arrangements

A. P. Cook,  
Sec. Com. of 41.  
Workingman's Conference,  
Dept of Street Cleaning.

12 East 132nd St.  
New York, 13th Sept, 1897.

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

Hon. Sir:

About two years ago I obtained a place in the Street Department as a Section Keeper through your influence. I remained in that place going on a year and a half. I was not discharged but through a drummed-up case of a Mr. Dunphy, Asst. Superintendent and a Mr. Matron, I was ordered on a broom. It would have been more decent for them to have me discharged. I am an old soldier and weigh nearly three hundred pounds. I have repeatedly asked for those gentlemen to be brought to the office but they were deaf to my cry. I am not sending this letter to Your Honor as a threatening letter but it would seem to me better to do as I ask and then they would be doing justice. I shall never rest until it is done. I will find some way for the public to know it. The complaint is coming from

two boys and I am an old man fifty years of age.  
I wrote to Your Honor two letters on this subject  
before. Now if I prove to Your Honor that I am  
right I ask to be reinstated with the pay that  
I have lost and I feel that Your Honor will do  
justice in the matter if it is only for the sake of  
me being an old soldier with not a black mark  
against me. I draw a small pension.

Hoping, Mayor Strong, you will give this  
your earliest attention believe me,

Your humble servant

James Anderson.

When I was offered the broom I respectfully refused.

CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

September 14th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Mayor to enclose to you for such attention as you may deem proper, the within communication from Mr. James Anderson, formerly in your Department.

Very truly yours,

*John D. Waring*  
Secretary.

Respectfully returned. Anderson was dismissed (relegated to the brown) because he was useless, insubordinate and troublesome. He was tolerated as long as possible. He cannot be taken back.

*G. E. Waring, Jr.*

Sept. 15-97

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Sept. 15-97

12 East 132nd St.  
New York, 15th Sept., '97.

Hon. Mayor Strong  
of the City of New York.

Hon. Sir: I have written you  
officially and to be candid  
I congratulate you and your  
good Secretary for the kind  
reply you always send me  
but it does not appear a  
man that has been maliciously  
and wrongfully wronged. Now  
Hon. Sir, I ask and I insist  
that you will immediately  
grant me the favor I ask.  
I ask in the name of

a citizen of the United States  
and in the name of an  
old soldier of the late war  
and in the name of a  
man who is true to all  
of the laws of the United  
States that you will bring  
this case of mine before your  
Honor's notice in the City  
Hall notwithstanding  
the great influence of  
Col. Waring, Capt. Gibson,  
Mr. Dunphy, Mr. Matron  
or any others that may  
have any influence to  
bear against me - that



Department of Street Cleaning,  
City of New York.

~~(Criminal Court Building,  
Centre, White, Elm & Franklin Streets)~~

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner. S.A.W. New York, Sept. 25th, 1896

His Honor the Mayor

William L. Strong.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 24th instant, in behalf of Ferdinand Lemlein, was received this morning.

In reply I regret to say that the records of the Department, in this man's case, show that he was rejected by the Examining Surgeon, on his physical examination, on account of age,- he being ten (10) years beyond the age limit.

Respectfully,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner

Office of  
Special Agent Treasury Department,

New York

September 25, 1896.

Hon Wm. L. Strong

Mayor New York City

Sir

As a Citizen I beg to call your attention to a nuisance at 180 Chrystie St This City which consists of one or more trucks being about the above named premises pretty nearly all the time, I would not complain were it not for the fact, that women and children in the neighborhood are compelled to

witness sights which if the  
trucks were removed would be  
avoided

Very respectfully  
George S. Scally

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



S.A.W.

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, September 28th, 1896/89*

George S. Scally, Esq.,  
Office of Special Agent,  
Treasury Department,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

His Honor the Mayor has forwarded your letter of the 25th instant to this Department for answer.

In replying to it, would say that a number of people have been given authority to stand trucks on Christie Street, as several streets in the neighborhood of Christie are being asphalted, making it impossible for truck owners, on these streets, to house their trucks,- they not being permitted to drive over new asphalt until it hardens. This authority is simply for the time being, and will be recalled when the necessity for it ceases.

Yours very truly,

(signed) F. M. GIBSON,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

Criminal Court Building,

Centre, White, Elm, and Franklin Streets.

S.A.W.



George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, September 28th, 1896

His Honor the Mayor

William L. Strong.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find communication from George A. Scally, Esq., New York Treasury Department, together with copy of my reply.

Respectfully,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

(Enclosure)

September the 28<sup>th</sup> 1896

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Hau Wuu Strong  
Mayor City

Dear Sir

I have a Barrel  
of Paper Remaining in  
front of mi House for the  
last 5 Days if it stands  
mitch longer i will  
be compelled to throw it  
on the the Pleas inform  
mi what too doo and

obly yours

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W. J. Johnson

119 Charles St



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

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York,* October 1st, 1896. *189*

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

Dear Sir:-

The Commissioner directs me to return herewith the enclosed letter from Mrs. Johnson, 119 Charles street.

The District Superintendent, to whom the matter was referred for investigation, reports that he called upon Mrs. Johnson and adjusted the matter, promising her better service in the future.

Yours truly,

*Jno. P. Yates.*  
Private Secretary.

(Enclosure)

Department of Street Cleaning,

City of New York,

~~Criminal Court Building,~~

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



S.A.W.

George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.

New York, October 27th, 1896

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

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with yours of even date, I send you a copy  
of a letter I have just written to General Wilson.

Respectfully,

Deputy Commissioner.

(Enclosure)

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S.A.W.

*Department of Street Cleaning,*

*City of New York,*

*(Criminal Court Buildings)*

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

*George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner.*

*New York, October 27th, 1896.* 189

General James Grant Wilson,  
15 East 74th St., City.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to a request from Mr. Hedges, asking that a printed circular from this Department, showing when garbage is to be collected and what kind of stuff is taken away by the Department of Street Cleaning, be sent you, I would say that the garbage collection from houses is made in the forenoon; the other material collected is ashes and sweepings. In addition to this, when the contractor's carts were working, we took house refuse, such as waste paper, broken furniture, or any household article which was discarded. The service for the removal of this latter stuff will probably be resumed in the course of a few days.

If this is not just the information you desire, I will be glad to send it to you upon an intimation from you as to just what you desire.

Yours very truly,

F. M. GIBSON,

Deputy Commissioner.