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NEW YORK, January 22nd, 1912

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

As I have secured a concurrence of a majority of the members of this Board in regard to the purchase of the Smith property, don't you think steps ought to be taken to suspend the "rules" for the time of the issue of the Corporate Stock in the event of favorable action by the Board of Estimate? O'Malley tells me that a suggestion from you at the present time would have great weight in his department.

Very sincerely yours,

William Morrison

Jan. 27, 17.

Re. buying of
The Smith Property.



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FOR HIS HONOR- The Mayor

NEW YORK, January 30th, 1912.

The Honorable,
The Board of Estimate and Apportionment,
City of New York.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Inebriety, appointed under Chapter 551 of the laws of 1910, and empowered, with the approval of your honorable body, to "acquire by purchase a site suitable for a hospital and industrial colony for the care and treatment of inebriates" beg to recommend as, in their judgment, suitable for this purpose a certain tract of land of some 520 acres in the township of Smithtown, County of Suffolk, Long Island, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

"Northerly by lands of Henry Harned and the North Country Road; then Easterly by lands of said Harned; then Northerly by lands of Dexter K. Cole; then Westerly by said North Country Road; then Southerly by lands of Francis J. Quinlan; then Westerly by the Meadow Glen Road, so called; then Southerly by land of the Agricultural City Company; then Westerly by Lawrence's Lane, so called; then Northerly by said Meadow Glen Road; then Westerly by lands of Henschel, Codling and Brush; then Northerly by lands of said Henschel, Codling and Brush; then again Westerly by land of said three last named persons; then Southerly by land of said three persons; then Westerly by said Lawrence's Road to land of Henry Harned at the place of beginning. Subject to the highway called the New Highway running through said premises; also to the right of way of the Long Island Railroad Company running through the same, in a general easterly and westerly direction. Containing by estimation about Five Hundred Twenty-three (523) acres, be the same more or less.

ALSO, all the right, title and interest of the parties of the first part, in about Fifteen acres of meadow land at Jone's Point, so called, lying North of the highway first above mentioned; together with the right of way to said meadow land, from said highway."

This property borders on the King's Park institutions and is about one quarter of a mile from the Railroad station. About one third of the land is cleared and in a high state of cultivation. The timber land is the best we know of on Long Island, large oak trees predominating throughout. The ownership of the property is in one family which facilitates purchase.

Out of some seventeen sections we have looked at situated in the Counties of Orange, Rockland, Westchester and Long Island, we regard this one as best suited for our purpose, and, therefore, we ask your honorable body to take the necessary steps for its purchase.

Very sincerely yours,

William Merrick

Secretary.

President.

Jan. 30/12.

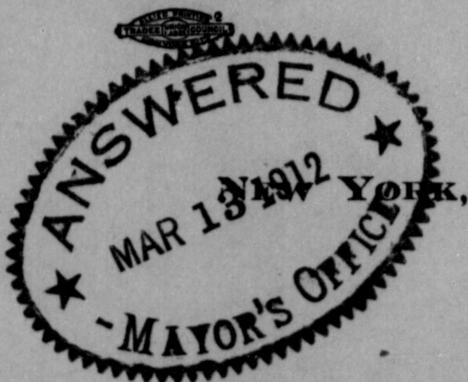
Site for home of
Inebriates



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March 12th, 1912

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I call your attention to page 236

"Civil List Supplement, The City Record."

You will observe that under the head of "Bureau Chief of Department" there are two Chaplains. One of these, Father McGean, whom we hear of all the time receives \$1000. a year. The other, Reverend Edward M. H. Knapp, whom we never hear of, receives \$3300. a year.

I am of the opinion that this is something which is contrary to the spirit of your Honor's government.

Very sincerely yours,

William Morrison

Mar. 12/1912.

Re. pay of Fire Chaplains
Father McGeen at \$1000.
per annum & pay of Rev.
Edward M. N. Knapp at \$3300
per annum.



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NEW YORK, March 12th, 1912

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
City of New York.

My dear Judge:-

You recall that sketch of your early years of which I have spoken to you three or four times, and which you promised to give me. I do wish you would let me have it before long. I am putting things away in order in this office.

Sincerely yours,

William Morrison

Mar. 12/1912.

RE - sketch of early
years of Major Gwynor
Hift.



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NEW YORK, March 15th, 1912.

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
City of New York.

My dear Judge:-

I went over to New York last night to look at a play and to make some inquiries into the 2-1/2 cent a cue poolrooms and some other matters.

I think I ought to say to you that I find Inspector Lahey of the 3rd Inspection District to be a man of good sense with what seems to me good police ideas in line, I think, with your own. For this reason I would suggest that you talk with him. This is the Inspector of whom I said to you at the time of his appointment that, when in charge of the Hamilton Avenue precinct, he cleaned it up and kept it clean and did not advertise himself.

Very sincerely yours,

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NEW YORK, April 3rd, 1912.

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I enclose you copy of letter from
Dr. Macy handed me by Mr. Burritt to-day.

The Police Doormen's Benevolent
Association want me to speak a word to you on behalf of a
bill affecting them, now before you for acceptance. I have
looked into it and it seems to me to be a fair measure. I
told them I thought you would regard it in this way.

Very sincerely yours,

William Morrison

One enclosure.

(COPY)

STATE OF NEW YORK - KINGS PARK STATE HOSPITAL

Wm. Austin Macy, M.D.,
Superintendent

Kings Park, Long Island, N.Y.

March 30, 1912

Mr. Bailey B. Burritt,
105 East 22nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Burritt:-

Your letter relative to water supply at Kings Park is duly received and contents noted.

The water supply is really the serious part of the proposition of locating an institution at Kings Park, and it is a very serious proposition indeed and an expensive one. The water can only be obtained by driven wells and we have yet to learn the amount of available sweet water that can be obtained, and it may be that very much deeper wells than have ever been driven here will have to be put down to determine this.

There have been three or four series of wells put down here first and last and when we put the last down a couple of years ago we thought our troubles were ended for a long time to come. Such was not the case and we have drawn down the sweet water, which I presume represents excess pressure over the salt water pressure coming from the Sound, until the water began to show salt in the general supply from the wells and it has steadily increased in a little over a year from the comparatively small amount, possibly a trace, up to five grains, then to twenty-two and now to twenty-seven grains per gallon, the result being that an enormous amount of damage is being done to our piping throughout the entire plant, and it may result in damage which will run up to thousands of dollars before it can be remedied.

We are trying to get an emergency appropriation of \$15,000 at present to drill more wells and over a different area and if my recommendation prevails it will be further from the Sound. Whether, however, we will get water that will remain sweet we cannot tell. It is barely possible that water in any such amount will have to be sought at a considerable distance from the seashore and a few people have even suggested that it would be necessary to go two or three miles back into the country.

Considering the geographical formation I would consider that there is a slow percolation through the sand beds forming the structure of the Island and between the different layers of clay which are found pretty much everywhere at sufficient depth to reach them and that the water goes along these areas in proportion to the pressure from whichever side it is coming. To find sweet water at all as close to the water as we are means that the clay and sand, as I take it, dams back the immediate effect of the salt water and more particularly because much if not all of the salt water is underlaid with a certain amount of clay. This we know does exist for at Eaton's Neck near Northport the clay

comes out at high water level and walking along the shore you can see the wash of the waves against the layer of clay projecting at that point. We know too that this clay occurs in some places under the sand some distance from the shore and has been exposed or brought up by dredges, and when they were making the tunnel for the Long Island Railroad it was at one time suggested that they bring dredges out here opposite property a few miles to the west of us and get their clay from under the water by dredges.

Mr. Kilpatrick, who was formerly with the Hudson Engineering Company, came out here a few days ago and went over these matters of water supply, and I gave him analyses of some of the water that we had. I hope that before long we ourselves will be able to do something very radical indeed about the water, otherwise the only other recommendation will be to put in condensers the same as they do aboard some of our large ships and use water containing salt. Our population at present runs about 4300 people and the probability is that this institution alone will have a population of around 5,000 people, consequently the water supply is not important and the demands will be even greater than now within a comparatively short time. The drilling of the extra wells is intended to bring the supply up to about 1,500,000 gallons a day. We are now pumping about one-half that quantity. It is not that we expect to pump at that rate night and day for the twenty-four hours but because we expect that the plant must have at least that capacity and from sufficiently scattered wells to avoid overdrawing any one area during the hours that we do pump, as overdrawing would inevitably mean the excess water pressure underground resulting in the salt water reaching the location of the wells allowing us to pump salt water.

We have had tubes give way in the boilers in our new boiler house, only in use seven months, and you can understand how serious this is under those circumstances. We are exercising the utmost precautions but of course if the conditions get very bad and without our being able to check or control it, an explosion in the boiler plant might mean that the whole plant would go up with the loss of the lives of all of the people near or around it, a matter which would be a terrible calamity besides at once putting this enormous plant entirely out of commission.

To bring in another plant here with a matter of from 500 to 5000 people would unquestionably mean that the available underground water supply would be drawn on more than ever. Who can say what the result would be. To be sure our wells have only been driven down to something less than 200 feet and, on the other hand, there are other wells on the Island which I understand have been carried down a thousand feet, as for instance Mr. Vanderbilt's well near Lake Success, which is said to be that depth. I do not think, however, that all of these wells driven have been equally successful in getting water and it would seem to me that if the main supply of water for Long Island is the water that filters through the sand and gravel and accumulates underground, that the filling up of Long Island will ultimately mean that the main water supply like that of New York City will have to be brought from some other

source. Of course, this latter matter is years and years away and may not be reached for a hundred years for that matter, but the supply of any one locality might easily be imperiled and require considerable expense and the acquisition of more property, etc., further away from the water to prevent putting the plant out of existence. The climate here is admirable in every way for this altitude and as far as we ourselves are concerned I certainly hope that we will succeed in getting water and that if the City of New York locates a plant immediately next to us, that it will not result in the drawing down of both our supply and their own.

Trusting this information is what you require, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Wm. Austin Macy,
Superintendent.



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NEW YORK, April 4th, 1912.

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
City of New York.

My dear Judge:-

I am advised by the United States
Engineer office that the average rise of the tide in
Nissequogue River is 7 feet, and that sometimes it rises
as high as 8 feet 3 inches. This was a surprising piece
of information to me, as the Secretary of the Dock Board
had informed me that the rise was 4-1/2 feet.

Very sincerely yours,

Willam Morrison

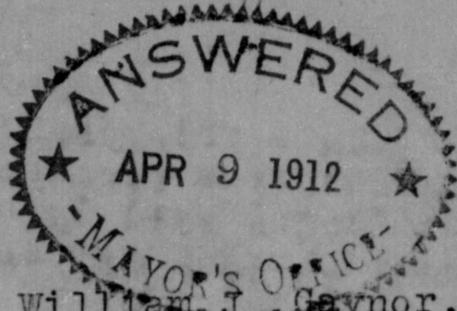


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NEW YORK, April 8th, 1912.

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I enclose you herewith a letter from
Inspector Russell. I had thought of condensing it, but
it seems to me better, perhaps, to put his entire
statement before you.

Very sincerely yours,

William Morrison

One enclosure



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May 12th 1912.

NEW YORK,

My Dear Judge:

This is on behalf of ex-police Inspector O'Brien and is a recommendation that you direct the Police Commissioner to reopen his case before the 23rd of this month which is the time limit of the charter.

My recommendation is based on this - that Commissioner Walsh who tried the case was not asked for a finding or a recommendation and made neither. The dismissal of this man was Commissioner Cropsey's last act.

Commissioner Walsh tells me he would have to hesitate long before pronouncing O'Brien guilty and that in the case of some of the witnesses, credited by Mr. Cropsey, he would not have believed them.

Father Nash has been to see me and gives O'Brien an excellent character. Commissioner Walsh says that in the Department his record till his dismissal was good.

This is an appeal for "judgment and mercy" and I know it will not be unheeded. It appears to me that Cropsey found him guilty on evidence secured by the Municipal Research people.

very sincerely yours,

William Morrison

Hon W.J. Gaynor.

(COPY)

June 17th, 1912

Honorable William A. Prendergast,
Chairman,
Corporate Stock Budget Committee.

Dear Mr. Prendergast:-

In reply to yours of May 3rd that I figure out as closely as possible the amount of Corporate Stock needed by this Board for the fiscal year 1912-1913, I beg, after consultation with one of the Engineers of your Department, Mr. Riordan, to submit the following:

-:Work of Preparation:-

1st. Necessary surveys, contours, maps, diagrams, etc., etc. \$ 1,000.00

-:Work of Construction:-

2nd. Development and construction of a water supply system, including borings, collecting reservoir, pressure tanks, piping, pumps, etc., etc., capacity 100,000 gallons daily. Estimated cost \$10,000.00 - Appropriation now asked for \$ 2,000.00

3rd. Improvement of existing buildings should there be any on the property. \$ 2,500.00

4th. Reception Hospital:- Two story structure consisting of central pavilion and two wings, with a total capacity of sixty patients. Equipped with toilet and therapeutic bathing apparatus. Also dining rooms, day rooms and diet kitchen. \$78,000.00

5th. Sewage Disposal:- Including 500'-0" of vitrified sewer pipe. Bacterial Liquefying tank with sewage syphon and an adequate amount of disposal field tile for an institution with a capacity of 500 patients. Appropriation now asked for \$ 3,000.00

6th. Power House:- One story structure with mezzanine stories. For the housing of the complete mechanical plant. Unoccupied floor space to be utilized temporarily for shops and storage purposes. No cellar. \$15,000.00

A complete equipment sufficient for an institution housing five hundred patients and including boiler plant, power plant, and refrigerating machinery, cooking and laundry apparatus, heating and electric work, pipe tunnels, stack, etc., would cost, as laid out in the accompanying drawings, approximately \$162,000.00

	Appropriation now asked for Plant	\$30,000.00
7th.	Furnishings	\$12,000.00
8th.	Four Cottages:- Two two story unit structures equipped with individual rooms and each accomodating twenty-five patients, the other two accomodating forty each in dormitories	\$55,000.00
9th.	Kitchen:- One story structure with high ceiling, well ventilated, fully equipped with modern cooking and baking apparatus for five hundred patients. Estimated cost is \$15,000.00 Appropriation now asked for	\$ 9,500.00
10th.	Laundry:- Building similar to kitchen building, fully equipped with modern washing, ironing and drying apparatus for five hundred patients. Estimated cost \$20,000.00 Appropriation now asked for	\$12,000.00
11th.	Recreation Building:- One story structure with high ceiling, well ventilated, equipped for general assembly, reading, card playing, bowling, billiards, etc., etc.	\$10,000.00

\$230,000.00

The cost of construction above itemized includes the commissions of the Architects and Engineers.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) William Morrison,
Executive Secretary.



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NEW YORK, June 18th, 1912.

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed copy of communication to the
Comptroller is our application for Corporate Stock for
the work of this Board for the fiscal year 1912-1913.

Very sincerely yours,

William Morrison

Executive Secretary.



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NEW YORK, February 28th, 1912

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have yours of the 26th instant, in which you advise me to see the members of the Corporate Stock Committee and have them act. I have seen them. Colonel Klein is quite ready to act favorably. Mr. McAneny is still undecided, while Mr. Prendergast tells me his mind is not yet made up. As our option expires on March 11th, I am naturally quite interested that these gentlemen come to some conclusion.

As the property we have selected adjoins King's Park, I do not see how we can injure anybody by locating the Institution there. If placing the Institutions near one's property is calculated to work them an injury, they have been injured already by the State Asylum for Insane.

Very truly yours,

William Morrison

Feb. 28/12.

Feb. 26/12.

Re- property for
Home of Inebriety.

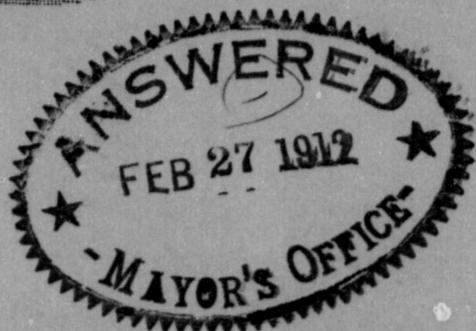


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NEW YORK, February 26th, 1912.

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Chairman, Board of Estimate,
City of New York,

Dear Sir:-

In a communication, dated January 30th, 1912, this Board recommended to the Board of Estimate the purchase of tract of some 520 acres situated in Smithtown in Suffolk County, and immediately adjoining the State Institution for the Insane.

We understand that the Comptroller's office, to whom this matter was referred, is ready to report favorably as soon as the Corporate Stock Budget Committee take action to pay for the land. In the case of this latter Committee we cannot understand the delay, and naturally we are anxious as our option expires on March 11th. I might say to your Honor that we have taken great pains to get an agreement as to this tract, not only on the Board, but in the case of those large and influential voluntary societies, like the Charity Organization Society, State's Aid and the Prison Aid Organization. These Societies are heartily in accord with what we have done. The Comptroller's office is also in accord. We are of the opinion that the whole City, when informed, will be in accord.

Under these circumstances, we think the time has come for the Board of Estimate to act, and I will be greatly obliged if your Honor will take an interest in this matter. We assure you it is the very best we have been able to do.

I enclose herewith a copy of Professor Warren's report on the land, furnished me by Mr. Lewis, Secretary of the Prison Aid organization.

Very sincerely yours,

William Morrison

One enclosure

Feb. 26/1912.

Re purchase of 520
Acres of land situated
in Smithtown, Suffolk County.
