

PETER MARQUART,  
ARTISTIC HAIR CUTTER,  
334 Henry Street,

New York, March 19 1895

To The Hon  
Mayor Strong  
Dear Sir

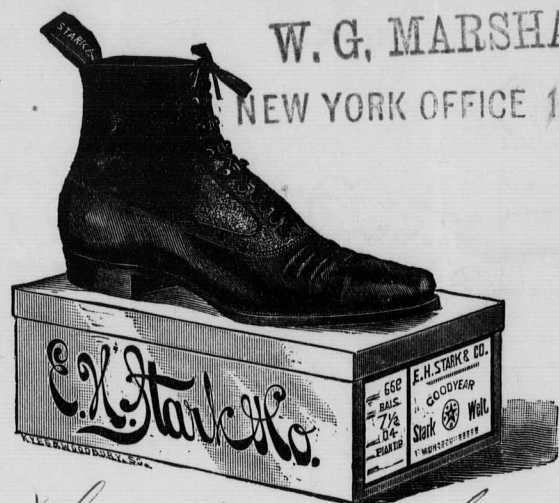
I take the pen in hand to  
write you a few lines to ask if you  
could not help a willing man along not  
yet 34 years of age my business as you  
see by letter head is no good in this  
part of the City and now it is all  
gone to the Jewish class of people  
and I am anxious to turn my hand  
to almost any thing as messenger or  
supper server or something that you Hon  
<sup>might</sup> help me to get or would the Hon Mayor  
please grant me an advance with his  
Honorable Sir so as I might be

more able to speak to him and able  
to explain myself i have always voted  
the Republican ticket all my  
life but never before belonged to any  
club untill <sup>last</sup> september the Milhollond  
association 5th assembly dist

so hope you that your Hon will  
not confine this note to the wast basket  
without an answer & Remain  
yours Respectfully

P. Morquardt  
20 Columbia St  
City





W. G. MARSHALL, & E. H. Stark & Co.,  
NEW YORK OFFICE 104 CHURCH ST.

Manufacturers of

Men's, Boys' and Youth's

Fine Shoes.

Worcester, Mass. *June 30<sup>th</sup> 1895*

Hon W. L. Strong, Sir

I am desirous to get a clerkship or Bookkeepership in some of the departments. I have been engaged in the shoe trade for many years, was bookkeeper 12 yrs in one house, and for the past 10 yrs I have been on the road, trade is so dull, that it does not pay me to follow it any longer, hence my reason to make the change. I have never applied for anything in any of the department before, and I have been a republican voter for 13 yrs. I make this application on my own merits as a man, to you as a man. I would refer to Mr Homer Hildreth 280 Birney. Mr Jas L. Wells. 54 Liberty. Mr W. H. Ten Eyck. clerk. Board of Alderman Mr Edward Healy, Marshal, and many other A. S. & C. business men, I don't want to take

up your time, but I would be pleased  
to meet you, at your office, for a few  
minutes, as I had the pleasure of voting  
for you, at the last election, but I don't  
claim any recognition on that ac-  
count, but as a citizen, desirous  
to see our city conducted on good business  
principals,

I would be pleased to have you take my  
application into consideration and  
if anything for which I am capable  
is imposed on me, I would endeavor to  
discharge the duties satisfactorily.

Yours &c  
W. G. Marshall  
194 Church St.

or 680 E. 139 St.

154 West 50<sup>th</sup> St  
New York

Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir,

Benign taxpayer  
for the last five years  
in the above address, I  
should feel very grateful  
if you could give me  
a position. or a letter  
of recommendation. Am  
an Englishman I have  
been in the Country  
Eleven years, And now  
a Citizen, Am a good



Correspondent & Arithmetician  
I have a wife & family  
to support. And any  
position you could find  
me would be faithfully  
fulfilled. If you would  
grant me an interview  
at your earliest convenience  
I greatly oblige  
Yours most respectfully  
John. R. Hartman

Dec 11<sup>th</sup>



New York

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895

Dear sir

I take the liberty of writing  
a few lines to you asking  
you if you could get me  
anything to do. I have been  
out of work for eleven weeks  
and we find it hard to  
get along as my <sup>or</sup> Father is  
the only one working out of  
five of us. I am willing to  
do anything. I am experienced  
at running elevators and also  
driving but if I got sweeping  
or anything I would take it  
I can give for reference.

Rev J H Hoadley of South.  
Presbyterian church of witch church  
I am a member of. also Am J  
Rapple 136 Liberty st and  
Am W. Nelson chief engineer  
of Venture Club 7 West 43 st.

I am happy to recieve an  
answer I Remain Your.

William J Martin.  
1001 Washington ave  
Monrovia  
age 22 years Lit

#874 E 169th St. New York.

March 29, 1895

Hon. Mayor Strong,

New York City, N.Y.

Honored and Respected Sir:--

Having successfully past two Civil Service Examinations, one for a position as Stenographer and Typewritist, and the other for a position as Clerk, I am now eligible for any position in any of the Municipal Departments in New York City, and would respectfully apply to you for a position in your Department.

I have had over eight years practical experience as general correspondent and copyist, and thoroughly understand all kinds of office work. I can also furnish the very best of reference from past employers as to my abilities etc.

Trusting to have the pleasure of an interview, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

*(Miss) Caroline Marvin*



*Massey's*

*copy*

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THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSUR-  
ANCE SOCIETY.

President's Office, 120 Broadway.  
New York, July 16th, 1890.

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GENTLEMEN:—I take great pleasure in saying that the views of the Equitable Building, large and small, taken by you of which we have used some 3500 copies, are entirely satisfactory, and I am glad to have the opportunity of commending you to all persons who may desire to avail themselves of your services.

Very truly yours,  
H. B. HYDE.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSUR-  
ANCE SOCIETY.

120 Broadway, N. Y., April 28th, 1888.  
S. J. & A. G. Massey, N. Y. City.

DEAR SIR:—We were very much pleased with the views of the interior of the old office of the Equitable which you took for us in the early part of 1886, and that we were fully satisfied with your workmanship, etc., is sufficiently proved by the fact that we gave you another order for a still larger number. We consider that you handled a very difficult subject with great skill and good taste.

Yours truly,  
JAS. W. ALEXANDER, V. P.

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Patent

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You will please make for us 250 Photographs, assorted from the six proofs shown, in accordance with your proposal of this date. No. 1, 70 copies; No. 2, 50 copies; No. 3, 50 copies; No. 4, 50 copies; No. 5, 25 copies; No. 6, 6 copies; delivering the same at our office at an early date as possible.

Very truly yours,  
THE BABCOCK & WILCOX CO.,  
GEO. H. BABCOCK, Prest.

HONORABLE ELIAS GOODMAN,  
330 East 124th Street,  
NEW YORK CITY.

Hon. & Dear Sir:—

On April 29th, 1895, I wrote to the Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor, enclosing two of my photographs and at the same time asking him for an appointment, I did not make any special choice and of course I received a very nice reply thanking me for same, and saying that he would give my name due consideration, but up to the present date I have not received any further favor from him.

As an old friend, I would request you to be kind enough to call the Mayor's attention to my letter of above date, April 29th. I voted, and was the means of getting about (50) fifty straight Republican Votes for the last two Elections as you know, I have been over looked for the last five years by the Tammany People, so I need not tell you that I am a Strong Independent, Democrat and may try this fall to run on said ticket for Assembly, and with the assistance of my Republican and "grace" friends, I may come very near a winner.

Now see what you can do for me with His Honor the Mayor. Hoping you will call and see me at my down town gallery, 325 Third Ave., City. I am,

Honorable and Dear Sir,  
Yours very truly,

Signed

P. S.

What about the Alderman's Outing? Could you get the Committee to take me with them to make a good large photograph as from what I hear, the Outing is something new.

Yours truly,

*Arthur G. Massey*

*New York* August 23rd, 1895



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*New York*

August 23rd, 1895

HONORABLE WM. L. STRONG,

MAYOR, NEW YORK, CITY.

Hon. & Dear Sir:—

I had the honor to address you some months ago, about April 29th, enclosing two cabinet photographs with my age marked on back of same, on that day I was forty seven years old. On the next day I received a very nice letter from your private secretary, saying the Mayor, would give my name due consideration, but up to the present I have not received any other kind favor.

At the time I did not want to make any Special request for a Commissionship or other appointment, but at this time I hope and trust our "Honorable Mayor," will give my name the consideration he kindly promised in April last.

I am a strong, Independent, Democrat and beg to inclose a copy of a letter just mailed to our Alderman for the old 27th District, Hon. Elias Goodman.

Hoping you will again excuse my troubling you, I beg  
 Honorable, Sir to remain,

Respectfully and truly yours,

Signed.

*Arthur G. Massey*

Cy West 85<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York March 8<sup>th</sup> 1890

Hon Wm L. Strong  
Mayor, City of N.Y.

My Dear Sir

As you perhaps  
remember, early in January at the  
Central National Bank, my friend Mr  
Wm A. Wheelock handed you a letter  
from me to him, with the request that you  
would take it home and read it; I have  
been in hopes of hearing something favor-  
able from your Honor, but as I have not,  
I take the liberty of addressing you by  
letter, knowing that you are besieged by  
office seekers and can give but little  
time to all who call on you. I have  
never sought office, in politics am no  
partisan believing that the last election  
was conclusive evidence that the

voters of my native City are for honest  
methods in our City Government.

I am in my 74<sup>th</sup> year, in good  
health, active, willing to work faithfully  
in any position I may be placed, have  
an unblemished record as a business man  
and can refer to many of our best  
known business men and others such  
as Messrs Arnold, Forester & Co, A. A. Vantine  
& Co - Geo B. Morewood & Co, Chase  
National Bank etc.

I have made every  
possible effort to obtain a position in  
mercantile houses but with no result,  
although I am as competent as I  
was 25 years ago - The letter handed  
to you by Mr Wheelock fully explains  
my position, referring you to that, with  
the hope you will take my petition  
into favorable consideration, I have the  
honor to be  
Yours most respectfully  
Wm. A. Mathews  
or 381 Broadway



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New York April 8<sup>th</sup> 1851

Hon. Col. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.  
Your Honor:-

Pardon kindly my intrusion in presenting herewith my application as a candidate for the position of a Public School Commissioner.

I understand your Honor has decided upon a young man of my neighborhood, whose petition I even have signed, though I did so, not so much to recommend him, <sup>as a gentleman</sup> as <sup>fit for the position</sup> to recommend an independent respectable citizen, not a member of Tammany Hall etc or of our Tammany Republican Club.

over.



Dr. Meierowitz is a very, very, young man  
of little experience etc and as I  
imagine that your Honor has not  
yet finally decided upon him  
I venture to hand in my own name  
being a great deal older than Dr.  
Meierowitz & positively more inde-  
pendent financially & socially &  
politically than he.

I have always been a staunch  
republican & for many years a  
member of the Alpha Club in  
the Eleventh Ward, the place of my  
birth. However within the last four  
or five years I have been thoroughly  
disgusted with this republican  
Club or organization in our Ward.  
It is at times very difficult  
to draw the line of demarcation  
between republican & tannery &  
blood & water. A real full blooded  
republican receives no recognition

and stands no show for any thing under the present circumstances.

It is just on this occasion with the present administration when, I think, a man of my position & standing in politics can receive recognition. I can not come to you your Honor, with a democratic committee because I am no democrat, I can not come with a republican committee because it is pledged to a former Tammany man now an independent democrat & besides that a distant relative of our republican leaders.

I am a plain simple, every day Doctor, an honest reliable respected citizen, a property holder, & taxpayer and absolutely independent of any body.

I am a self made man & never asked  
any man for favors & am under no  
obligations to anyone.

I merely ask for this position;  
now salaried, as an honor and  
as such I shall, if appointed,  
regard & sustain it.

Hoping you, your Honor, will  
kindly give this application due  
consideration & promising to be  
honest, faithful, and trustworthy  
I remain gratefully & humbly

Your obedient servant.

Fredrick Mathews M.D.

114 Ave. "C."

betw. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Sts.

P.S. If your Honor will permit I shall  
call to-day & present my card.

69 West 105<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Hon. Wm L. Strong  
Mayor. City.

Dear Sir-

I am a native of Ohio. 35 years old. married and have three children. have lived at this number for the past five years. I have been out of a situation for the past six months and am very anxious to obtain any employment, and my reason in writing you is thinking there might be something you could give me in some of the departments of the City work. where I can make a living. Knowing how very busy you must be I thought



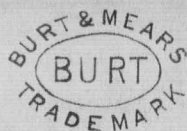
best to write, instead of making a  
personal application.

My business has been insurance, and  
for over forty years I lived in Akron  
Ohio. (where I was born).

Politically I am a Republican of the  
McKinley sort, and am very sorry I  
was deprived of the pleasure of voting  
for you and the rest of the ticket.  
I stood in line 2 1/2 hours but 4 o'clock  
arrived before I had reached the box.  
I am a member of Buckley Post #12  
G. A. R. of Ohio, and feel I am  
competent to fill any ordinary clerical  
position, and will feel very thankful  
if you can in any way aid me in  
obtaining one.

Very truly yours.

Henry J. Mathews  
69. West 105th St.



To Colonel W L Strong  
Mayor of New York  
New York

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1895

FROM

Mears & Hughes,

Hudson, Corner 18th Street,

35 Warren St New York. Room 40

Dear Sir

I am desirous of obtaining a position in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts (Messrs Terry & Lehman), upon enquiring among my friends, I find they are not acquainted with them; I have concluded to write direct to you.

I have been a Manufacturer of Boots & Shoes in this City since 1842, failed in 1892, started again same year, but found could not compete with Eastern Manufacturers, in 1894 was compelled to give it up.

Had charge of the Office, Salesmen, and out put of the goods, my partners of the Manufacturing, consider myself a good Accountant, as to integrity, can give satisfactory references.

I hope this letter may interest you in my behalf, knowing as I do how many you daily receive

Am m

vacano

I remain, Respectfully

Charles E. Mears

P O Box 367

New York



✓  
TRINITY BUILDING,  
NEW YORK.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, City Hall,  
New York.

Dear Sir:

Will you not allow  
me to thank you for the  
great kindness you have  
shown me in the matter of  
my application for ap-  
pointment to a position  
in the office of the Cor-  
poration Counsel? Mr.  
Scott on Monday offered  
me a position as Janitor



Assistant, which I  
have accepted. While  
I recognize the fact  
that my relationship to  
Mr. Joseph H. Manley is  
largely responsible for  
the interest so many have  
taken in the matter - and  
I am greatly pleased  
that this should be the  
case - yet I desire  
to thank you personally  
for your interest.

I shall endeavor  
to serve the City faith-  
fully and to show my-  
self not altogether un-  
worthy the trust com-  
mitted to me.

I cannot refrain from  
heartily congratulating  
you upon the appoint-  
ment you have therefor  
made in honest and  
fearless fulfillment of  
your ante-election promise  
and to wish you the  
greatest success in

your endeavor to give the  
City an honest, efficient,  
am. partisan Administration.

I beg to remain, Mr. Mayor.

Your obedient servant,  
Chas. Keller

SAM'L T. MELVILL

MELVILL & Co.,

Merchandise Brokers,

112 FRONT STREET.

Cable Address: "IKNOT."

New York, March 1<sup>st</sup> 1895

Hon Wm L Strong Mayor  
Dear Sir

It not being to my taste to  
affiliate with those who make politics a trade, or  
to join the crowd of place hunters who are now  
storming your office I adopt this method of  
presenting my petition.

I am republican to the back bone, can com-  
-mend references from merchants lower part  
of Wall St as to character and ability.  
Have been a shipmaster for 20 years up to 1868  
and a merchant up to 1888 engaged in the



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

Cuba trade. Now a poor Merchandise broker.  
Am 70 years of age, a little slow, but in good  
health with fair administrative ability.  
Am much in want of a salaried position.  
With your encouragement, I would be pleased  
to present myself to you in person

Very Respectfully Yours.

Sam'l T. Melvill

Am a native of  
Newport R.I.  
Col Waring knows  
of me

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United States America



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*General*  
Mayer Strong  
Mayers office  
Citz Hall  
New York Citz  
N. S. A.

New York May 29<sup>th</sup> 1845

Honorable  
Mayer Strong  
Sir

If you have a  
Position, as a Music  
Teacher, in a Public  
School! Would you  
oblige, me and grant  
me, the Position. I  
am persuaded, to Pro-  
vide, for my own com-  
forts, I am losing \$5.00  
per day; in the running of  
People; not in my Profession  
as a Teacher of Music in its  
purity, or for sensations; in a  
lament method <sup>which is no</sup> justice

Respectfully & most truly  
Yours  
M. A. 4/19/45

Strong

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New York May 1<sup>st</sup> 1875.

Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

as a citizen of the 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly district I desire to recommend to you a citizen of this district as charity commissioner a respectable Gentleman, the man does a great deal for charity and I think that he would be suitable for the position not that he is looking for it but he is a man in your favor in politics he is against the leader of the district and against Thomas & Platt and I think he would do a great deal for the Germans in this district as he is a respectable

German himself and ~~as~~  
he has a great many friends  
of the same mind in Politics  
as your honor desires,  
he is also a constant member  
of the Dutch Reformed Church  
in Houston St between  
Ebridge & Hoyste St, and  
in former years was also  
a member of the Republican  
County Committee. His name  
is Jacob H. Miller his  
Residence at 105 Second  
Ave N. Y. C. and if you  
desire to help your friends  
you will Oblige me  
very much in fulfilling  
this appointment as we  
would like to defeat the  
other party if you would  
like to do anything in this  
matter you could send for  
the Gentlemen yourself

Please do not let this go  
any farther than your own  
hands

Yours


Respt

Conrad Mergler

101 E 7<sup>th</sup> St

N. Y. C.

City





Brewster Feb 22 1888

Mr W. L. Strong

I thought there  
could be no harm in writing  
to you about the position of  
gate keeper at the middle  
reservoir. the position that  
Mr C. Horner & Mr F. Carey hold  
if they are removed I would  
very much like the position  
of one of them  
I can furnish best references  
by any one living in Brewster  
N Y Hoping you will  
answer this I am

Yours Res  
C. G. Merritt  
Brewster  
N Y

11 York Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1895  
Hon Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

I write you a few lines asking you a little favor I am a young man 21 years of age and been out of employment for the past several months and can furnish best of references now if you have any kind of a position as clerk or any kind of work as I do not care what it is and if given a trial that the services rendered by me will be satisfactory.

(over)

I Remain Yours

Harry Merrifield,  
# 159 E. 106 St.  
City.





University of the City of New York,

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

No. 410 East 26th St.,

New York, June 28 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong Mayor

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of requesting that in filling the vacancy in the Health Department caused by the resignation of Dr. Cyrus Edson you will consider me as a candidate for the position.

I have devoted special attention to sanitary matters and am Professor of Hygiene in this University, and during my three years residence in Buffalo was an officer of the Board of Health of that city.

I am Sir,

Yours very respectfully  
R. W. Witham M.D.

New York April 3/  
95

Mr Mayor

Dear sir

I take the liberty of writing to you  
for having heard with what goodness you took  
upon young man, who try to push themselves  
along. I resolved to appeal to you. for Months  
I have been without position and I have  
not been able to find a thing to do. and  
have not earned enough to pay my Board  
Luckily I have a kind and generous Boarding  
Mistress who has kept me all this time without  
receiving pay. and this debt weight on me.  
So many people tell me that if I had a  
kind word from Mr Strong to Mr Warring  
it would not be hard for me to find  
occupation as farman in the street Dep.

I take the liberty to beg you if you could  
give me a chance

Respectfully yours Adolph M. Michael  
730 Greenwich St

N. Y. Aug 5/95

Hon. W. L. Strong Mayor  
Dear Sir

I beg to be excused for  
writing to you in regard to the application  
sent you a few weeks ago, for a clerkship  
in any one of the City Departments.

In view of the fact, that a large number of  
people call on you daily, I would respectfully  
ask you to kindly let me know, when it  
will be most convenient to you to grant me  
an audience.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours Resp  
August Miller  
213 Broadway



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*New York, Apr. 23, 1895.*

*Mr L. Strong,*

*Mayor of New York:-*

*For the past two months*

*I have been giving employment to an old Ohio soldier whom you may remember to have once called upon you, Geo. W. Littleton. He has been receiving only an office boys wages, and after this week I cannot afford even this, as I will have no work for him to perform. By the kindness of Messrs Foyé and Shayne he has squared back accounts with his landlord & taken his furniture out of pawn, and, I think when the Gov. Comm. manages finally to get a quorum, will receive help from the Society.*

*But this is not employment. Is there no place ~~for~~ under the city*

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for a faithful and efficient clerk whose <sup>broken</sup> nervous temperament requires kind direction (he must lay off work early some days) and who therefore does not demand more than living wages?

If I were independent, I would turn over my salary as Supt. of the Society to him, but even here he ought to be under direction.

If I received a minor non-political appointment, such as a Civil Service Examiner for which my work at Princeton has especially fitted me, I would retain my place here as Secretary, turning over my salary as Supt. to Mr. Littleton, and being personally responsible for him.

Yours very respectfully,  
M. M. Miller.



110 Norfolk str.

New York 17 April 95

Honorary Mayor Strong  
New York City

It is very hard for me to see your Honor personally, and take the liberty to announce my request by mail. - Since 10 months I am idle and could not find any work, my all savings had gone long ago and as I have to support my old parents, who are unable to work, I beg your Honor, as a protector of an american citizen if it is possible to do something for me, because it is so hard for me to get along in the further. Hoping your Honor will do me a favor, which would make me



the happiest man in the world,  
I remain your obedient servant  
Simon Miller

Woods's Falls N. Y.

Feb - 10<sup>th</sup> 1895 -

Mayor, Albany

✓  
Honored Sir I take  
the liberty of asking your assistance  
in having Justice done to a needy  
old Veteran. My name is Frank  
Millington. I served upwards of  
4 years in the late Iron in Co. D.  
65<sup>th</sup> N. Y. Vols. - Last July I met my  
old Capt. W. F. Walstead in New  
York City & he kindly gave me  
a letter of introduction & Reference  
& told me to have it endorsed  
by my Col. (Samuel. Truesdal at  
present pension agent, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
New York City) & present it to  
Dr. Mary Medical Supt. Woods's  
Falls and it along with letters

of reference I had from my  
former employer ~~would~~ secured me  
<sup>me</sup> a situation as Steam fitter &  
assistant Engineer under Mr. Thos  
Carroll. Chief Engineer which posi-  
tion I held untill the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of December {Christmas day} on  
that day as I was passing from  
the dining hall I met a gentleman  
who I had never seen but who  
I was informed was Dr. M<sup>c</sup>.  
Donald Medical director. my  
companions informed me that  
he had enquired who I was  
& upon being told that my name  
was Millington & that I was  
Mr. Carrolls assistant Engineer  
he remarked that he knew  
me & my companions told me  
I was either going to be promoted

or discharged & sure enough on  
the 27<sup>th</sup> of December Dr. Macy  
Medical Supt. Male Dept. where  
I was employed sent for me &  
requested me to resign & when I  
asked him what charges he  
wished me to resign for he  
said he had no charges against  
me of any kind but still he  
insisted on my resigning. I told  
him I would resign under protest  
& the only crime I knew off was  
was being an American citizen  
& a Union Soldier & I would resign  
for that reason & that only. he  
refused to receive my resignation  
& ordered me to resign for insub-  
ordination & when I asked him  
who I was insubordinate to  
he said he would not discuss



the matter with me but  
he would discharge me which  
he did - I have been told since  
I left Wards Island I was dis-  
missed because I did not salute  
Dr. M. C. Donald last Christmas  
day. & I assure your honor I never to  
my knowledge had ever seen  
Dr. M. C. Donald & I am willing  
to swear & bring witness from  
Wards Island that I was dis-  
charged because Dr. Macy & others  
had every reason to think I voted  
the Republican ticket & I most  
respectfully ask your assistance in  
having me reinstated either on  
Wards Island or wherever an  
old soldier & a respectable American  
citizens services are needed. as  
~~for~~ how I discharged my duties  
on Wards I refer you to Mr.  
Thos. Carroll Chief Engineer

Wards. Island Male. Dept-  
as to my record as a man  
& a soldier I respectfully refer  
you to my Capt. W<sup>m</sup>. F. Walstead,  
General Secretary Equitable Life Ins-  
co. Broadway. N. Y. his address is  
box ~~355~~ 555. N. Y. City or to  
Col. Tennesdal at present. Pension  
agent ~~for~~ 64 Avenue New York  
I am at present out of employment  
having had to resign my business  
on account of a severe attack of  
the grip. My post office address  
is Frank Milbington No. 3. First St  
Woosick Falls. N. Y. - where I shall  
be until perhaps the first of April  
I am ready & willing to appear  
for examination or investigation  
at any time or place you may  
designate my residence in  
New York City is no. 232. East 11<sup>th</sup>  
but any communication for me

between now & the 1<sup>st</sup> of April  
you will please address me  
in Hoosick Falls. trusting that  
you may ~~think~~ deem my case  
worthy of your consideration &  
~~that~~ you may help a poor &  
needy old soldier to an opportunity  
of earning an honest living. I remain  
your honor humble servant-

Frank Wallington  
Ct. 3. First St  
Hoosick Falls.

C. V. 7-

P. S. Dr. May <sup>was</sup> the gentleman  
who. discharged me his address  
is Dr. May Woods Island  
Male. Dept

I will appear at any time in  
24 hours notice F. M. -



DRY DOCK SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

341 & 343 BOWERY,

ANDREW MILLS,  
PRESIDENT.  
CHARLES MIEHLING,  
SECRETARY.

NEW YORK

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1895

Hon am. L. Strong  
Mayor.

Dear Sir,

I understand  
Mr. Henry C. Botby's application  
is before you for the position  
of Police Magistrate or Judge  
of Special Sessions -  
I have personally known Mr.  
Botby for about twenty  
years as a neighbor, lawyer

& depositor. We can fully  
recommend him to you  
as a man of probity,  
ability & firmness.

I should be pleased if  
my small effort could  
contribute to your Honor's  
favorable consideration of  
his application.

Respectfully

Chas McIlenny

New York

June 7th 96-

Mr Strong

Dear Sir

I write you a few lines to ask you if you can give me every assistance towards procuring a position. I can furnish you the best of Recommendations. also can furnish you letters of the best from the Church of which I am a member. my home is in the Country but am in the city now untill July 1st. I have an application in for the police Department. but hear nothing from it. I do of no reason why I could not fill the bill



I am 6 foot tall weight 198 lbs  
am sound and healthy, and will  
say for myself am honest in  
Every respect, and can get plenty  
testify to the same. I have no  
Political Influence, as I do not  
believe in it, as it is hard work for  
one to deal with Politicians and be  
honest, and I intend to <sup>be</sup> honest. Whether  
I ever succeed in life in this world  
or not, Hoping you will give this a  
thoughtfull consideration, I know  
it is asking a good deal, and  
suppose you are troubled much with  
many such letters, but if you can  
show me any favors, I assure  
you I will make myself worthy of any  
position you may place me in. I am  
stridly temperate, am 28 years of age  
and a single man, please let me hear from you  
Most Resp Yours David B Miller  
140 West 20th St City

UNION LEAGUE CLUB  
NEW YORK

May 25. 95

Hon W L Strong

Mayor  
Brooklyn

Some time  
ago I signed a  
paper asking the  
appointment of Mr  
C W Meade as one  
of the new Police  
Magistrates - I now  
write you his  
appointment - I  
have known Mr Meade

a long time, and  
have no hesitation  
in saying. I consider  
him in every way  
competent and fitted  
for the position -  
His long service in  
the Court has given  
him the experience  
which is so necessary  
in that position -  
I am sure that  
you will make  
no mistake in  
appointing him



His staunch Republican  
and loyal service  
for the party entitle  
him to consideration  
A failure to appoint  
him would I think  
be a severe and  
unnecessary reflection  
on his service in  
the Court

Yours truly,  
Wm. Miller

*Deering, Milliken & Co.*  
*79 & 81 Leonard Street.*

*New York* June 6, 1895

Dear Colonel:

Sometime since you will remember I spoke to  
you concerning Dr. White for one of the School Commissioners.  
I told you who he was . Would you like to see him now ? If so  
he is in my office now, and I will bring him down to see you.

Yours truly

*S. M. Milliken*

Col. E. L. Strong,

New York City

Hoboken March. 22<sup>nd</sup> 95

L

Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse me  
for writing to you, but it is a  
case of Compulsory, which  
I asked of you. I am a poor  
Man out of Employment - with  
a Large Family to support -  
I wish that you could give  
me Employment no matter  
what it is, because if I  
don't soon get something to  
do, I will have to break  
up my Little Home. Which  
God forbid that I should  
have to do. I have an Invalid  
Wife also. but God knows I  
would not like to put her  
away from her family, which  
would break her Heart - also



mine, Life is so short on this  
Earth to be parted, Except  
Heath if you will do something  
for me! You would have  
the whole family - prayer on  
you - so dear Sir if you  
can do any thing for me  
We would thank you kindly  
for it, I am a very steady  
Man. but Misfortune befell me  
please Answer this with a  
Good Will

And Oblige Yours Truly  
a poor Man seeking Employment  
Dr. J. Minall

215 Willow Av -  
Hoboken  
N.J.

No. 115. West 49<sup>th</sup> St  
New York, June 19. 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong:-

Mayor of the City of New York

Sir:-

I notice in the newspapers that there is a probability, within a few days, of the appointment of certain Assessors and Deputy Tax Collectors in the Tax Department. Having retired from business at the beginning of the year, one of these places would suit me very well to fill, and I could give it my entire time and attention. I advised with my friend General A. H. McCook this morning with reference thereto, and he thought that an application to you might prove of use to me. I can bring to my support the highest testimonials from Generals Horatio Porter, Alexander S. Webb, A. G. McCook, C. H. J. Collins, J. Watts de Peyster, Mr. Chauncey M. Depew and other leading citizens. You will recall me as having been recommended to you by that sterling man, General A. S. Webb for Police Commissioner. Also as having called upon you, at your office, in company with General O'Brien in behalf of the Hon. Amos J. Cummings.

After serving with credit in the Civil War, having  
the Medal of Honor conferred upon me twice by  
special resolution of Congress and retiring from  
the Army as the youngest Major-General in the  
history of the Nation, I devoted the last thirty  
years of my life to business pursuits and have  
never held Civil office. — It would give me  
much pleasure to be identified in some way  
with the Administration that you have so auspicious-  
ly begun. With sentiments of the highest esteem

Very truly yours,  
George W. Mindel.



Edward Mitchell  
William Mitchell

Mitchell & Mitchell  
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law  
44 & 46 Wall Street

Telephone 1034 Cortlandt.  
Cable Address  
"Aliform" New York

New York March 19/95

To/ His Honor

Sir: The Mayor of New York City:

It gives me much pleasure  
to commend to your favorable  
consideration the application of  
James D. Van Rensselaer Esq  
to be appointed one of the judges  
of the new Court of Special Sessions.

My personal knowledge of his  
character, ability, attainments and  
experience justify me in urging  
his appointment on the ground of  
peculiar fitness for the office.

Very respectfully yours  
Edw Mitchell

✓ April 2, 1895.

31 East Fiftieth Street.

Honble:

Wm L. Strong.

Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor  
to acknowledge the receipt  
this evening of your letter  
of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, asking me to  
consider your proposal to  
appoint me one of the Police  
Commissioners of this City.

Aware of the grave  
public interests involved, of  
your deep concern in the  
same and in compliance  
with your express desire,  
I shall certainly comply

with your request to consider  
the question of acceptance,  
although my professional  
engagements and personal  
preference lead me to  
decline.

Cordially thanking  
you for the highly compli-  
-mentary terms of your  
letter, I am,

Respectfully yours  
Edw Mitchell



*John Murray Mitchell's*  
*Cable Address*  
*"Jonurmit"*  
*New York!*

*Law Offices*

*Dos Passos Bros.*

*Telephone*  
*1703 Cortlandt.*

*John Murray Mitchell.*

*35 Wall Street, (Mills Building.)*

*New York* — *Apr. 30th,* — *1895*

To the Honorable

William L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York

Dear Sir:-

It gives me the greatest pleasure to recommend to your good graces Robert H. Griffin, Esq., for the position of Police Magistrate.

I have known Mr. Griffin for a good many years and have no hesitation in saying that I have always found him to have the highest ideas of justice and to be a man of a high order of intelligence and one who is gifted, I believe, with an unusually good judicial mind and whose uprightness of character combined with a most gentlemanly and agreeable manner fits him peculiarly for the position of Police Magistrate. I consider that he would be as creditable an appointment as could be made.

Yours very sincerely,

*John Murray Mitchell*

New York March 29/90

Col. Mr. Strong

Dear Sir I write this letter  
to you not knowing of any one  
else to write to, I would like to  
get a position of some kind I  
am fairly educated and have always  
been a republican I would not ask  
you for anything but it is very hard  
to get anything to do so I thought  
you might do something for me I have  
my Mother to support and I am not of  
work if you would kindly give me  
something I would be very thankful  
to you. If you cannot I will  
still remain one of your supporters  
being a member of the Republican  
Association of the 16<sup>th</sup> Election dist  
of 28<sup>th</sup> ~~dist~~ Assembly dist

I Remain Yours Truly  
Fermann Mohlenhoff 2477-8<sup>th</sup> city

New York  
February 13<sup>th</sup> / 95

Dear Sir

Will you be kind en-  
ough to tell me where to ~~any~~  
get an application for Foreman  
of the street cleaning Dep. or Clerks  
and Porters for the city hall  
for I cant get no one to tell me  
I received your letter of the  
9<sup>th</sup> of January telling that my  
letter is on file but I thought  
it would be better to have an  
application in for this kind of  
work so if you try and do all  
you can be it might help.



One along I have been to Captain  
of the District. If you want to you  
may give me a letter of introduction  
to some of the men that have  
been appointed by the Mayor.  
Hoping you let me know soon

I Remain

Yours Truly

Jesse I. Noir & Co.  
187 West Houston St  
New York

5 Hancock St New York  
Oct 24/95

Dear Sir

You promised me you  
would do something for me last  
December. But you have not.  
I did not run after you like  
other people did. because I  
took your word. now I have  
work for you. and will work  
for your party again, now  
you try and put me somewhere.  
I am 25 years old and not a  
fraction of work. but you have  
to have one to speak for you  
hoping you will do all you can  
for me. I Remain Yours  
Jesse Thoir

New York  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 75  
V

Dear Sir

I am waiting  
for some kind of good  
news I will not say  
much but I want to  
let you know that I got  
a large family in good  
health thank God but want  
more to eat more than I can  
to furnish at present on a/c  
of being a republican only  
C. V. Bless Esq<sup>r</sup> that told me  
not to be hungry to call and  
see him after I do not  
know what I should do  
there are (4) Democrats  
put to work on the N. York  
Reporter last Tuesday  
(over)



And I do not consider that  
a square deal of course  
it is a Democratic Plant  
for the present.  
Shore that was taken. One  
2 of them lives in Com  
Farm Halcomb House Va. &  
Charles Swanwick  
Charles W. Cooley  
John Smith.  
Wm White of Down Town  
I am very sorry to have to  
trouble you so much but as  
Mr. Bliss said take time but I  
am running in debt all the  
time I do not care if you put  
me on the S. C. D. or a master  
foreman or any where else  
I worked under Mayor Hunt  
of this term and all my work  
hard for the last day in  
and day out over

I would have and  
been in the department  
yet only I was a  
Republican I and on a  
10 weeks out of it and  
I was placed on the list  
first by assistant Eng  
ineer Benson Brothers <sup>and</sup> <sup>and</sup>  
of Capt W. H. McRay that  
used to be put out Eng  
Under Chief Green at  
Presert for us truly

J. Monahan

#455 West 56<sup>th</sup>  
Ct

Perate

P.S.  
you received the  
old letter I had to you  
I will fetch it again

P.O. Box 1.

Harmony Village Va

Aug. 20. 98 -

To The Hon. Mayor  
of New York City  
N.Y.

Dr. Sir.

I wrote your honor over a month ago, asking that you would kindly inform me who the successful contractor was, that got the contract to build the storage reservoir for your City - and also to please give me his address, as I wished to communicate with him on business. Your honor kindly answered that you had turned my letter over to the Commissioner of Public Works for your City and your worthy Commissioner kindly answered that he had turned my letter over to the Acquired Land Commission who had the contract - it is their jurisdiction. I waited two weeks and heard nothing from the latter. I then wrote direct to the Acquired Land Com., and as yet have heard nothing. Thus I write to your honor to please give me such information direct from your department and in case the delay on the part of the Acquired Land Com. may prove detrimental



To me, in my success in get-  
ting a position as foreman  
or timekeeper in the Contractor  
company of mine. I shall then  
appeal to your influential  
notice that you may only  
hint to the Contractor in my  
behalf which I know would  
get me the place. I have  
built one reservoir and have  
done contract work for years  
but lost about 10000\$ last  
year and now have to start  
over, as even my farm is  
mortgaged for 6000\$ and I want  
work to redeem my farm -  
now in survey to my wife & four  
little children, will you con-  
sider to aid me in getting  
on the works - which you in  
your high office would only  
have to ask & it will be done,  
and if I do not prove worthy of  
your aid I will forfeit the  
remainder of the value to my  
farm of 176 acres and all the per-  
sonal property I have - begging  
pardon for such a long letter  
and awaiting your kind reply  
I remain Yours very truly &  
obediently &c.

W. W. Woody

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE—AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS,  
ROOM 213, STEWART BUILDING.

A. FTELEY,  
Chief Engineer.

New York, August 26th, 1895.

(Dictated)

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

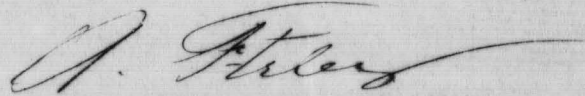
Secretary, Mayor's Office,

New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Aqueduct Commissioners request me to inform you  
that they have answered Mr. W. W. Moody's letter of August 20th  
to His Honor the Mayor, which is returned herewith.

Yours Truly,



Chief Engineer.



Hotel Endicott,  
Hon W. L. Strong

Mayer,  
Dear Sir, I trust your  
private secretary (Mr. Hayes)  
will give you my letter  
to read, as I feel sadly  
hurt - the report - that  
my husband has been  
killed, by the Commissioners  
of Street-cleaning. I cannot  
refrain from writing a  
position which my husband  
did not expect. - He was



sent for by Col Waring  
after a conference with  
my husband, he asked  
him to be his deputy, he  
giving up his position,  
we breaking up our home  
coming to N York taking  
up our residence here to  
conform to the rules of the  
department.

I knowing he has never  
neglected his duty night-  
or day should be asked  
to resign, because he would  
not conform and do as  
an untruthful report

woman wished him to,  
I know he would be  
ever willing, and capable  
of filling any position  
you gave him, and he would  
never cause you to regret:  
any thing you might do  
for him. I trust, yet you  
may find something for him,  
that our home must not be  
broken again. You will ever be  
blessed by this sad woman.

Respectfully  
Mrs Chas. R. Moore,  
June eleventh ninety five



Saugerties, N. Y.

May 24, 1895.

Hon. William C. Sturgis.

Dear Sir:

I wrote to you some time ago  
in behalf of W. Samuel J. Brown,  
Printer and Book-binder, of 22 Grand  
Street, New York City, asking you to  
remember him in one of the many  
offices you may have to fill.

Your Supervisor can bear testimony  
as to his character and abilities.

Yours respectfully  
(W<sup>m</sup>) Eliza Ann Moore.

P. C. B. 7 357.



Fol.I In the matter  
of the application  
of

Thomas Moore a veteran  
for the position of keeper  
on the New Croton Aqueduct

Sir:

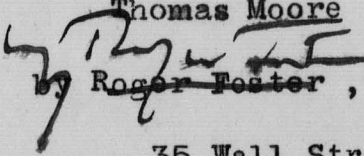
Please take notice that Thomas Moore a veteran and honorably discharged Union soldier appeals to you from the action of the Supervisory Board of the New York Civil Service Commissioners and the New York City Civil Service Commissioners on or about May 22d 1895 in striking the name of said Thomas Moore from the eligible list of candidates for appointment to the position of keeper on the New Croton Aqueduct; and that the said veteran respectfully requests and demands a hearing upon the charges against him; and that you revise the said action of said board and said commissioners; and that said veteran insists that said board and said commissioners had and have no power and no jurisdiction to strike his name from said list; and that if they had such power they could not lawfully have exercised the same without notice and a hearing given to this veteran and no hearing or notice was given to him by them; and that the said action was founded upon errors in fact and law and was done irregularly and unlawfully and without jurisdiction for the reasons above set forth and other reasons; and that said veteran prays and demands from you such other and further relief in the premises as may be

be

" 4 just.

New York June 7, 1895.

Thomas Moore

 by Roger Foster, his attorney,

35 Wall Street,

New York

To

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor of New York City



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The most Complete and Convenient Family Hotel in the City.  
CHARLES A. FULLER, MANAGER.



# HOTEL ENDICOTT

81<sup>st</sup> TO 82<sup>nd</sup> ST. COLUMBUS AVE.  
MANHATTAN SQUARE,  
L. STATION.

New York, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895

For Wm. Strong  
New York City

Dear Sir

Will you please return to me at your earliest convenience, my original application made to you for an appointment as "Excise Comm." also all and any letters addressed to you or to the Hon Wm M. F. Olcott in my behalf that you have in your possession in reference to my appointment. They are of no further use to you, and are of considerable value to me.

Trusting you will kindly grant what I ask of you, as I make it not only on my own account, but at the request of my personal friends and endorsers.

I remain,

Yours very truly Frank M. Mora.

# 8 East 110<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y. City Jan. 9/95

Hon. Wm Strong Mayor of New York  
Dear Sir

I hope you will kindly pardon me  
for trespassing upon your valuable  
time, in briefly stating a few facts.

Having voted for you, and although  
I have hesitated in taking the liberty  
to address you, it is done the less  
a fact that I am proud & happy to  
congratulate you to your honorable  
position as Mayor of this the great  
City of New York. I trust that you  
be successful although the term of  
your administration, and while I am  
at it I wish you a happy New Year.

So that you may know the writer  
of this plain & humble document, I  
most respectfully ask your Honr for  
the favor of a brief & early interview,  
having filled the position of Sup't.  
in the Bureau of St. Cleaning for  
seven years without even once a repre-  
mand perhaps what I may have to  
say may be both interesting and instructive.

Hon J. W. Goff and Hon Wm R. Grace  
will tell you who I am, hoping you will  
pardon this lengthy letter I am Dear Honorable Sir

Yours Very Respectfully  
John Moran



New York. Nch 25<sup>th</sup>. 1895  
250 West 39<sup>th</sup> Street City

Hon. Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

I have seen repeatedly in the press that it is your desire to find and appoint good competent men which is certainly of vital importance to change the present condition of affairs.

If you would have considered my letter of Jan'y 15<sup>th</sup> sincerely, which came from a man of unusual gifted qualifications to be at the head of the Health Department, and whom you coolly referred to Col. Tamm of the Street Cleaning department. I have not conferred with him, as I knew he had nothing to do, towards appointing Health officials.

Braine and knowledge cannot be purchased with money, nor can name bring forth the

desired results.

Kindly consider this

I am yours very truly

C. L. Morehouse M.D.

#250 West 39th Street

New York



New York, October 23, 1895.

To  
The State Board of Charities,

Gentlemen:

I have read with much interest that new Medical Boards will be installed in the various city hospitals on November first. This sounds encouraging, that at last you gentlemen have awakened to do so, but be careful whom you appoint, even if physicians recommended by the Medical Colleges, there are apt to be incompetent or theory leaders only to experiment on unfortunate sufferers confined in such places. Allow me to say that in changing of the separation of State and Charity in the Constitutional Convention at Albany and compulsory school education has been perfected and carried out by an association of which I was chaplain and afterwards made President. The speech read at Albany by our delegate was previously read in my parlor. We have fought vigorously to win the battle, thus saving millions of dollars to the country and the elevation of the masses. The introduction of the American flag in our schoolhouses is thanks to the personal efforts of a noble, patriotic citizen, a Mr. Balch now deceased, and former President of our Association. Does not the Board of Charities and Correction deem that I am entitled to a position of trust where honor, purity, integrity, ability and the common sense of a skilled physician is required. As such I claim



to be. I am in vigorous health, full of ambition to serve my country, to benefit the nation. To give you a brief history of myself: My father was Private Secretary to George Washington; my generation can be traced back without a stain; I am an all-round three hundred sixty-five days Republican, connected with the best of families; my daughter is married to a second cousin of Pierpont Morgan; Ex-Governor Morgan, Storrs, Buckingham. I write you this at these critical times, where suitable men to fill offices are scarce. Kindly reply.

I have the honor of remaining,

Sincerely yours,

C. L. Morehouse, M.D.

P.S.

Honorable Mayor Strong:

You will kindly remember my letter for the Presidency of the Board of Health soon after you assumed your official duties as Mayor. You referred me to the Street Cleaning Department; I did not go because I did not think Colonel Waring had the right or privileges to appoint in Medical Departments. Kindly give this your sincere attention, and oblige an honorable, upright citizen,

C. L. Morehouse, M.D.  
258 West 25th Street.

STATE OF KANSAS.  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

Topeka, March 22, 1895.

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

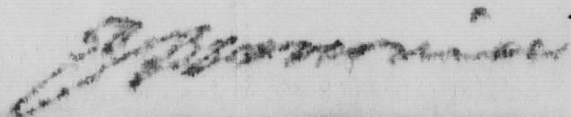
Dear Sir:

It gives me sincere pleasure to speak a kind word in behalf of Enos Hook, who was for many years a resident of this state. There can be no doubt about his thorough qualification for any position in the Tax Department of your city, as he had a large experience for nearly ten years in this state in that direction.

I should very much appreciate his appointment, and sincerely trust that you will find it in your power to grant this request.

With assurances of respect, I am,

Very truly yours,



Governor.

N.Y. 3/27/95

Hon. Wm L. Strong  
City Hall N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I trust you will pardon  
the liberty I take in addressing  
you but I feel assured that you  
will give this letter your kind  
consideration.

I have been out of employment  
since last October and it is  
for that reason I write you with  
a view of securing a position.

I have worked with well-known  
Contractors as timekeeper and can  
furnish first class references as to  
Honesty, Sobriety, and faithful  
performance of my duties.

I am newly married and it is  
imperative that I secure a



position; it matters not what  
it may be so that I can make  
a living out of it.

I have never held a political  
position; I have always worked  
out-side for Contractors laying  
pipe and such.

Trusting you will favor this  
with your kind approval

Yours Very Respectfully

Jas. J. Morris

1416 3rd Ave

N.Y. City

office of  
**G. P. MORTON,**  
DEALER IN  
DRY GOODS GROCERIES  
Hats Caps Boots Shoes  
Ready Made Clothing etc  
Queensware  
Hardware and **FARM IMPLEMENTS'**

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To the Mayor of New York City

Dear sir -

you will please let me know  
by return of mail if the Metropolitan  
guaranty and security Co of No 5 day St  
New York City is responsible and will do  
what they promise enclosed you will find  
a self addressed stamped envelope for a  
reply Very truly yours  
G. P. Morton.

New York

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Mayor W. L. Strong  
City Hall

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to write you  
in my own behalf. I am a young man  
(Colord) living in the 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly Dist.  
I would like to ask you if you would  
appoint me to a position in the <sup>City</sup> tax  
department if I can get the endorsement  
of men who stand high in political affairs.  
If you can give me any encouragement  
I will bring letters to you from gentlemen  
that you would be pleased to do a  
favor for. I trust that you will give  
this request a favorable consideration; and  
if you cannot see your way clear



To appoint me in this particular  
Department. I would be glad of some  
other appointment. I have been taking  
an active part in politics in my  
District for the past two years, and the  
people of my District would appreciate  
any thing that you might do for me.  
Trusting that you may give this  
request a favorable consideration.

I remain yours truly.

J. P. Moseley.

55 E. 122<sup>nd</sup> St  
City.

FRANK MOSS,  
Counsellor at Law,  
BENNETT BUILDING,  
93-99 Nassau St.

New York, July 19, 1895.  
Job E. Hedges,  
Dear Sir:

You will recollect that the Mayor sometime ago received a number of letters endorsing and recommending me as a candidate for the new Court of Special Sessions.

If these letters have not been thrown away or filed, I would consider it a favor to deliver them to the bearer who is my clerk.

Yours truly  
Frank Moss.

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#62 Convent Avenue.  
New York. July 30<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mayor Strong

Dear Sir:—

Those of us who live here on Washington Heights at West 144<sup>th</sup> St. have no alternative when we go down town in the mornings except to go by the Elevated R.R. from the 145<sup>th</sup> St. station. If a line of cars up St. Nicholas Avenue and continuing down to Broadway were now running, it would be a great convenience to all of us who are now residents of Washington Heights. We very seldom wish to cross over to the East side of town almost every one wishes to get down-town either on the West side or down Broadway.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave railroad people are mistaken in saying that people up here wish to go to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. We want to go down town on the West side and on Broadway.

It really seems sensible that those who pay the fares ought to be listened to a little bit. The three rival companies

the Elevated Railroad, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Cable, and the Broadway Cable Co are all biting at each other, while we, the unfortunate residents of the disputed territory, are quite willing to pay for transportation if we can only get it.

Washington Heights needs communication badly with the lower part of the city. It is the great drawback to this delightful and beautiful part of New York.

regarding Sunday Closing of Liquor Saloons.  
The action of your board of Police Commissioners meets with the highest approval of thinking men and women. The city of New York has a cleaner government to-day than it has had in over twenty years before this time.

Yours Resp.  
William E. Mowbray.  
#62 Convent Ave. near West 144<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York City.



New York February 21<sup>st</sup> 95

Hon. Wm L. Strong,

Dear Sir!

I am a young man 20 years old born in Germany but have been a resident in the U. S. since my tenth year, and desire to make it my permanent home. I am desirous of securing reliable information as to the steps to be taken, to be and have the privileges of American citizenship. If it will in my case be necessary to take out any papers. What ones, how and where to do so?

Hoping you will pardon me, the liberty I am taking. I am yours to oblige.

Very Respectfully  
Chas. Mueller

of W H Crossman & Bros.  
#77 Broad Street  
N. Y. City



Local 6352, A. F. of L.

Central Labor Union.

—AND—

Culinary

Trades Council.

NEW YORK.

ORGANIZED, APRIL 9TH, 1894.

# Manhattan Musical Protective Union.

HEADQUARTERS:

No. 70 EAST FOURTH STREET.

PRESIDENT,

JOHN LEAVY.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

MAX M. RICHTER.

SECRETARY,

ROBT. A. MULLEN.

TREASURER,

WM. AUTENREITH.

New York, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong.

Dear Sir

We have in our union who through a little muscular trouble lost the control of his lips and being a Cornetist is unable to make his living at his profession An Italian Gentleman. who would be glad to get employment as interpreter or some like occupation If it were possible for you to do anything for him As a unit this society would be thankful to you

Yours Respectfully  
R A Mullen  
Secretary.

Thursday ev'g  
June 6<sup>th</sup>

112 EAST 35<sup>TH</sup> STREET

My dear Colonel

It is with the greatest  
reluctance that I have  
consented to write you on  
the subject of the Police  
Magistrate appointments.

If the names of the probable  
appointees mentioned in  
the evening paper be true,  
and you have not formally  
made the appointments, let  
me implore you

Very truly yours  
J. M. C. C. C.

to give the matter  
further consideration.

While the appointment of  
Harrison a Crane  
would give satisfaction  
to Republicans, it would  
be more than neutralized  
by the promotion of a  
Tascomany Mayor's  
nominée as Vice-President  
of the Special Session.  
The dropping of his two  
Republican Colleagues  
and the appointment of

a Tascomany justice  
on the new Board.

As to the fitness of the  
others of course nothing  
can be said against  
them, but it has

seemed to many of your  
friends that from  
a list of applicants containing  
such excellent material,  
those who have done  
their political duty as  
citizens, and favored reform  
within the party, taking



an active part therein,  
should be more favored  
than those who have not.

I ~~feel~~ feel confident  
that such a list would  
be a death blow to the  
efforts of your friends  
to bring about a better and  
stronger Republican  
organization; giving you  
administration the support it  
should have, reaping the  
full fruits of the triumph of  
last November and  
enabling <sup>us</sup> to carry the city  
this autumn. If not too late  
I should like to appeal to you in person.

New York, 4/6/95

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.

#12 West 57th Street, City

Dear Sir:-

While looking over the names of the board of trustees of the New York Life Insurance Company of 346 Broadway, I find your name included as one of their body.

I have on file in the office of said company an application for a clerkship, under date of August 8<sup>th</sup> 1894 - some eight months ago, and as I have no friends in the said company to advance my application in case a vacancy should occur.

I take the liberty in soliciting your aid as one of the directors to help me along in my task of getting employment in their office.

I Am 23 yrs of age, and

born in this city, and reside at home  
with my parents.

I can give best of ref-  
erences from last employer, where I  
was employed for nearly five (5) yrs.

Hoping you will be able  
to aid me in my undertaking  
And Hoping to be excused for the  
liberty herewith taken.

I remain, dear Sir,  
Yours very truly,  
Grant S. Murphy.  
# 449 - 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.





Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mayor Strong

Dear sir I am a poor widow  
woman with six children  
the oldest a young man  
twenty-one and the young-  
est four years old  
my son is out of employment  
three months and he can-  
not find any thing to do  
he is a quiet sober young  
man with fair education  
willing to do any kind of  
work if you would be kind  
enough to find him something  
to do and save my children  
from an institution and  
as we are about to be put  
out for non payment of

sent if you will kindly  
assist us please do it soon  
and oblige

Mrs J. Murphy  
405 West 54th  
N. Y. City

New York

July 5/95

Hon Mayor Strong:-

Dear Sir:-

I wish to call your attention to Mr. Bogart of 2954. 3rd. Ave. who is watchmen in Commissioner Haffens office at 158th st. & 3rd. Ave. The old public school. His salary is \$17 per week. Notwithstanding, as janitor there are 3 watchmen. Now rooms are being fitted up for Mr. Bogart, who will receive rent-coal-wood-& gas free. Is not that robbing the City?

By so doing,  
you will oblige  
A. Tappan

J. W. Murphy



Internal Revenue Service.

Second District of New York,

Deputy Collector's Office,

January 11, 1895.

Genl. Job. E. Hedges.  
General.

I take pleasure  
in certifying to the excellent char-  
acter of Julius Rehvooldt both  
as a Citizen and Soldier and also  
as to competency as a Clerk.  
He served with me in the 19<sup>th</sup>  
N.Y. Infantry and was Regimental  
and Adjutant's Clerk. which position  
he filled with a great deal of  
credit. I understand he is an  
applicant for a clerkship in  
your office - You will find him  
a very accomplished penman  
and engraver. I will vouch

for his integrity and sobriety  
and his competency to fill  
any position in a clerical  
capacity to which he may  
called.

I am General  
Very Respectfully  
Yr. obt. Servt.  
Jas B Munroe

No. ....

Dep't Collector of Internal Revenue, 2d Dist. of N. Y.

....., 189 .

SUBJECT:

No. of Inclosures, .....

Officers of Internal Revenue must fill out the indorsement and  
brief on the back of each letter to the Department.



LAW OFFICE

— OF —

WM. H. MYERS,

2088 Lexington Ave., near 125th St.

NEW YORK,

July 22<sup>d</sup>, 1895.

Job C. Hedges, Esq.,

City Hall, N.Y.

Dear Sir, I reside in the recently annexed district, and as there seems to be some uncertainty as to the rights of notaries public who reside there to act, I would like to be appointed Commissioner of Deeds.

Will you kindly inform me as to the mode of procedure necessary to obtain the appointment, also if there is any fee connected with the same & oblige.

Yours Resp.,  
W. H. Myers.



New York, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir -

As a candidate for the position of Police Commissioner, which will have to be filled shortly, I would respectfully suggest Col. J. M. Mardhof of this city. Mr. Mardhof is a Republican and a veteran of the Civil War, having rendered distinguished services to the country.

He not only went out in the field to do his duty as a citizen and a soldier, but, at the time when the government was badly in need of money, offered voluntarily his entire fortune, about \$40000 - 50000, to aid them financially as well. Mr. Mardhof is a man of unblemished character, of energy and principle. He counts amongst his friends men, whose

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names bear testimony as to his straightforwardness and of his deep sentiment of duty, and I might mention that he was particularly friendly with the late Col. Elliott Shepherd.

On Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1870 he was offered by Governor Hoffman the position of Commissary General of Subsistence on the latter's staff, recommended by Mr. Ottendorfer; but Kaidhof declined, saying: "that he was too pronounced a Republican to feel at home in the military family of his staff, who of course were all Democrats." —

I trust you will give favorable consideration to this suggestion, as it would not only be a great satisfaction to our German American fellow-citizens to have a representative of their element amongst the men who hold the more important offices in this city, but also to the public in general, who could only profit by having such a man as Col. Kaidhof in the

(over)



position in question. -

If you should wish me to come forward in this matter, I am ready to do so, and you may inform me of your willingness to hear from me again, through the press. -

I am Sir

Yours Very Respectfully  
A German American and  
Independant Democrat.

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New York March 27<sup>th</sup> 1895

To His Honor  
Wm. L. Strong  
Mayor of City.

Dear Sir,

Hoping you will pardon me,  
I take the liberty to address these  
lines to you.

For the past five months, I'm out of  
employment, and although trying  
very hard to secure a situation,  
it was impossible for me to succeed.  
The House Club (20<sup>th</sup> Assembly Dist.),  
of which I'm a member, has tried  
to secure an appointment for me,  
but up to date, without result.

Being idle so long, I was compelled  
to break up my home, and my family  
is now stopping with relatives, until  
I'm able to secure a situation.

I would therefore resp. ask your  
Honor's aid in this direction, by  
giving me an appointment if  
possible, or a letter to one of the  
heads of department.

I refer to

Mr. P. J. Carpenter 1118 1<sup>st</sup> Ave

" W. S. Stephenson 215 E. 62<sup>nd</sup> St

" Jos. Schwartz 1113 1<sup>st</sup> Ave

for references.

Hoping to receive a favorable  
reply, I'm

Very Truly Yours

Samuel Nathan

Yrs.

P. J. Carpenter

1118 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

## Ein offener Brief an die N. Y. Staats-Zeitung.

Geehrte Herren!

In heutiger Staatszeitung nehmen wir Notiz von Ihrer Bemerkung betreffs der Versammlung, welche gestern Nachmittag 3 Uhr in der Deutsch-Amerikanischen Turn-Halle stattfand. Wir sind erstaunt darüber, mit welcher Dreistigkeit solche von Ihnen gedruckte Unwahrheiten in Ihrem Blatte erscheinen.

Es ist eine Schmach, solches in einem deutschen Blatte zu finden, und können wir nur bedauern, daß Ihr Blatt sich auf solch' niedrige Stufe Campagne halber stellt.

Die Thatfache ist die — wie Hunderte der besten Deutschen des 35. Ass:mbly-Districts bezeugen können — daß die große Halle bis zur Thür gefüllt war.

Mit vorzüglicher Achtung

gez. G. Armeny, John Risch, P. Moog.

### Ein Arbeiter über Politik.

Werther Herr Redacteur!

Da wir am Vorabend der Wahl stehen, so möchte ich, da wir die Ansichten so vieler prominenter Bürger gelesen haben, auch meine Ansicht geben über die leidige, hauptsächlich von dem Reformbund, sogenannten Garoos, aufgebrachte Bierfrage.

Mancher Deutsche sagt: Ich muß mein Bier haben am Sonntag! Das kann er ja auch; muß er aber darauf bestehen, es in oder aus einer Wirthschaft zu haben? Ich bin dafür, daß am Sonntag die Wirthschaften zu gewissen Stunden auf sein sollen, ja wenn es wäre wie in Deutschland, daß man es sich gemüthlich machen und mit seinen Freunden sich bei einem guten Glas Bier unterhalten könnte, so glaube ich, würden und könnten die Wirthschaften den ganzen Sonntag offen sein. Wollt Ihr Deutschen Euch wegen dem Sonntagsbier an Tammany verkaufen, ist Eure persönliche Freiheit nicht größer in Gefahr unter dieser Horde als unter einer ordnungsliebenden Staats- und Stadtverwaltung, hat der arme Deutsche, wenn er keinen sogenannten Pull hatte, jemals ohne Geld, wenn er das Unglück hatte, mit dem Gesetz in Conflict zu kommen, von Tammany-Richtern Recht bekommen? Nein und nochmals nein! Bloß Geld und Pull haben mußte Einer, dann konnte er der verwegenste Räuber und Mörder sein, er ging straffrei aus. Ist das das Gesetz, welches der Deutsche sucht? Ist das persönliche Freiheit? Darum, deutsche Bürger, laßt Euch nicht als Hunde zum Bellen, um die Meute zu jagen für Tammany und ihre deutschen und irländischen Beutejäger, gebrauchen, denn wie Ihr wißt, bekommt der Hund, der bellt, gewöhnlich einen Tritt und Schläge dazu. Man liebt den Verrath und haßt den Verräther. Ob Tammany siegt oder geschlagen wird, sie werden den Deutschen nur verachten, als Verräther betrachten und erst recht, wenn sie es auch könnten, keine Aenderung in der Accisefrage schaffen, denn Tammany will das Gesetz haben und hat den Schlag, welchen die Deutschen das letzte Jahr ihm gegeben haben, noch nicht vergessen, und wird sich rächen an Euch Deutschen und Ihr würdet es schwer bereuen, sollten diese siegen. Die einzige Abhülfe kann bloß von der andern Seite zu erwarten sein.

Ein Arbeiter:

P. A. Rebeling, 2299 8. Ave.

— Der Earl von Derby hat das Amt eines Lord Mayor von Liverpool angenommen.



New York Nov. 10/95

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

Dear Sir

In regard to an article of yesterdays World that your honor would see that some of Tammanys holdovers would be removed, I think they ought to go out and as soon as the better, and further I think on account of the last Election the Sunday law should be fully enforced and more as it had been before Election until the next Legislature changes the said Law to the credit of the Republican Party. I had an article in the New York Herald on Monday Nov. 4 as you will see yourself. it is in German but will tell my views. Mr. Mayor I am a honest man Plumber Gasfitter & Roofer by Trade, I have 8 children and I am 40 years of age I am out of work, I had a Business my own for 8 years but had to give up. During 1894 I had been a Leader of the Independent Council, or Stecklers Organization in the old 28. Ass. Dist. and I had told your honor in your headquarters, good facts how your honor would ruin said Dist. in your own Campaign, but I left the Stecklers last Spring when I saw that they would make a deal with Tammany to get a Nomination for Supreme Judge for Alfred Steckler, (they failed) The Stecklers with Harburger, are very untruthful People, when I left them they could not obtain a man in my Dist to keep up the Organization. during your honor's Campaign I run the Organization in my Dist. Meetings and all, without getting a cent from the Stecklers or their Organization. This Fall I have worked very

over



hard for the Fussion Ticket as it tell your honor by this  
artiel enclosed. And now as I think your honor  
would see to it that those Tammany rascals  
be turned out and there places be filled with  
worthy and honest Citizens, I would like  
to ask your honor to recomend me self  
to one of your worthy Commissions of any  
City Dept. for a possition, where I could earn  
about 900 to a 1.000 Dol. a year. I will  
and can furnish the best References to you

In hope your honor would kindly conside  
my Application

I remain yours truly

P. A. Nebeling

2299-8 Ave.

New York.

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>

1895

My Dear Mayor.

I am a young married man and I am asking you to please assist me in getting a position in some of the city depts. I have been working for J. Luck 570 1/2 Grand St. for (7) years and had give up an account of business decreasing. I have a family another to support. I do not want to break up my little home.

Hoping I am successful. I remain yours  
David Peskitt

298 Henry St City



No. 2007 Fifth Ave.,

New York, June 6th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir,-

I see by the Herald of to-day in reference to the selection of City Magistrates, you intend to keep your pledges of non-partisan administration in the appointing of good men representing all shades of politics; and that you are considering the name of Justice Chas. E. Simms for re-appointment.

I wish to say I have always been a republican. I am a member for some time of the Harlem Republican Club. I was instrumental in securing the unanimous nomination of Philip B. Low for Congress, and my brother had full charge of his campaign from beginning to the close, wiping out over 8000 Democratic majority at the Special Election, and electing our Congressman by over 4500, a far greater victory than Congressman Quigg's victory in the adjoining district. I have worked diligently for over one year, giving my time, means, and personal efforts for the whole reform ticket. I have admired and upheld your course in all you have done. I state these facts, showing you my position as a true Republican of the Reform Movement, and heartily rejoice to know we have a Mayor who has a back bone, who can keep pledges. As you said in your speech at Grant's dinner at the Harlem Republican Club "Five per cent of the politicians keep

their pledges and ninety-five per cent fail to do so." ; thank God,  
you are among the five per cent.

Justice Simms I know as a conscientious, upright, honest,  
honorable gentleman. I have watched his career as Assistant  
District Attorney, and am aware of his arduous labors in the Carlyle  
Harris' trial. As a Police Justice, there has never been a word  
said against him, and I have heard regrets from hundreds of citizens  
of all shades of politics who regret his removal.

Dear Mr. Mayor, if you intend to appoint a Tammany man, as  
the papers hint, I as a private citizen, urge the re-appointment of  
Chas. E. Simms. He has been tried and not found wanting. I am  
first a citizen and a Republican after.

Respectfully,

*J. M. Newman*



I have known William O. Payne for some  
time and cheerfully concur in the  
above and believe him capable and  
worthy of the position he seeks.

Matthew J. Newman  
2007 Fifth Ave.

Philip Reinhard  
Philip Reinhard  
Minutes of assembly 27<sup>th</sup> May  
-08



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1463. Madison Ave  
New York June 3/95

Honorable Mayor Strong

If possible, will  
You give me some  
appointment - in re-  
membrance of all  
my loved ones have done  
for this Country & who  
now fill hero's graves  
& we never demanded  
any pensions

Neither have I asked  
for any remuneration  
for all I spent <sup>of my own fortune</sup> during  
the late civil war -

Have no one to help  
support me - as he who  
swore to cherish me until  
death - thinks more of  
wine than either himself  
or pure & devoted wife -  
The law yet withholds  
my property - & unless  
you give me some  
employment - I will  
surely perish - as all

I have to keep a <sup>3</sup>roof over my  
poor head is what a noble lady  
(a friend of John's & a millionaire)  
sends me every month - Mexico &  
Denmark owe me one third of twenty  
three millions - & even my son's (the late  
Sir eminent Commander W. V. Bishop 32<sup>d</sup>)  
& my jewels are yet unlawfully detained &  
<sup>seen</sup> from me in the Supreme Court safe -  
Have property in real estate - mines & guanoes -  
but as yet useless - Respectfully  
Lady Lucretia Longdon Nicholas -



I would like to be Inspector  
of public institutions - I repeat to  
you all the diabolical acts I have  
seen perpetrated in hospitals -  
asylums - prisons &c - during my  
p. 2nd Inspr. work when I revealed  
the Horrors of Bellevue Hospital  
April 24. 1872. at Cooper Institute <sup>N.Y.</sup> & the  
Academy of Music in Brooklyn

Lady L. L. Nicholas

1463- Madison Ave

New York -



**COLEMAN HOUSE**

D. M. JOHNSON

**Bagg's**

**Hotel**

UTICA, N.Y.  
KEBLEY & JOHNSON.

BROADWAY COR. 27<sup>TH</sup> ST.

New York, Sept 16 1895

To your Honour

Mayor of N Y City

Dear Sir

In a Civil Service  
examination held on July 15<sup>th</sup> 1895  
for Sanitary Inspector of Plumbing  
in the Health Department I  
passed 78.60% which should  
have placed me on the eligible  
list but was afterwards cut down  
to 61 1/2% and am at a loss to know  
why this should be done as I am  
a Veteran of the late war and  
have an Honorable Discharge and  
should be intitled to a preference  
I belong to <sup>my</sup> Political Club and never  
did but vote for the best people regardless  
of Politics I would like to hear from



you on the subject

I remain your obedient  
servant

Michael. Nicholson

111 W. 96<sup>th</sup>

City

#1322 Thirteenth St. N.W.

Washington D.C. July 17<sup>th</sup> 1895.

39 Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor &c  
New York City

My dear Sir:

By the inclosed sketch & letter you will see that I have earned the consideration of all patriotic men, and am an able, honest, and intelligent gentleman competent to fill any place within your gift.

I am about to return to New York though not a New Yorker in the sense of having been born there, for I was born in Ohio, but my relatives & friends are now in N.Y. and I want something to do. I will be glad to take any place from that of an office messenger or watchman, up, and be grateful therefore. Perhaps, Your Honor, you



have some such place or have some  
place where you would like to make  
a change. The Hon Edwin Einstein  
Dock Com. is the only one of your  
numerous appointees with whom  
I am personally acquainted. He has  
kindly offered to endorse me,  
and after examining the incl.  
Credentials if you will ask him  
about me I doubt not he  
will confirm what is contained  
therein. Should you come  
on N.Y. so you could see  
me personally before you  
decide if you care to have me.  
I am a member in good standing



of the G.A.R. the Union Vt Legion &  
numerous other Army Societies  
whose endorsements are at my  
Command.

If you can possibly  
give me anything where I  
can bring my Services before  
you and thus win your  
Confidence I shall be more  
than delighted. I have something of  
an acquaintance with some of  
our leading Magazines some of  
them having published articles  
from my pen.

Please do me the kindness  
to examine carefully my

Record of services and give  
me an opportunity; it seems  
to me that I have certainly  
earned this, in the long years  
I have spent in the most arduous  
of service.

With great respect  
Your obedient  
P. H. Nickerson



Omaha, Neb., December 30th, 1893.

Marshall Field, Esq.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Sir:-

I am informed Col. A. H. Nickerson, Washington, D. C., is an applicant for a position in one of the bureaus of the proposed Columbian Museum at Chicago.

Object of this letter is to recommend Col. Nickerson to your favorable consideration. I have known him for many years: was intimately associated with him during his service on General Crook's staff in Omaha in 1877 when the country, generally, was threatened with serious labor riots. Through Col. Nickerson's good judgment and excellent management, a most important outbreak was prevented along the Union Pacific System.

Aside from his high character and gallantry as an officer, he possesses all the attributes of a gentleman, and will, I believe, fill the position he seeks with great credit to himself and to the management who may favor him. I, willingly and cordially, recommend him for the position he seeks.

Yours truly,

(290) *J. H. Clark*



S. H. H. CLARK,  
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E. ELLERY ANDERSON,  
JOHN W. DOANE,  
FREDERICK R. COUDERT,  
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**UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM.**

RECEIVERS OFFICE.

Omaha, Neb., December 30th, 1893.

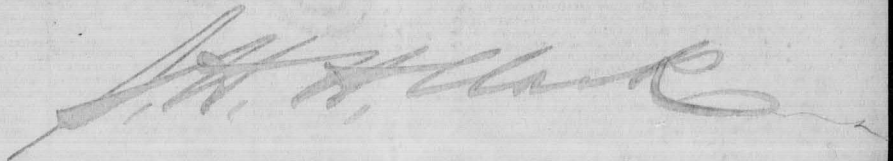
Col. A. H. Nickerson,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

Herewith enclose you copy of letter written to Marshall  
Field, as per your request. Hoping you will be satisfied there-  
with and derive some benefit therefrom, am

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. H. Clark", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

COLONEL A. H. NICKERSON was mustered into the U. S. Service as 2nd. Lieutenant 8th Ohio Vol. Inf. August 17th, 1861. Was with his regiment in the Armies of Western Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley, and the Army of the Potomac, and personally engaged in numerous skirmishes and the following battles:

HANGING ROCKS, VA., September 26th, 1861.  
ROMNEY, VA., October 26th, 1861.  
BLUES GAP, VA., January 1st., 1862.  
BLOOMERY FORGE, VA., February 2nd., 1862.  
WINCHESTER or KERNSTOWN, VA., March 23rd., 1862.  
FRONT ROYAL, VA., June 1st., 1862.  
PORT REPUBLIC, VA., June 9th., 1862.  
CHARLES CITY ROAD, HARRISON'S LANDING, VA., July 2nd., 1862.  
ANTIETAM, MD., September 16th and 17th., 1862.  
CHANCELLORSVILLE, VA., May 1st., 2nd., and 3rd., 1863.  
GETTYSBURG, PA., July 2nd and 3rd., 1863.

He was wounded at "Antietam" Sept. 17th, 1862 by a musket ball through the right shoulder. Twice wounded at "Gettysburg" July 3rd., 1863, FIRST, by an elongated rifle ball through the left forearm; SECOND, by a rifle ball through the body shattering the breast bone, cutting the left lung and passing entirely through the right lung. He was not removed from the field of Gettysburg for four weeks.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, 14th, U. S. Inf. Feb. 23rd., 1866 and joined his regiment at Fort Boise, Idaho Territory, in December, 1866. He was almost immediately made Regimental Adjutant by General Crook, and from this time on for a period of twelve years, as Aide de Camp and Assistant Adjutant General, he was General Crook's most trusted staff Officer. With him he shared in the Indian Campaigns in Idaho,



Oregon, Nevada, Northern California, Arizona, Wyoming and Montana.

Referring to these services, the late General George Crook sent the following telegrams to the President of the United States:

"Headquarters Dept. of the Platte,  
Omaha, Nebraska, June 15th, 1878.

Telegram.

President Hayes,  
Washington, D.C.,

I earnestly solicit Captain Nickerson's appointment as a favor to myself and assured that he is the best selection that can be made. His record during and since the war, his severe wounds, cultivated mind and high tone of character, as known to me for more than twelve (12) years, are the qualifications upon which I base my recommendation.

(Signed) -- George Crook,  
Brigadier General."

( NO. 2 )

"Headquarters Dept. of the Platte,  
Omaha, Nebraska, June 16th, 1878.

Telegram.

President Hayes,  
Washington, D. C.,

Permit me to thank you most sincerely for the appointment of Nickerson. It was a deserved recognition of a soldier, who, not content to rest upon the laurels gained during



the war, has each year acquired fresh distinction in arduous and perilous service on the border.

(Signed) -- George Crook,  
Brigadier General."

When in consequence of this promotion to be Assistant Adjutant General with the rank of Major, he was relieved from duty with General Crook, that Officer issued the following order relative thereto:

"Headquarters Dept. of the Platte,  
Omaha, Nebraska, July 17th, 1878.

General Order No. 8

In obedience to Para. 2 S. O. No. 148 G. S. Adjutant General's Office, Major A. H. Nickerson, Assistant Adjutant General, is relieved from duty at these headquarters. The Brigadier General Commanding cannot let pass this occasion for making known his deep sense of obligation for the valuable and distinguished services rendered him by Major Nickerson during the twelve years that that Officer has been a member of his military family, and for congratulation upon a promotion so richly deserved, which will assuredly secure a general recognition for the high qualities of mind and character which have won the warm regard and esteem of those from whom he is now to be separated.

By command of Brigadier General Crook:

(Signed) -- Robert Williams,  
Assistant Adjutant General."

He then went to Fort Vancouver, Washington, as the Adjutant General, Department of the Columbia. On leaving this



Department, for duty at the War Department, Washington, the Department Commander issued the following order relative thereto:

"HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,

Fort Vancouver, W. T., February 24", 1879.

GENERAL ORDER, :

NO. 2. :

1. Major A. H. Nickerson, Assistant Adjutant General, is relieved from duty in this Department, to enable him to comply with paragraph 8, Special Order No. 23, current series, from the Adjutant General's Office.

The Department Commander takes this occasion to give his Official recognition and grateful acknowledgement of the fidelity, industry and success of Major Nickerson in the execution of the duties imposed upon him while Adjutant General of this Department.

(Signed) -- O. O. Howard,

Brigadier General,

Commanding Department."

From among a great number of newspaper comments relative to Major Nickerson's services, the following are noted as showing the regard in which they were held by the people of the frontier among whom they were performed:

(EXTRACT), ARIZONA MINER, Prescott, Ariz., Oct. 25", 1873.

"ABOUT TO LEAVE US. We regret to have to state that Captain A. H. Nickerson is about to leave us, perhaps forever.



All our territorial readers know more or less of the active part played by Captain Nickerson in the long fight against the savage Indians and their white allies. As Aide de Camp and A. A. A. General to General Crook, he performed valuable services; not alone with the pen, for when troops were scarce, Nickerson, poor and thin as he was from Office work and bullet holes received in the late war, used to take a horse and lead a few men to success over marauding bands of Apaches. Our regret over the loss of such an Officer cannot be wondered at, and we hope that a tour through the States and Europe which he designs taking will soon give him back that great ~~bon~~ of life -- robust health."

The veteran editor of the "Alta California," Fred. Soulé, in an article on General Crook and Staff, April, 1875, closed as follows:

"Our readers know that he has been ordered to the Department of the Platte whither he is bound. With him came two of his Aides -- Captain Nickerson and Lieutenant Bourke.

The General has the good fortune to have a staff fit for their positions. We know these gentlemen and congratulate General Crook in the possession of staff officers so well worthy of his friendship and confidence. With him they have rendered the country at large as well as Arizona, services of which the whole country may well be proud and for which it cannot adequately repay them. And while feeling gratitude and thankfulness to the Commanding General, it is but just to say that even his pre-eminent abilities for the service in which so much of his life has been spent would not have been so successful, had he not possessed friends as well as soldiers in his staff offi-



cers; men of the highest intelligence, military character and patriotic devotion to their country and honorable ambition in their profession. May the good will and gratitude of all go and be with General Crook and his gallant staff."

George Miller, editor of the Omaha Herald, comments editorially as follows:

"Captain Nickerson, General Crook's chief of staff, is one of the most accomplished men in the army. He is a fine writer and an elegant and entertaining speaker. At the reception given his Chief by the Omaha Mercantile Union Club on his arrival here to assume command of this Department, Captain Nickerson made one of the most chaste and telling addresses to which the writer of these notes ever listened on such an occasion.

He is a prominent candidate for a vacant Adjutant Generalship. We long since buried a passing difference with this superb soldier, and we hope that he may receive this proper recognition of his brilliant service in the army."

He was recommended by his Commanding General for the following brevets:

MAJOR for gallant conduct in the engagements with the Indians during the campaign against them in 1868, to date from December 1st, 1868.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL for gallant conduct in engagement with Tonto Apaches at Sycamore Canon, Arizona Territory, to date from May 23rd., 1872.

COLONEL for gallant conduct in engagement with Apache Mojaves at Santa Maria Mountain, Arizona Territory, to date from May 6th, 1873.

He was nominated by the President for the following brevet appointments in the U. S. Army.



MAJOR for gallant conduct at the battle of Antietam,  
Sept. 17th, 1862, to date from March 2, 1867.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL for gallant conduct at the battle of  
Gettysburg, July 3rd., 1863, to date from March 2",  
1867.

Again he was nominated by the President:

MAJOR for gallant conduct in engagement with Tonto Apach-  
es at Sycamore Canon, Arizona Territory to date from  
May 23rd., 1872.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL for gallant conduct in engagement with  
Apache Mojaves at Santa Maria Mountain, Arizona  
Territory, to date from May 6th, 1873.

After a service of more than three years as Assistant  
Adjutant General in the War Department, Washington, D. C., he  
was, June 23th, 1882, at his own request, retired from active  
service, having been found by a Retiring Board -- "Incapacitated  
"for active service by reason of gun shot wounds received in  
"the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg, as described by the  
"Medical Officers, members of this Board, and from other injuries  
"incident to the military service; and that these injuries have  
"been aggravated by exposure and arduous service in the several  
"Indian Campaigns in Oregon, Idaho, California and Arizona Ter-  
"ritory from the close of the Rebellion until 1875, and in the  
"Big Horn and Yellowstone expedition against the Sioux Indians  
"in 1876."

Major Nickerson resigned his commission November 15th, 1883

I certify that the foregoing is a correct and true trans-  
cript from the records and papers from which they purport to  
have been copied.

  
LATE MAJOR U. S. A. Retired.

#1322 Thirtieth St. N.W.

Washington D.C. July 31<sup>st</sup> 75.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor &c New York City.

My dear Sir:

On the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. I wrote  
you a letter in which I called  
your attention to my inclosed  
mil. record, with certain testimonials  
as to character, and asked you  
if possible to give me some place  
that would enable me to get a  
start in New York, where I  
expect to make my future home.  
Your Secretary was kind  
enough to reply, informing  
me of your contemplated



absence until the 30<sup>th</sup> and,  
incidentally, that places were  
not available except through  
Civil Service etc.

What I hope to be able  
to get is a place of so  
unimportant a nature  
that Civil Service rules  
would not apply. Of course  
I was born in and appointed  
in the Army from Ohio but  
purpose making my  
future home in N.Y. where  
I have friends and relatives  
who will assist me in  
reasonable advancement

if I can first get a  
start. Of course I am quite  
familiar with the obstacles  
presented by the so called  
Civil Service rules, but  
am equally cognizant of  
the fact that, if desired,  
places can be made  
available, especially those  
of a minor character.  
Now you please call up my  
papers, look them over,  
and if possible give me  
the opportunity therein  
requested. You will find  
me a faithful and devoted

aid in any place You  
entrust me with, and  
more grateful than I  
can express.

I am, Your honor,  
Very sincerely Yours  
J. W. Mickelson

Capt. C. E. Nordstrom,  
10th Cavalry R. O.

U. S. RECRUITING OFFICE,  
211 Fourth Ave. Louisville, Ky.

March 23d. 1895

Colonel William L. Strong  
Mayor of N.Y. City  
New York.

My dear sir;

Knowing as I do, that you are already overwhelmed with application verbal and in writing from office seekers, I preface this letter with a request for pardon for adding another feather to the load you are already carrying.

I am a Captain in the Army having, with the exception of two years immediately after the close of the war, been in the service since the 19th. of April 1861. While a prisoner of war, in 1863-64, I contracted rheumatism from which I have suffered more or less ever since. As long as my Regiment was stationed in the South and Southwest - Indian Territory, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, I managed to do my duty fairly well with



the rest of them; But after having served 26 years in warm climates, a change, without any preparation of 2000 miles North to Montana, proved to be greater and more severe than the disease would stand, the consequence being an illness which confined me to my bed during an entire winter. I was advised by the doctors that I could not serve in that climate except at the imminent risk of becoming a cripple, perhaps losing my life.

My detail in this City as Recruiting Officer will expire on the 30th. of September next, when, as my Regiment is looked for service in Montana for the next ten years at least, it is my intention to take advantage of the retired list, severing my connection with active service. My retired pay will not be sufficient to support my family, and educate my children, and make the payments on a home which I am endeavoring to acquire, and I must therefore supplement it with the emoluments of some position in civil life. I am confident Colonel that there are positions in your gift, or those of your subordinates, which I could acceptably

fill; and I therefore respectfully request that you will permit me to submit for your consideration, testimonials as to my character and ability, with the view of ultimately appointing me to some place where I can render quid pro quo. Though but little more than a boy at the breaking out of the war, I had, up to that time, received fairly good Educational advantages, and since then have read law, and been admitted to the bar; though from lack of opportunity to practice, I do not pretend to be much of a lawyer. I know just enough of the law, to realize how much there is to be learned.

Though born, and partly reared in Maine, the most of my people live in New York, where I shall make my home on retiring. I am heartily in sympathy with the ends and aims of your administration, and do believe that, if you will find a place for me, I could contribute something to its success. Colonel, you are an officer your self, and competent to judge the cloth, and whether the men who wear it, are liable to ask for that which they do not intend to render an equivalent for.



In concluding this letter, and independently of its subject matter and the results that may possibly flow therefrom, I wish to express to you, in common with all your patriotic countrymen my sincere admiration of the course you have pursued since your election to the great office conferred upon you by your fellow citizens, without regard to party affiliations. It has been reserved for you, sir, to demonstrate to the country, that there is something in anti-election pledges. It may be utopian, but there should certainly be no room for politics in municipal affairs. This principle has guided you in all your acts; and while I recognize what it must have cost you, I can only hope you will be given the strength to continue unto the end.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

C. Nordstrom



New York City.

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1895

To Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir,

I can't find work.

& as almost a last resort, come to you.

I have a good general education.  
I am a graduate in medicine & in  
law, have had considerable office  
experience at the hotel business &  
can give the highest references.

I am 29 years of age. I will be glad  
to get anything to do.

Can you help me?

Very truly yours.

Paul Howwood (m.D., LL.B.)  
90 #148 Fifth Ave.  
N.Y.C.

P.S. Am not a member of the A.Y.  
Far. Bn.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor of the  
City of N. Y.

by

New York June 12/95

Most Hon. Sir!

Please to permit me in sending this humble appeal to you. As an old faithful citizen, who for many years has performed his duty in conscientious manner, although not belonging to any political party, yet my principles are strict republican, since I have entered this Country and this City.

As for my integrity as well as righteousness or my capacity in different languages or any educational object, I can furnish more than 200 Signatures within the East Side of this City besides from Up Town Parts, who will testify my statement herein expressed.

Referring to this record, I allow me to ask you whether you will use your fair judgment as you did since you entered your Office and procure for me an appointment to any subordinate public position, whether it requires a civil service examination or not, I am prepared in any way. I am in middle age, healthy and strong, but was greatly misfortuned in business and especially domestic life. Trusting that you will find still a position

in this great commonwealth in which  
I can perform my humble services, I beg  
to receive a favorable decision and remain  
with devote respect

E. Mussbaum  
161 Essex Str.