WM. B. ISHAM,
33 WALL ST.

NEW YORK, June 7. 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong
Mayor of the City of Newyork
Dear Sir

I am a resident of the North end of Manhattan Island, where I have resided for a part of the year since 1864. I own several hundred lots, including the place on which I live. I am interested in any rail road that passes through that portion of the City and greatly prefer the proposed Cable Road of the Metropolitan Traction Co. As far as I can learn, there is not an owner of property on the Kings Bridge Road North of 145th Street, who does not feel that the Board of Aldermen do us and our interests a great wrong in granting the franchise for the Road to the Third Avenue Line.

Very truly Yours.

Wm B Isham

Hatch Brothers,

Bankers & Brokers,

66 Broadway,

New York,

Wm. Denison Hatch,
Member New York Stock Exchange.

Horace Hatch.

June 7th, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am interested about the franchise for a surface railroad on Washington Heights and would respectfully request that a public hearing be granted before final action is taken in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frederic H. Hatch

F. FRIEDLEBEN

Wakefield, N.Y. June 7 1895

Wm. L. Strong Esq

Dear Sir.

By the signing of the bill by the governor, this place belongs now to New York City and under your care & observations. I am very glad of it and desire (mentally) to give a good handshake of welcome to you.

Yours Very Truly

F. Friedleben

Kingsbridge N. Y. City
June 7 - 1895

To the Hon.ble Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

I request in comm with others that a public hearing in regard to your approval of the granting of the franchise to the Third Avenue Road be given

Respy
I. M. Dyckman

To his Honor Mayor Strong.

In behalf of himself and many property owners and residents of Inwood, 12th Ward, N. Y. City, the undersigned respectfully represents that, he is and has been a resident of Said Section of the City for more than 25 years, has made during all that time repeated applications for better R. R. Communications, there being even to day only about ½ doz. trains daily, with the 30th St. Station, whereas any and all other Sections of the City have more and better facilities; that the residents have been in favor of the Metropolitan Co, being granted the Kingsbridge Road franchise, but inasmuch as the Board of Aldermen have granted Said franchise to the Third Ave R. R. Co, and in order not to have any further and unecessary delays in these much needed Communications, They pray that your Honor approve and Sign the franchise as granted by the Board of Aldermen, and thus let the Whole matter be brought to a Speedy and final decision Which, under any and all circumstances is only to be determined by the public Sale of Said franchise before the Comptroller; and the Same might as well have been done a year ago when this Same application Was before the former Board, which action Would then likely have resulted in having the Road established by this time, to the great relief of the residents of Said Section and to the benefit of the City at large

Respectfully Submitted

B. L. Ackermann

in behalf of many property Owners

Inwood, N. Y. City

Inwood, Mar 7th 1895.

JOSEPH LOTH. BERNARD LOTH. HENRY A. LOTH.

MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT,

150th St. & Tenth Ave.

JOSEPH LOTH & CO.,

TRADE FAIR AND SQUARE MARK.

FINE SILK RIBBONS, ETC.

REPLYING TO YOURS OF.....

TELEPHONE CALL—HARLEM, 206.

NEW YORK CITY, June 7 1895

Dear Sir—

On behalf of many taxpayers in this section of the city, and for myself, I request that you fix a time for a hearing before you in the matter of yr approval to the granting of new franchises to the Third Ave. RR. Co for Extensions in this territory.

The paid attorneys of the corporations interested and the politicians have had their inning — in justice to the taxpayers and to others having vital interests in the matter, I would request that you withhold yr approval of the action of the Board of aldermen until these have an opportunity to address you.

Very Respectfully

Bernard Loth

Hon Wm L. Strong
Mayor &c

31 Nassau St. New York
June 7th 1895

To His Honor
William L. Strong,
Mayor of New York City

Sir:

Would it not be well to allow the people who have large property interests on Washington Heights and who have almost unanimously requested a franchise for the Metropolitan Traction Co. to have a public hearing, when they can be informed of the reasons why this franchise is to be given to the Third Ave. R.R. Co. People who part with

valuable rights personally, expect some proper consideration therefor.

We have not yet been given any reasons for this contemplated action and we desire to hear them

Will you please give us an opportunity

Yours truly
William Libbey.

Inwood on the Hudson,
New York City. (S)

June 7, 1895

Hon. Wm Strong,
Mayor of New York;
Dear Sir,

The recent action of the Board of Aldermen concerning a franchise for a surface railroad along the Kings Bridge Road to the city limits on the north, constrains me most respectfully but urgently to request, that, before deciding the matter at issue, you would, in the interest of the city at large, grant a public hearing upon the question.

Reference to the enclosed map will show that, whereas the line of the Third Avenue Company would accommodate only the population of the East side, those of the Metropolitan Traction Company would accommodate the entire population of the city, on the east, on the south, on the west, & on the north & north-west: Lexington Avenue

is next to Third, while the Belt Line of Cars is farther East than either.

The vast majority of those who, at its public hearing, addressed the Committee on Rail. Roads of the Board of Aldermen, favored the Metropolitan Traction Company. The action taken, however, favors a section of the city, & raises the question whether this is a government "for the people", or for the East Side only. The greatest good of the greatest number is the sole object of good government. And it is this consideration alone which constrains me to prefer this request.

Very respectfully yours
Geo. S. Payson

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William R. Stewart,
54 William Street, New York.

Post Office Box 258.
Telephone 3269 Cortlandt.

June 8, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Mayor Strong,

I am in receipt of and appreciate your letter of June 5th enclosing letter to you of Governor McKinley. Of course I was disappointed that the Governor failed to keep his appointment with me, but felt that there must be some mistake, which is now explained by Mr. Hawk's failure to notify me of his change of plan. I waited nearly an hour, but waiting is useful discipline and I profited by the opportunity to exercise my patience. That Governor McKinley considers the matter of sufficient importance to write on the subject is flattering to me. Indeed he was so courteous as to send a messenger that evening to my residence with his excuses.

Allow me incidentally to express my profound gratification with the admirable list of City Magistrates you have named, I know several of them, and one, Mr. Robert C. Cornell, is an old friend of mine, whose designation by you for one of the best places has given me great pleasure.

Very truly yours,

Wm R. Stewart

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W. WALLACE WAUGH, MANAGER.

Boston, Mass., June 8 1895

Mayor Strong
New York City,

Dear Sir: We send you today a copy of our magazine containing an report of the annual meeting of the hotel men. I hope the same will please you.

Yours Ly
W. Wallace Waugh

Albany June 8/95.

Mayor Strong, 29

Dear Sir.—

Will you be kind enough to give me such information as you may have or can conveniently obtain concerning the character and standing in the medical profession of one Dr Henry H Kane Medical Superintendent of the De Quincey Hospital.

I am an invalid
and wish to consult
with him in regard
to certain diseases
in the treatment of
which I understand
he is a specialist.

You will confer a
great favor by answer
ing this at your
earliest convenience.

Yours Truly
J Burton.

#7 Wilson St Albany.
N. Y.

William A. Gans
Attorney & Counsellor at Law
291 Broadway.
New York.

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June 8th, 1895.

To the Honorable,

William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

The daily press, since your appointments of the Magistrates, have repeatedly printed the statement; "That all the candidates who failed of appointment are howling and condemning the Mayor." I desire to say, as one of those (whose name, as you kindly said to me last Saturday, you would consider), who was not appointed, that I do not wish to be placed in the category of those men, who, if you had appointed them, would have apotheosized you, and because of their disappointment, now condemn you.

Lawyers, by reason of their practice and vocation, which brings them both victory and defeat, and by their peculiar training - more so than the members of any other profession or walk in life, should be tolerant and ready to bear disappointment gracefully; they should be the first to recognize your desire to do exact justice and be equally ready to come forward to aid you in holding up your hands, in an administration, which has had more burdens placed upon it, both legislative and otherwise, for the purpose of bringing about a correct municipal government then any other in the history of our municipality.

Very respectfully yours,

Wm A Gans

W. 33d St., Baptist Church,
E. S. HOLLOWAY, Pastor.
Residence, 334 W. 33d St.

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New York June 8th 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Dear Mayor—

I want to thank you for the appointment of Mr. Simms. He has proved himself an upright judge. Your administration is for the most part worthy of the cause in which you enlisted & many of the best people have every confidence in our mayor. Your position is no enviable one & may God give you strength to do your duty as you see it

Most Sincerely Yours
E. S. Holloway.

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Progress Republican Club,

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

N. E. Corner 2d Avenue and 2d Street.

New York, June 8th 1895

Hon. Wm L. Strong

Dear Sir

Whereas, it was your good fortune to become Mayor of our great city and naturally Mayor of all kinds and grades of Republicans. Democrats, Mugwumps; and whereas our organization is one composed of 350 young men Republicans to the core, all sons of reputable citizens and all residents of that great East Side which you, during your canvass condescended to visit, and which after your election you so mercilessly neglected, we feel it our privilege and your duty to answer to our organization the following questions relating to your

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official actions, the Republicanism and fair mindedness of which we question,

I Does your worthy Honor know that there is a space of Territory extending from Broadway to Ave B. and from 8th St to Stanton St, inhabited by thousands of loyal, decent, intelligent american citizens whose moral and mental caliber is fully equivalent to those who have been reared in the lap of luxury, and who your Honor has so graciously selected for all of the respons ible positions within your gift to the utter neglect and repudiation, by yourself,

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of those candidates whom we deigned to submit for your consideration without a single success,

II. Does your worthy Honor know that within this same territory which you have so amply rewarded for their labor in your behalf at the last election, gave you over 6000 votes or in other figures, 2600 majority against overwhelming odds

III. Does your worthy Honor know that if you were a candidate again and the election were next Tuesday, that within this district you would not get even 2600 votes

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IV. Does your worthy Honor know that your actions as far as our district is concerned has completely alienated 2000 good loyal Republicans who will either not vote at all or else show their condemnation of your piet plocting appointments by voting for Tammany Hall nominees this election,

V. Does your worthy Honor know that if you would have appointed Ferdinand Eidman Commissioner of Excise, or else Henry C. Botty a magistrate either of which our district was justly entitled to, and both men of standard character and reputation all over the city

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You would have to-day the hearty answering support of every 7th Assembly District Republican; as to our minds either appointment would have shown by you a hearty appreciation of our districts services in the last election,

Now Mr Mayor, as you sow so shall you reap, and I am afraid you have sown, and our party shall reap a political whirlwind

Joseph Gans
Secty Progress Republican Club
City of New York

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MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY HALL.

LAWRENCE FAGAN, MAYOR.

Hoboken, N. J., June 8th, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayor of New York City. N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have been asked in regard to Mr. Kudlich residence in Hoboken by several people and I think it my duty to inform you that he has not resided in Hoboken for the past five years.

Respectfully Yours,

Lawrence Fagan

H. C. F. Koch. A. Riesenberg.

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PARIS.
19 RUE RICHER.

New York, June 8th, 189

To the

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

There is now before you for your approval, the Bill passed by the Honorable Board of Aldermen, giving the franchise for the railroad on the Broadway and Kingsbridge Road to the City Limits, to the Third Ave. Railroad Company.

I, as a member of the largest business house in upper new York, most respectfully and earnestly ask you to sign the above bill. The interests of Harlem and upper New York can be best served by the Third Ave. Railroad owning the franchise for such road. 125th Street from 8th to 3rd Ave., is fast becoming the center of the up town trade. Large and expensive stores are there now, others are being erected in the expectation that the trade of upper New York will concentrate in this section. The entire resident population of Harlem, with but few exceptions is in favor of the bill now before you.

The cry raised by interested parties that the Third Ave

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Railroad does not - and cannot offer the same facility as the Metropolitan Traction Company, is got up for effect only, and not warranted by facts. The Third Ave, I have been assured by its officers, will give transfers on every railway crossing its tracks down to the City Hall.

I remain,

Most respectfully yours,

H. C. F. Koch

MINOT, HOOPER & CO.
Dry Goods Commission Merchants,
53 LEONARD ST.
NEW YORK,

18 KINGSTON STREET,
BOSTON.

NATHAN HOBART.
JAMES R. HOOPER.
JOHN W. T. NICHOLS.

June 8/95

My dear Mr Strong

It will be a public calamity to have the Traction Co shut out from the upper west side.

And great as the evil would be today, it will continuously grow worse as population increases.

Very truly yours,
N. Hobart

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS PROPERTY A SPECIALTY.

Chas. A. Du Bois,
Real Estate and Insurance,
1762 Amsterdam Ave.
(147th Street.)

New York, June 8th 1896

Hon W. L. Strong
Mayor of the city of New York

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you veto the 3rd ave RR application for more lines on Washington Heights on the ground that their service is poor and their accommodation still worse.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

C. A. Du Bois

MARBLE HILL
IN THE 12TH WARD OF
NEW YORK CITY.
THE UPPER END OF MANHATTAN ISLAND
Central Bureau of Engraving.

ORGANIZED APRIL 4, 1894.

Marble Hill Property Owners' Association.

JOHN BRANDT, *President.*
JOHN M. BROWN, *Vice-President.*
GUSTAVE KUSH, *Secretary.*
CHAS. MOEHL, *Treasurer.*

Marble Hill, New York City, June 8th 1895.

To

His Honor the Mayor of New York City
W. L. Strong Esq.

Sir:—

At the last meeting of the Marble Hill Property Owners Association, held on June 7th it was unanimously resolved to protest against the action of the majority of the Board of Aldermen in granting the franchise to the Third Avenue RR Company along Kingsbridge Road.

It was further resolved to appeal to His Honor the Mayor to veto said resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen, for following reasons:

That the capacity of the III Av. R.R. Co in carrying passengers is already over taxed.

That said Rail R. Co cannot expand nor increase its present facilities.

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That by granting the extension to said Rail Road Comp., no additional benefits would accrue to the public.

That the people demand a continuous ride on the west side of the city, where at present no such rail road exists.

That by granting the franchise to another R.R. Co. competition would be created, and the public would reap the benefit by having two roads to travel on, instead of one.

Above cited reasons, we deem of sufficient importance to impress upon his Honor to veto said resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen.

Yours respectfully
Gustave Kush
Secretary.

the bonds can be secured by all the property on which has been imposed a capitalization of about $42,000,000, including the common stock. That would be a very easy way of disposing of the whole matter, and might under some circumstances, though it is hard to imagine them, be allowable, but the events precedent offer no guarantee that this settlement will be a final one; on the contrary, the transactions occupying the United States Cordage Company have had such a capacity for the consumption of cash without the production of profits that it is very unlikely that $3,000,000 will satisfy it, especially if it is fed to it by the people who have steadily guided it into misfortune hitherto.

In view of the past history of this extraordinary concern and its present circumstances, the stock and bondholders will be very foolish if they contribute a cent in the way of assessments or allow the new bonds to be issued without securing first a detailed and accurate account, made by independent parties, of what has become of the money received and the bonds issued by the United States Cordage Company at least, even if the doings of the old National Cordage Company are left out, and some reliable opinion of the value of the business the reorganized company will carry on with the view of deciding whether it is worth while to subscribe or permit $3,000,000 to be raised to be put into it. This last matter more particularly concerns the $7,500,000 of outstanding bonds. These are business requirements purely and simply and ought not to be neglected.

President Sturgis' statement of the wretched condition the property is in to-day, only emphasizes the need for a thorough, impartial and independent examination of its affairs, which should go back to the distribution of the assets and securities of the company as reorganized in December of 1893.

IT is to be hoped that Mayor Strong will veto the aldermanic ordinance granting the franchise for the development of the surface roads into the upper West Side to the Third Avenue Railroad Company. If there may be some exaggeration in the opinion that the company chosen to receive this privilege is quite incapable of handling the traffic that the extension will bring, there is no doubt whatever that the Metropolitan Traction Company could give the best service of the two, and as the opinion of every respectable and responsible element of the region affected desired that the franchise should go to the Traction Company and took great pains to acquaint the Board of Aldermen with their wish, it was nothing short of an outrage violating all right and justice that the privilege should be bestowed in any other direction. If this is the final outcome of the matter, it will practically tear apart the west side of the city above 125th street, from that below it, and divert it from its proper and destined development; it will rob its residents of a pleasant direct route, with the privilege of a great many transfers of great convenience to them, into the lower part of the city, and compel them against their expressed wishes to take an unpleasant, circuitous route with about three transfers, with but little if any value at all to them. The argument is so overwhelmingly in favor of continuing the fine service of the Traction Company up the West Side to the city limits that the bestowal of the franchise in another direction naturally arouses the suspicion that corrupt influences caused it. This suspicion is not weakened by the protestations of the majority who committed this act of perfidy, in fact, some protest over-much. Let that be as it may, it is hardly possible that Mayor Strong, even if it could be shown that one service would be as good as the other, which half-a-moment's thought will show to be impossible, will join in such an open, gratuitous and flagrant violation of the wishes of the upper West Side.

Proposed Rapid Transit Stations.

The Rapid Transit Commission has received a report from their engineer on motive power, stations and methods of operation on the rapid transit road. According to Mr. Parsons electricity offers the greatest advantage as a source of power. The system he advised is that in use on the Intermural Railway of Chicago, the elevated railroad, Liverpool, England, and on the recently opened West End elevated road in Chicago. He recommended the location of the following stations:

Main route from the Battery up Broadway and the Boulevard to 185th street. Local stations—South Ferry, Bowling Green, Wall street, Liberty street, Fulton street, Warren street, Worth street, Walker street, Grand street, Prince street, Great Jones street, Clinton place, 14th street, 18th street, 27th street, 30th street, 34th street, 38th street, 47th street, 53rd street, 65th street, 79th street, 86th street, 91st street, 96th street, 103d street, 116th street, 122d street, 133d street, 140th street, 147th street, 155th street, 162d street, 169th street, 175th street, 181st street, and 185th street. Express stations on this same route would be at South Ferry, 14th street, 42d street, 72d street, 110th street and Manhattan street.

On the east-side route, which branches off at 14th street, and runs up 4th and Park avenues and across the Harlem to Walton avenue and 148th street, the local stations would be at 23d street, 28th street 33d street, 37th street, 50th street, 57th street, 65th street 72d street, 79th street, 86th street, 97th street, 106th street, 116th street, 125th street, 134th street, 138th street and 146th street. There would be only one express station above 14th street on this route, and that would be at 42nd street. On the City Hall loop there would be an express and local station at the Brooklyn Bridge, where trains could be taken for either route.

The report further contained suggestions for the operation of the road when built. Its consideration was postponed and the following resolutions, which, however, were not to be acted upon until the next meeting of the Board, adopted:

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be instructed to prepare detailed plans for the construction and operation of the proposed rapid transit railroad, in accordance with the general plans adopted by this Board, and to submit the same to the Board for consideration not later than the last Tuesday in September.

Resolved, That in the preparing of these detailed plans and specifications the Chief Engineer have authority to confer with the representatives of all parties who may be interested in contracting to build and operate the proposed road, and all such parties are requested to put themselves in communication with the Chief Engineer.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer, in preparing detailed plans and specifications, have authority to take expert advice, at a cost not exceeding in all $——, of persons to be approved by a committee to consist of the officers of this Board.

It is understood that the Commission will shortly apply for the approval of the General Term of the Supreme Court to their plans, having failed to get the consent of the property-owners and local authorities, and having filed their application, will rest for the summer.

The Trade and the Building Department.

A HAPPY CLOSE TO A LONG DISCUSSION ON IMPORTANT BUILDING MATTERS.

When the hour arrived for resuming the discussion before the Mayor last Saturday on the Halpin bill requiring the Superintendent of the Department of Buildings to pass on all plans and notify the filers of his approval or disapproval within ten days, it was at once apparent that a change had come over the tempers of all concerned, and that the week's interval had been employed in some judicious re-thinking. The number of builders and architects present was very much less than at the opening of the hearing; in fact, they did not amount altogether to more than half a dozen. Mr. Stevenson Constable was, of course, on hand.

The first speaker was Mr. John L. Hamilton, who said that after thinking the matter over he had come to the conclusion that the bill did not do justice to the Superintendent or to themselves, the architects and builders, the time fixed within which plans had to be approved being too short. Had it provided for ten days for all buildings costing under $20,000, fifteen days for those costing $30,000 to $40,000, and so on up to thirty days for the largest buildings, he would have continued his support of the measure.

The Mayor told Mr. Hamilton he was not the only one who had changed his views. During the week two other gentlemen had spoken to him withdrawing their support of the bill.

Mr. W. J. Merritt said he opposed the bill at the first hearing and he need not say that he had not changed his views. He had talked to a great many people interested in the building business and they all said it was a great mistake to put such a restriction on the Department as the one proposed.

Mr. John P. Leo, speaking on behalf of the Employers' and Builders' League, said that since last Saturday he and his friends had talked with Mr. Constable and had come to the conclusion that, under the changes he (Mr. Constable) proposed to make and in the light of the fact that the Department will not hereafter be so busy as it has been, they would get their dues without the bill. They did not want to appear desirous and did not so desire to accomplish their end in any one particular way. So long as Mr. Constable assured them that it could be had in another way, and he had to acknowledge that Mr. Constable had met them in a good spirit, they would withdraw their support of the bill. At the same time he wished to say that the bill was offered in good faith and for a proper purpose, but as the same ends could be served in another way they did not want to press it.

Assemblyman Lawson said he also withdrew his support of the bill. While doing so he would say that the building law as it stood was not the kind of law they wanted. It was a mongrel. It had been amended and added to from time to time, but did not come up to requirements. He hoped that before next fall the best builders of the City of New York would get together, and acting with the Superintendent and the Counsel of the Department of Buildings, would draw up a good bill which the building trade could ask the Legislature to pass next year and discard the old one. The new bill could specify a time for the approval of plans by the Department.

The Mayor—Then, gentlemen, I understand that the support of the bill has been withdrawn and it will be returned disapproved by me.

Mr. Constable, with the sanction of the Mayor, took that occasion to make a few remarks to the architects and builders present, because he did not think so good an opportunity for his doing so would present itself again. He said that when he took hold of the Department he found there a very large number of plans requiring action, and since that time double the number had been filed, ten per cent of which were for large buildings, any one of which it would be impossible for the best man to pass under thirty or thirty-five days. The Orchard street plan had been passed in twenty minutes, and they knew what had happened. There were twenty gross errors in that plan. Speaking of his troubles in the department, he said five well-known men had shaken their fists in his face and told him they did not care for the department, as they had been able to get what

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New York, June 9th, 1895.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

At an important gathering of those amicable to your administration, the subject of your appointments was discussed, and before anything was made public, it was decided by those who were in control to wait until you had finished the list.

An examination of the records of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, when made public, will show that the City has severely suffered from the action of the Commissioners in forcing fictitious values, certified by them, whereby the State re-

ceived for State purposes its annual revenue, fixed by the State Board of Assessors on the many millions which were knowingly placed for the purpose of deception, in reducing the local tax rate that was placed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by that Department under a concerted arrangement which will hereafter be known as a conspiracy for the purposes of deception. The Court has acted, in every case where these matters have been placed before us, in a most prompt and energetic manner; and for this deficiency, which the Court has set aside, a bond will have to be issued for the shortage which has accrued through the false budget upon which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was obliged to act.

Up to the present time no one can charge you with any knowledge of this state of affairs, but your future action will depend upon whether those who entered into this conspiracy are to be a part of your administration while you are the Chief Magistrate. It is a well-known fact that men like Depew, Mills and Hilton, are working for selfish purposes in this important Department. These gentlemen represent many interests in this Metropolis

that are not in touch with the masses, and as efforts are to be made by Action Form Associations, certain transactions will be published, which will seriously reflect on them.

It is very essential for you to guard yourself carefully, and not be warped in your judgment through fear or friendship, but to make such appointments as will be for the benefit of the City at large.

Yours affectionately,

P. C. Brown

June 9th 1894

The Right Hon
William Strong
Mayor of N. Y.
Sir

Will you Kindly have pity on som thousands of us Laborers in this City that our Families and our selves are half Starving altho we voted the reform ticket last Nov. and passed the Civil Service Examination We can not get one days work in the City to get a loaf of Bread for our children altho the bill is signed by the Governor for the Dock Department and the Speed way still we are like the Horse live and

he shall get grease
We know you are doing all
you can for the good of the
people but thos other
Commissioners are taking
it very easy if they were
without their Dinner to day
as many of us are for the
want of their positions and
pay the world pitty doom
get to work to support
rather this is on behalfe
of myself and my fellow
Laborers hoping you will
excuse us and heaven
grant you along and peaceful
reign as mayor. your
obedient Servant
John H. Fagan
261 W. 30th
Privat

CHARLES A. PARKER,
SUCCESSOR TO
JAMES H. PARKER,
MASON AND BUILDER,
1414 LEXINGTON AVENUE,
Between 92d and 93d Streets.

New York, June 9th 1895

Hon William L Strong
Mayor of the City of New York
My Dear Sir

Please allow me to call your attention to a few facts in relation to the resolution passed by us the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday last granting to the Third avenue the right to Extend their tracks from (162) one hundred and sixty second street up. I like yourself look at and weigh these things from a business stand point and voted and used my every effort honestly and intelligently for the side that voted with the Majority. you my Honored sir are aware that there should never be a railroad on St Nicholas avenue and I as one member of the board of Aldermen have promised and will do all in my power to defeat any corporation who dare ask for to lay track on that beautiful avenue the only direct thoroughfare to the Speedway which

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The city is now completing at the cost of millions and I aver that it is unjust and an outrage for any Alderman to vote for the same - you my Dear Sir are aware that this we they have asked for from 125th St to 145th street would spoil everything as 145th street is the last approach to St Nicholas ave except over the viaduct and 145th street is a steep hill so much so that in winter when icey it is extremely dangerous to go up and down with horse and carriage, now this clamour of the People of washington Hights let me say I have been informed by such a Gentleman as Mr Bingham that the metropolitan Traction company has given yearly and life passes ~~to~~ the people for to have them shorts for their people. Now Mr Mayor my Reputation as well as your is at stake and I trust that the few who shout for that greedy Traction company will not prevail against the mayor and the masses which are on the east side and trust that in justice than you will sign our petition pardon me for taking so much of

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your Honors time but there are a thousand reasons why the Metropolitan traction co should not get this they want the earth I suppose you are aware that they have I think six more applications before us for extensions and connections and I dont believe it is good and just to give everything to one and make such a strong monopoly that they can override everything before them for any of them and the best of them are willing to and would ruin this our beautiful City

Pardon me but I thought that justice demanded that I should interview you and as I am too busy to make a personal I have written this letter as Chairman of the R Road Committee

Most Resp

Alderman Charles A Parker

Philadelphia June 10th 1895.

Dear Sir.

Will you kindly inform me when the board of Estimate and Apportionments, is next to meet, as I wish to confer with it and Judge Goldfogle relating th the court house for the Fifth Judicial District, and inclose a copy of the proposition that I left with him that you may be prepared to act at that time, as I am obliged to decide soon what changes are to be made in the building if I kepp it.

Proposition to sell. "Learning that the present Court House has been condemned as unsafe and unhealthy, and inadequate for business so as to require immediate action, I submit the following propositions, which will be open for acceptance until June 15th to take effect not later than July 1st 1895.
The bank building situated on the north corner of Avenue C and 7th Street, is 45 feet 9 inches on Avenue C, and 35 feet 3 in on 7th Street, four stories high, and fire proof, being constructed of iron granite and slate.
The cost of the land alone in 1872? was $40.000. and including the building over $100.000. which is about its cost to the present owner in other property. It was sold in 1876 for $80.000. and has been held at about that price, but in view of the depressed conditions of the market, and my present needs, I will take $65.000, cash or in the bonds provided by the law, or leave $40.000 at 5% if accepted before the 15th of this month.
I learn that adjoining property can be purchased at a reasonable price, but this will be sufficient for many years, and the other can be obtained by condemnation proceedings under the law at any time.

It will cost about $4.000 to put up partitions, paint, put in steam heating plant and electric lights, which is all that is required, and the work can be done in sixty days after commencement.

Proposition to lease. The basement is about four feet below grade and was leased for ten years for $1200. a year, and will now bring that sum under a long lease to the present tenants and is reserved. The other three stories i think will rent for about $5000 for offices, and if not taken it is to be fitted up for that purpose, but I will take $3.600. a year for ten years from the City, I to be to no expense for changes and repairs, or fuel for heating the entire building, or light water or otherwise. Or $4.000 a year, and put in a steam plant electric lights partitions and paint inside and out and the same conditions otherwise. Lease to run ten years from July 1st 1895, and rent to be paid July and January 1st in advance. The City to have the first right to purchase at $75.000 during the firs -t year, and $1.000 additional each year during the term of the leaseon thirty days notice, or if sold to be subject to that provision expressly stated.
The City to give six months notice before the expiration of the lease if not wanted, for ten succeeding years on the same terms and conditions, and if not given to run ten additional years.
The entire rents at $4.000 will not pay over 6% on the actual value of the property when changed and put in order.
The changes are not to include the bar or railings, but main partitions suitable for offices, and if others in the nature of furnishing and of subdivisions are required the City to put them in at its own expense.

As this board has full discretionary powers, and no doubt its members are familiar with the property, and I am receiving propositions to sell or exchange the property, an early reply will greatly oblige me, and I have full powers in the premises."

I gave the above communication to Judge Goldfogle, who I learned had been obliged to expend several dollars a week for disinfectants to preserve his health in his present quarters that would be unfit to stable a valuable horse in, but it occured to me that possibly I had placed him in the position of asking a change for his own good and convenience, about which he might feel some delicacy, and hence write this communication, that each member of the Board created by the law may be prepared to act advisedly at the next meeting.

I have kept the building free from tenants except from month to month, and now have the portion that would have to be changed clear or can clear it at once, and the builder I have consulted agreed to do the work within sixty days after the preliminary permits &c were secured.

A glance at the picture of the building will I think convince you that no more artistic and suitable building could be built than this for the purpose, and if in time more room is required, it could be extended in the rear, and not in the least injure it architectural beauty,

As the City could not build for less than $100.000 the interest on the bonds would be $4.000 or the same as the rent asked, and the taxes would be additional if economy is desired, it will be better for the City to buy at $65.000. but still I cannot afford to rent with all it involves at less than the $4.000. which will give me but $5.000 in round numbers for the entire building.

It will be apparent that if the basement alone rented on a ten year term for$$200 a year, the three main stories are much cheaper than that at $4.000 a year, or would be at $5.000, and the two main stories would be cheap at that price, but i wish to be relieved of all care of the property except to pay the interest and taxes, and for that reason am willing to take a $1.000 less than I think it would rent for in offices from the City.

If you decide to sell, and I much prefer that you should, I will give you possession at once, as I have given the necessary notices to tenants, although I think you will not require the basement in which the tenants will prefer to remain.

I have been informed that this property cost $125.000, and that at one time not long since the City contemplated purchacing it at $90.000. and believe that when it is painted and changed, its actual cash value will be at least $80.000. but as I shall have no commissions to pay, and the city will be certainly a cash buyer, if you decide to accept my offer, and they are so scarce, I have put the price at $65.000 so that no one will question that it is a good bargain for the City, and wish to deal directly and exclusively with the city authorities.

Very respectfully&c.

J M Parratt

2019 Park Avenue. Philadelphia Penn'.

C. N. WAYLAND,
9 WEST 36TH STREET,
NEW YORK.

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My your Excellency please!

There is a quaint honest old Irish Truckman by the name of Wm. Stephens, who has stood his two or three trams alongside the little triangle between 34th & 35th Broadway & Fifth Avenue, for a great many years past — always in (and apparently not disturbing the regular truckmen) orderly fashion, awaiting the calls of his patrons. His trams are always neatly painted and his horses round and sleek and well groomed.

He has taken great pride in his business and the stand has been a very convenient one for his patrons.

He complains now (in a

gentle temperate fashion) that after thirty years of undisturbed occupancy of this stand, he has been driven away from it and his licence revoked by the New Reform Administration and he is afraid his Business will be entirely broken up in Consequence!

This is the way he puts it, and there is no doubt the poor old Chap is greatly distressed at the turn things have taken.

I am a Republican, dyed in the wool 40 years ago, and voted for you of Course, as your old friend Saml. Slethar can tell you, and I presume the old Truckman is a Democrat, but I think in our efforts to straighten out things we ought to go slow enough to give such old

Chippies a chance to work into line gradually with as little irritation and disturbance as possible.

Of course I perfectly understand this is only one side of the question and perhaps a very narrow view, when the whole situation is taken into account, but I know your broad sympathies and I thought perhaps a simple statement of the poor old fellows perplexities might lead you to think that in cases like his, "Reform" could afford to move a little more slowly.

Most Respectfully Yours.

C. N. Wayland

Monday.
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Joseph Weber,
52 LEWIS STREET,

New York, June 10th 1895

Hon William L. Strong
Mayor New York City
My dear Sir

allow me to thank you extremely for the honorable way that you have made my removal as School Inspector of the Second (2) district New York City. You having said power at will I consider your action as in keeping with several others; allow me to inform you that when I was appointed to said place, by the Hon Thomas F. Gilroy I did not know what he required when he notified me: to call at his office I am happy to say that I feel proud of your [redacted] action on my part as you the

Mayor of our City should be the best Judge. As I do not belong to any Political Party and never have I personally think you may have intended a request for my resignation, which I would be happy to tender you on a moments notice. As I would not accept any salary position with in your gift, and my only reason for accepting the school Inspector-ship was through the polite & curious invitation of your Predecessor. the Hon Thomas F. Gilroy

Yours Respectfully

Joseph Weber
52 Lewis Street
N.Y. City

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New York, June 10th 1895.

Hon William L. Strong, Mayor,

Sir,

As requested by your private secretary Mr. Hedges, I furnish you a statement concerning the case of Mr. Marcus Moses, City marshall. I will state that after obtaining ~~the~~ evidence and having it brought to light ~~to~~ before the Lexow Comm. of the wholesale & systematic forms of blackmail practiced by the Police Dept. in levying unlawful tribute from stand keepers on the lower east side, which exposure practically stoped for the time.

I was very much surprised to find that that it was still carried on, but with a new collector, for on Sept. 12 1894. while passing through Broom St. I was attracted by a large crowd ~~on the~~ gathered around the Keeper of the

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fruit stand on the S.E. Broom & Willett St
and expressing in strong terms their
feeling of condemnation at the action
of an official who obtained ten dollars
from the keeper of the stand.
Taking an interest at once in the case
I made closer inquiries and found that
a City Marshall who showed his authority
by presenting a badge or paper, I do
not remember which, and who claimed
to be sent by the Mayor had demanded
and obtained from Benedict Diro,
the owner of the stand Ten Dollars,
under the threat that he would remove
the stand if not paid over at once,
this compelled him to borrow the necessary
money, this he paid over to the Official
who handed back a written receipt
for the same which disclosed the
name of the collector as being

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Marcus Moses Marshall,
which recept I hereby inclose, the above matter has been in the hands of Mr. Frank Moss and he has instructed me to inform you that on account of the many previous cases he had on hand before the close of the hearings of Lexow Com. he was unable to present this one as he intended to.
I can furnish two witnesses to the above Mr. Moss had the case in the hands of Dist. Atty. Lindsay ~~for~~ to be presented before the Grand jury ~~by~~ but was not taken up by them. ~~and~~ As my interest in this case is in behalf of good government I trust that you will give this your kind attention and consideration.

I remain
Respt
Israel C. Newman.

160 East 108 St.

PARK & TILFORD,

~~Fifth Avenue & 59th Street.~~

1223. 3rd Ave

NEW YORK, June 10th 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong

Dear Sir

I beg respectfully to request the favor of an interview with you the object of which I may frankly state is to solicit some recognition for the State Democracy Organization of the 20th Assembly District

The Candidate for Assembly in the twentieth received 716 votes notwithstanding the fact that many of our most influential members and one entire dist association gave him but half hearted support.

From this it would be fair to suppose that we gave the Strong & Goff ticket double as many as we polled for the assembly nominee

My Connection in any important way with the State Democracy came through a recommendation which Mr Goff gave of me to Mr Grace. The Recorder has known me personally for several years. I have refrained thus far from asking you

to permit me to lay the claims of our district before you, for the reason that I sympathized with you in your Efforts to deal with the vast army of citizens seeking positions in the municipal Government.

I also recognize that the State Democracy of the 20th should stand somewhat at a disadvantage with you, owing to the opposition which the erratic Leader Dr Cronin at first showed to your nomination. However he was heroically dealt with by myself and my friends who forced him either to loyally support the ticket or lose his Leadership. Speaking personally I may say that from the moment your name was presented at our Convention until the close of the polls on Election day I worked honestly earnestly and sincerely for the success of the Reform ticket and I am pleased to say that my work and Efforts seemed to be appreciated by Mr Grace ample evidence of which he gave many times during and to the end of the Campaign Hoping you may grant the favor asked for and sincerely Congratulating you upon your great success in giving as nearly as possible a business administration of our municipal affairs

I Remain Yours most Respectfully

James G. Dyrr

1223 Third Ave

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Special appointments can be made for consultations at other hours.

RICHARD H. DERBY, M.D.
9 West 35th Street,
New York.

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My dear Mr Mayor,

On Wednesday I understand at the meeting of the Sinking Fund Commissioners the matter of assigning to the Incorporators of the new Pay Hospital for Contagious Diseases the necessary land will come up. My purpose in writing to you is to ask that you shall

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New York.

shall use your best endeavor to have this assignment of land made at once so that the work of building the Hospital may now go on. As you doubtless know the plan of establishing this much needed Hospital originated with Mr. Newburn, who contributed $25,000 to the enterprise,

through

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9 West 35th Street,
New York.

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through Mr Minturn's individual efforts the money necessary for the work has been raised. If the City will now at once give the land we can have speedily in operation a Hospital more needed & venture to say than any other in this great City — The Physicians are all united in their support

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9 West 35th Street,
New York.

support of this great reform in the treatment of contagious disease among the well-to-do and I am glad that the good work is likely to be consummated so early in your own reform administration. With much regard I am

Yours very truly
Richard H. Derby

Mayor Strong.

NY City
June 10th 95

Hon Wm L Strong
Mayor of NY City
Dear Sir

As a 20 year Resident of Wms Bridge. (old Westchester) and always believing in honest and good government you must send immediately all heads of the various departments here to stop the rascally thieving and scandalous transactions that have been going on in this village for the past and they have not stopped some of these public works as ordered by you the sooner you will stop their dirty works they say they are going to fight the annexation bill over 3/4 of the people are glorying in being in NY. were we do not get any improvements done for years

it is only a few low politicians you are doing the dirty business here what few good citizens and Americans here we have been harass by them so we hardly dare to do anything and we have been the ones that Taxes and assessments have been piled upon for Gods sake take immediatly hold and rule these people out. Slavery. why we have been worse for years Slavery was out the question for you did not know how soon you would be bombarded or bunk out I can give you the History of this Town for 20 years past and of this Village since its incorporation 7 years I have been begging my people for nearly 4 years to get out of here knowing what was a coming in its corruptions I can write for a week of all the filthy work than has been going on

Respectfully
Wm J. Thompson

Veteran Fireman of ~~the~~ Volunteer N Y City
" of Rebellion
" 7th Regt N Y S M.

I suppose we will have to say still Wms Bridge N Y City on account of Postal orders

The people demands the changes immediately but I know as the old saying Rome was not made in a day but you can send and take all books and papers and stop the 186.00 in Trust and bank they have said you will have to send the 7th Regt to stop before they will give up I wish it so for we can spare about 50 of them.

Excuse writing for I am overjoyed
so that I am almost beside
myself

New York June 10 1895

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

I would respectfully call your attention to the condition of the Stable 234 & 236 East 114th St. It is not connected with the Sewer and is in a very bad condition.

The Board of Health have already been notified off and on, for about two years, and yet the nuisance still continues

Most Respectfully
Gustav Gunkel
238 & 240 East 114th St.

U.S.S.Raleigh,

Off 23d St.,North River,

New York,

June 10,1895.

S i r :-

I have the pleasure to inform you of the arrival of the U.S.S.Raleigh,under my command, with instructions from the Honorable Secretary of the Navy to participate in the celebration of the opening of the Harlem River for Purposes of General Commerce on the 17th instant.

I would be pleased to be placed in communication with some person for consultation in relation to the best manner of assisting in the celebration.

Very respectfully,

Merrill Miller

Captain,U.S.Navy,Commanding.

Honorable William E.Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

CELEBRATION OF THE OPENING OF THE

HARLEM SHIP CANAL,

MONDAY, JUNE 17th, 1895,

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

NORTH SIDE BOARD OF TRADE,

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

No. 278 ALEXANDER AVENUE.

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Dictated. New York, June 10th, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

CITY,

Dear Sir :

This will serve to introduce Mr. Daniel Browne who is authorized to solicit your advertisement for the Official Program of the Celebration of the opening of the Harlem Ship Canal on June 17th.

As the expenses incurred in connection with this celebration are through voluntary subscriptions only, it is hoped that the merchants of New York will co-operate with this committee towards making this a notable event in the history of this city.

Any courtesies shown to the bearer in this matter will be appreciated by the committee.

Yours very truly,

Egbert L. Viele,
Chairman.

G. B. SHEPPARD,
LAW STENOGRAPHER,
ROOM 119,
No. 10 WALL ST., NEW YORK.

New York, June 10, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly advise me what date and hour the Mayor has set for the hearing before him on the matter of the street railroad franchise for the upper West Side? I presume the hearing is to be at the Mayor's office.

Very truly,

G B Sheppard.

At a MASS MEETING of the Residents, Property Owners and Citizens of Washington Heights and the Upper West Side, held under the auspices of the Washington Heights' Progressive Association, at Washington Hall, 166th and 167th Streets & Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, on Monday Evening June 10th, 1895, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

WHEREAS the majority of the Board of Aldermen have voted in favor of granting the application of the Third Avenue Railroad Company for a franchise to extend their cable road along the Kingsbridge Road north of 162nd Street, and upon the Boulevard from 125th Street to Fort George, and the same is now before our Mayor, the Hon. William L. Strong awaiting his approval or veto; and

WHEREAS at the various public hearings held by said Board of Aldermen, it has been clearly demonstrated and admitted by the Railroad Committee of said Board of Aldermen in their reports, that the Residents, Property Owners and Citizens of Washington Heights and the Upper West Side, and the majority of the people interested in the territory through which said roads are to be constructed, have strongly protested against the granting of said franchise to the Third Avenue Railroad Company, the said Company being now taxed to its utmost capacity and entirely inadequate to meet the present demands of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said action on the part of the majority of the Board of Aldermen was a flagrant disregard of the wishes of the majority of the Citizens of this City and of

the earnest and publicly expressed sentiments of the Residents and Property Owners of the Upper West Side, who have asked for additional railroad facilities along the west side, from the Battery to the city limits, for one fare of five cents; and

WHEREAS, the granting of said franchise to the Third Avenue Railroad Company will give it a monopoly of all the available streets in this section of the City, adapted to the purposes of surface railroads, and will simply continue to carry the people from the west to the east side, instead of along the west side, north and south, and west of the Cenrtal Park, and will be a serious menace and a positive detriment to the development and improvement of the Upper West Side of this City; it is

RESOLVED, that our Mayor, the Hon. William L. Strong, be and is hereby earnestly requested to veto the resolution of the Board of Aldermen granting the application of the Third Avenue Railroad Company to extend their cable road along Kingsbridge Road, North of 162nd Street, and upon the Boulevard from 125th Street to Fort George.

RESOLVED, that these resolutions be presented to his Honor, the Mayor, at the public hearing before him on next Thursday, by a Committee of five to be appointed by the Chairman of this meeting. N.Y. June 10th 1895

The above Resolutions were unanimously adopted and The Hon Robert Miller. F. B. Thayer, A. B. Wilson John H Fleck and Leopold Leo, are appointed a Committee to present the same to the Hon Mayor William L Strong

Respectfully

Christian Trinks President

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RESOLUTIONS.

June 10th, 1895.

James T. Hall & Co.,
Decorators and Contractors,
Office, ~~1370 Broadway,~~

REMOVED TO
131 & 133 West 18th St

Telephone, 1803—38th.

New York, June 10th. 1895.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have watched, with great interest, the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen in relation to the franchise for cable line up Kingsbridge Road to City Line, and I consider it an affront to the wishes of all citizens, not only of Washington Heights, but the entire West side of New York all the way down, that the franchise should be given to the Third Avenue line. Anyone who ever traveled on this line must know that they run cars at as frequent intervals as possible, and even then cannot accommodate their present traffic, and they cannot possibly operate the new section in even a half way manner.

Even though they were able to give good service they would carry people where they did not want to go, and in reality they would occupy a valuable uptown thoroughfare without giving the transportation facilities we ought to expect, and then there would be no redress.

The present Third Avenue line running up to Fort George accommodates the East Side. Now the West Side should be considered.

I respectfully urge you to look carefully into this subject before approving such an unwise measure.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Milligan.
527 West 173rd. Street.

The Rectory,
Church of the Mediator,
Kingsbridge, New York City.

To his Honor the
Worshipful Mayor
of New York.

I and many
other residents of
Kingsbridge are
of the opinion that
the right to build

a street railway
through this part of
New York city ought
not to be granted
to the 3rd Avenue
Traction Co and
humbly and re-
spectfully beg that
your consent will
not be given to it,
and that you
will grant a

leaning to those who have strong reasons for opposing this project. I am

Very Respectfully Yours

George Rattress.

Rector.

June 10th 1895.

TODD, MURPHY & CO.

Dry Goods Commission Merchants,

33 WORTH STREET,

A. U. TODD,
W. H. OSCANYAN.

New York, June 10th 1895

To his Honor W L Strong
Mayor of New York City

Dear Sir — The undersigned a property owner at Grand Boulevard West 155th St & Dyckman St & Kingsbridge — respectfully asks you to veto the resolution of the Board of Aldermen giving the 3rd Ave RR Co the franchise for a railroad on the upper west side — I think the residents of the district through which the proposed road is to run should have some voice in the matter and it is their almost unanimous opinion that this franchise should be given to the Metropolitan Traction Co or to some organization that will give better connections to the west side and our new downy business on that side of the city —

Respectfully Yours

W H Oscanyan

CHAS. F. BROWN, MANAGER,
HUDSON MANUFACTURING CO.,
513 WASHINGTON STREET.

Private

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Hon W L Strong.

Sir

Writer was born 41st & Broadway, always lived on west side, & lately purchased a house on 148th Bet Amsterdam ave & Boulevard which I expected to make a permanent home, anticipating that sometime in the near future to have a direct connection with my west side friends - & transit facilities at least equal to those of the Bowery & downtown Boulevard route which I was obliged to take (at my former address Nineth ave & 84th st) on that road we had fairly good roadbed. straps to hold on to when cars were crowded & closed cars on stormy days. These were the only comforts but of all of these has the Amsterdam Road

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in addition the amsterdam cars are filthy. not at all uniform. The rather of the cars is similar to the old Georgia Central or adirondack road of 20 years ago

to sum up it seems to be run for profit with no regard for passenger comfort

I wish to protest against such parsimony & incompetency. having a monopoly of that section of our city we desire clean. uniform. up to date (the best) service or none. Furthermore we need a Through West side Route many like myself ~~[illegible]~~ west siders — want to be direct Nord with our friends —

For those who desire it there is already the express to East side

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route which for some unaccountable reason (probably parsimony) the management have failed to connect at 125th & 3rd Ave

Again I protest & ask you Honor to vote the measure now before you for the extension of the 3rd Ave. franchise

I would be glad to call at your office if necessary or do anything to further this vote which I consider vital to the best interests of the people

Yours
Chas. F. Brown

HEADQUARTERS

Farragut Association of Naval Veterans,

OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

Essex Market Building, corner Grand & Ludlow Sts.

SECRETARY, G. W. BOSTWICK, 52 ATLANTIC ST., BROOKLYN.
CAPTAIN, SAMUEL ALMAN, 227 DIVISION AVE., BROOKLYN.
PAYMASTER, W. H. BLACK, 38 LAIDLAW AVE., JERSEY CITY.

Judge Brown

New York, June 11, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor of New York City,
Dear Sir:

Not wishing to encroach on your valuable time by calling in person, I take this means of communication, to lay before you which to myself & those I represent is a great grievance.

The Board of Aldermen last week passed a resolution giving Essex Market Building to the Trustees of the Tenth Ward School Board. By this act turning us on the street from quarters which we have long occupied, & which cost us considerable money in fitting up. I am positive your generous nature will respond to the appeal we make, that the great metropolis of the Union, which in the dark days of trouble, we of the Navy protected, defended & saved, should give us a sheltering place where we might assemble in order to continue our works of charity & benevolence to our worthy shipmates & their families.

I have made thorough investigation of the whole transaction, doings & influences, which have been brought to bear upon the Board of Aldermen in this matter of turning out the many & clean Organizations that have long been occupants of that building, & who have ever been ready to assist as far as in them lay, in maintaining the peace & security of our great city.

The law regarding public school buildings prohibits their being next to a police court or prison, yet this is next to both. The building itself is every way unfit by construction for school purposes. Its ceilings are very low & all the alterations possible could not make it fit for such a use.

May I therefore, request your heartiest sympathy in this appeal, which I have been authorized to make.

Respectfully Yours,
Samuel Allman,
Capt. Commanding.

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66 Broadway, Room 19, New York City.

June 11th, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor New York City,

My dear sir,-

I would be delinquent in my duties to the German Republican Organization if I did not try my utmost to procure for it that political recognition thatin my humble estimation is due.

You were kind enough to appoint Mr Kudlich a Police Magistrate, but he was the candidate --to speak honestly-- we cared least for, and I am sorry that his out of town friends succeeded in prevailing on you to give that appointment to us instead of the Tax Commissionorship. As it is, we are no better off now than we were before. We have nothing to offer to the "boys" who so earnestly worked for the success of our ticket last fall. Their ambition is as justified as that of more prominent people for magistracy, mayoralty or governorship,- and something should be done to satisfy at least a small number of them. My personal aspirations I have buried, but I like to keep the organization together for the good of the party by convincing our men that the interest they took in your canvas is reciprocated.

What way you may find to do this,-if you will try at all- is immaterial. I would only ask you to kindly remember that the large

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German-American element has been recognized only by two appointments Mr Flammer and Mr Kudlich,-the former of whom, as I am informed, does not associate with Germans. I should say that now after Mr Holls has been successful in providing for Mr Kudlich, some one out of our ranks --excepting myself--could be found who would be acceptable to you for appointment to one of the remaining commissionerships.

I submit the above to you as a republican, and as a last effort to induce you to offset in part the enormous influence that the German democrats, or so-called German Reform Union, will gain through the gigantic patronage which they obtained in part through republican votes and your appointment of Mr. Sutro.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. W. H. Davis

Geo H Davis
June '95
Relative to German
Rep. Patronage

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Common Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Boston, June 11 1895

Dear Sir.—

The undersigned wishes to obtain a copy of the municipal charter of your city. If you will kindly cause to be sent to him a copy thereof you will confer a favor on

Sincerely Yours
John R. Foster

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Mutual Life Building.

Subject for consideration by the Mayor

Have the officers removed under power of Removal Bill been formally notified of their removal?

J. Mott

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

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

The Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch, Comptroller of the City New New York.

The Hon. Francis M. Scott, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York.

TAKE NOTICE, I hereby demand that you forthwith deliver possession to me of the following books, records and documents of the Town of Eastchester in Westchester County, heretofore wrongfully seized and now wrongfully held and detained by you or your agents, servants or subordinates at the former office of the Town Clerk of the said Town of Eastchester at the premises known as the Nereid Engine House, in Wakefield, now or formerly in said Town or wherever the same may be.

To wit;

Seven Books containing records of tax sales of said Town of Eastchester.

Two Books containing records of tax leases made by said Town.

Books containing minutes of proceedings of the Town Board, Board of Health, and Boards of Excise and other Boards of Officers of said Town.

Books containing assessment rolls of said Town of Eastchester.

Two Books containing index of chattel mortgages heretofore filed with the Town Clerk of said Town of Eastchester.

All chattel mortgages and bills of sale and certificates of

satisfaction thereof heretofore filed with the Clerk of said Town and now or lately in his said former office.

All certificates of and leases for tax sales made by the said Town of Eastchester or its officers for non-payment of taxes, and now or lately on file in the said former office of the Town Clerk of said Town.

All receipts for taxes heretofore paid by the Supervisors of said Town upon property against which said Town held tax leases.

Dated Eastchester June 11, 1895

John Clancy
Town Clerk
Eastchester

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Demand of Town Clerk of Town of Eastchester in Westchester County for possession of Records of said town

To the Mayor, Alderman & Commonalty of the City of New York

The Mayor of the City of New York

The Comptroller of the City of New York,

The Corporation Counsel of the City of New York

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

Dear Sir:-

I expect to go to your city to be married on Saturday of this week and I would deem it a great honor if you will officiate. The lady and myself will call at your office at about 1.30 p.m.,and if you can find it convenient to meet us at that hour I would consider it a great favor. I understand that you are to be one of our guests at the banquet to be given the visiting newspaper men by the Pen and Pencil Club,of which I am a member,and I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you. Meanwhile,as this matter is in the nature of a surprise to some of our friends,I would ask that you consider this communication confidential.

Yours very truly,

C. A. Jessinger

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#63 E. 142d St
June 11. 1895

Hon. Wm. C. Strong, Mayor

My Dear Sir

I dropped you a Postal a while ago in regard to the Dog Catchers, but see no change yet in the situation here abouts: I therefore take the liberty of writing you again & a little more specifically & hope you will give this letter some attention.

Here in the 23d Ward we have a deluge of dogs! The officer on this post says there are more in this Ward than in all New York together: he says in Front one there are three & four in each house - On this block Mr. Gloechner who keeps the saloon on the corner has two - a white one with black ears & spots & a small brown one. They are both nuisances - the

which are attached my wife the other night when she was returning from her Chapter & almost frightened her into fits - she was crying & trembling when I heard her screaches & let her in the house. The same brown dog chased my little girl when she was running past the other day & frightened her badly - Both of them ran at me the other evening when I went out to water my ashes. Please send the dog catchers after them! They are out every night till midnight & twice last night woke me from my sleep. There is a black Newfoundland dog in the stable at 623 that is out every morning at 5 & wakes me up. Two mornings I saw him attack a working-man going by & this morning at 2.40 he roused me from my sleep barking in front of my house - Please do something for us.

Yours Very Truly Geo. B. Edwards

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
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WASHINGTON, June 11, 1895.

Sir:

Referring to this Department's letter of the 6th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the exigencies of the service have required the substitution of the "Atlanta" for the "Raleigh," in the ceremonies attending the opening of the Harlem River for purposes of general commerce on the 17th instant.

Very respectfully,

A. McAdoo

Acting Secretary.

Hon. W. C. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

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Hon W. L. Strong —
Mayor —
Honored Sir —

Referring to the contemplated franchise to the 3d Ave Road, may I not ask as a property owner & resident of 387 W 84 St — why I should not have direct access to my Washn heights friends as the East siders have to their uptown district — I am distinctly in favor of having the B'way Cable go up — as it would be a boon to all Westsiders — while the other would not & I trust you will share these views —

Yours Truly
Oscar Unz

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No. 75 Park Ave.
June 12/95.

My dear Mayor Strong,

Although I feel that the State Charities Aid Association has made every effort to secure the enactment of a law for the State Care of the Insane of New York County, still I cannot refrain, as an individual citizen, from calling your attention to the appeal to the Governor by the Commissioner in Lunacy of the

State of New York, published in today's newspaper —

It only Emphasizes and confirms the reports which we laid before you as to the condition of those institutions when considering the bill this winter —

In view of the unfortunate condition of these unhappy victims of unbalanced mind, I write these few lines to beg you, if any way should present itself of solving the present difficulty, to let your own kind heart dictate what the per shall do and thus bring relief and brighter days to those who, many of them, through no fault of their own, are here happily situated than we are —

With kind regards

Friendly yours

Geo. G. Wheelock

I am gratified to see that Mr. Wheelock's cousin, Mr. Cornell, was successful in getting a position as magistrate —

MORTON URGED TO SIGN IT.

REASONS FOR TESTING THE STATUS OF THE STATE CARE BILL.

THE STATE COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY DECLARE THAT THE CONDITION OF NEW-YORK'S DEPENDENT INSANE IS WRETCHED AND THAT THIS MEASURE IS THEIR ONLY HOPE.

Albany, June 11.—Governor Morton returned from Ellerslie to-day. On his arrival he received a communication from Secretary T. E. McGarr, of the State Commission in Lunacy, embracing the views of the commission as to the bill bringing the New-York City insane under State care, which was returned by Mayor Strong without action. In the communication, the commission asks the Governor to sign the bill, and says:

There are considerations higher than the technical views of statutory or constitutional construction, which have been or may be submitted to you, in dealing with this bill. Believing that the pending measure in your Excellency's hands carries with it consequences of the largest and most far-reaching import to the people of both the State and the county of New-York, and that in their moral character, not less than in their pecuniary magnitude, the interests involved rise to an immeasurably higher level than merely verbal disputation, we come to you and ask if this is not such an occasion as should and must warrant you in disregarding narrow limitations of rules for technical guidance and in acting on the broadest basis of executive direction.

We feel impelled to do this by a solemn sense of official obligation, which has become imperative as a result of a careful inspection, completed yesterday, of the buildings, offices, apartments and grounds occupied and used by the insane of New-York County at the asylums at Central Islip and on Ward's, Blackwell's and Hart's islands. That inspection left in our minds no room for longer doubting that, as at present organized and directed, local authorities, who are responsible in the matter, are either unable or unwilling to make sufficient provision for the insane inmates of its so-called asylums. In either event, the responsibility of continuing under their charge for another year the 6,700 inmates of those asylums, with the moral certainty that their condition, already in many respects deplorably bad, must grow worse rather than better, becomes so serious and, in our eyes, so appalling that we cannot refrain from calling your attention to the exact facts, so that you may know the actual conditions when you come to act on this bill.

Scarcely any adequate preparation to meet the constant net increase in the number of the county's dependent insane during several years past, or even to meet it for the year to come, has been made. In the mean time, owing to this inability or refusal of the local authorities to provide the needed accommodations, the dreadful overcrowding of the inmates, for many years a prominent and actual ground for complaint, has steadily increased and, under county control, must continue to increase for an indefinite time to come.

The condition of affairs at Central Islip is fairly commendable, in comparison with the rest of the county's asylums. It is here, with a competent architect to plan and with honest supervision to enforce, an ample field lies invitingly open for an almost indefinite expansion of the present plan, and for comfortably, conveniently and advantageously sheltering and employing the thousands of insane now on the islands. Of course, to carry out this prime purpose, the one main object of the bill in your hands, a very considerable outlay will be needed, not all at once, but, as the bill provides, within five years, for all the insane on Hart's and Blackwell's islands, now numbering 1,600 on the former and 550 on the latter, will have to be removed. To supply accommodations for that number at the State Care limit of $550 per capita for buildings completely furnished and equipped, $1,182,500 would be needed, while to remove, say 3,000 of the 3,850 on Ward's Island, to which work the bill fixes no limit of time, on the same State Care basis, $1,650,000 will be needed. Hence, to complete the work of transfer from the islands to Central Islip, as contemplated in the bill, will involve an eventual expenditure of $3,000,000, of which, if the present ratio of New-York County's valuations to those of the State, as a whole, remains substantially unchanged, $1,350,000 would be paid by taxation on New-York County, and $1,650,000 taxation on the other counties.

Summing up results of our observations, made within the last few days, we can do no less than brand the condition of affairs at the island asylums of New-York County as disgraceful and distressing to a degree which demands the earliest possible relief. Above most other of God's afflicted creatures, the insane deserve the kindest attention and care; yet the helpless inmates of these so-called asylums are poorly clothed, poorly fed, poorly lodged, crowded in unfit buildings having hardly one-half the required capacity, deprived of almost every luxury and of many of the most ordinary comforts, as well as of some of the decencies of life.

In the name of our common humanity and on behalf of these thousands of wretched people, we implore Your Excellency to give them the benefits of any doubt there may be as to the literal limit of your authority to act on this bill. Sign it, and so hasten the solution, which must come sooner or later. Let the courts finally determine whether this doubt be tenable. Where the scale hangs evenly poised, let the welfare of suffering humanity and moral sensibilities, which raise man above the brute, serve as the turning weight, which shall lead you to affix your name to one of the great progressive steps that will honorably distinguish your administration for all time.

Do not forget that the only course adequate to a removal of the evils we have sought to depict rests in your hands. Unless the bill is signed and the transfer to the State be made, no real or large improvement can be expected, because no money has been appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, except for maintenance, the city authorities believing that the State would assume charge of the institutions during the present year.

The Governor has until next Saturday to act upon the bill.

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330 SUMNER AVENUE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

June 12 - 1895

Mr. J. Hedges Sec.
Hon. W. L. Strong
New York City
Dear Sir —

I have a vast collection of signatures and writings of prominent men and will be very pleased if you will secure one of Mayor Strong's signatures for me to add to the same.

Thanking you most cordially for your kind favor, I am,

Very truly

F. W. Moch

William R. Stewart,
54 William Street, New York.

Post Office Box 258.
Telephone 3269 Cortlandt.

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June 12, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Mayor's Office, City.

Dear Sir:

This will be handed to you by my managing clerk, Mr. Thomas F. Keating, who will consult you as to the method in which I may obtain repayment by the City of the amount expended by me personally for the erection of the Grand Stands in Washington Square for the ceremonies attending the transfer of the Washington Arch to the City Authorities on May 4th last.

You will remember that I appeared before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment about the middle of April and asked an appropriation of $2500. to be expended under the direction of the Committee for the necessary arrangements for the transfer. It was there stated that no funds were then available, but that if I would make the necessary payments myself the City would reimburse me, and that possibly I would have six months or so to wait. I have paid all bills, which amount to $2,286.90, or $200 less than I asked for, and hold the vouchers. I desire to avoid troubling Mayor Strong about the matter, but will take such steps as you may advise Mr. Keating.

Thanking you in advance for any assistance you can give me, I am.

Very truly yours,

Wm R. Stewart

At the regular meeting of the West Farms Republican Club, held at the Club Rooms, 1229 Samuel Street, New York City, on June 12th. 1895, the following Resolutions were unanimously adppted,

Resolved that in the appointment of the Honorable James L. Wells, as a Commissioner of Taxes and Assessments in the City of New York, His Honor, Mayor Strong, has selected a person most suitably equipped in every manner, to fill the position, as well as a life long Republican and one of our most honored and respected citizens,

Resolved that the West Farms Republican Club heartily endorses the said appointment, and that a copy of these Resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary of the Club, be sent to His Honor, Mayor Strong and the Honorable James L. Wells.

Charles P. Hallock
President West Farms Republican Club.

William Steinmetz
Secretary West Farms Republican Club.

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Resolutions of West Farms Republican Club., Dated June 12th, 1895.

Bedford Park
N. Y. June 12/95

Hon W. L. Strong
My Dear Sir —
We are simply delighted at your recognition of the faithful services to reform & the Republican Party in your appointment of Hon Geo L Weller as Tax Com —
He will make one of the best officers in your Administration —
Respy Yours
Geo Drake Smith
Ch Committee on Legislation
Tax Payers Alliance 2 3 & 24 ward

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June 12th 1895

Mr Mayor,

Dear Sir,

Having already written some days ago to the Street Cleaning Depart= =ment about the careless= =ness of the garbage collectors & having received to answer I wish to draw your atten= =tion to the way the garbage is collected or rather not collected in Way 25th St. between B'way & 6th Ave.

Yours truly
Z Félix & Co.

OFFICE OF ARNOLD SCHRAMM,

Coffee Broker,

TELEPHONE 858 BROAD. 91 WALL STREET.

New York, June 12 95

Hon. William M. Strong
Mayor of the City of New York:

Dear Sir

As a large property holder and heavy taxpayer of the upper West side I take the liberty of addressing you on a subject which is of vital importance to me and my neighbors viz the question of surface transit which will come before your Honor in a day or two.

Nearly everyone whom I have spoken with, and who owns realestate or lives on Washington Heights, or above, favors the Metropolitan Traction Co as against the Third Ave Co. We all feel that the former will build at once, and rapidly, and give us competition; which will prompt both roads to give the public the best service. This a monopoly will never do. We also fear that if the Third Ave. Road obtains the franchise it will either not build at all or so slowly that it will take many years to complete the road, as they only want it to perpetuate their monopoly of transit in that section of the City. This company gives the most wretched service, especially in winter, when I have waited and seen eight Riverside cars go by, during a

snowstorm, before one Amsterdam Ave (main line) car came along. The cars are frequently filthy and the conductors usually decline to open the ventilators in cold weather, which, with many Italian and negro laborers of the lowest class, makes the stove heated atmosphere both fetid and unhealthy.

During cold rainstorms in spring and late fall almost only open (pneumonia giving) cars are run and during the whole pic-nic season the cars are crowded by the worst class of outers. Drunkenness and pocketpicking being leading features.

This line will give us but one connection down town viz via third avenue to the common tenement districts on the east side, while the Metropolitan will give two westside and one eastside and many cross town connections and therefor every disinterested Westsider is in favor of this road.

I am, dear sir, very respectfully
Yours

Arnold Schaumann

OFFICE OF ARNOLD SCHRAMM,

Coffee Broker,

TELEPHONE 858 BROAD. 91 WALL STREET.

New York, ...

LEGATION IMPERIALE DE TURQUIE.

Washington 13th of June 1895

No. Gl. 7734.

No. Spl. 8.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your yesterday's favor, and I beg to thank you for the details contained therein.

Copy of your letter will be transmitted to the Sublime-Porte who, no doubt,

His Hon
The Mayor of New-York

will place it before His Imperial Majesty the Sultan. Your kind and just words about His Imperial Majesty's well known charity and motives that animate all His acts have been fully appreciated.

Believe me, dear Sir, with great respect,

yours very truly

Marouzi.

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Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

My dear Mayor Strong;-

I have just read in the papers that the Governor has signed a bill appropriating $100,000 for an investigation of the city departments. I take the liberty of writing to say to you that this is a matter in which I have a very profound interest. As you know, I have been lecturer at Columbia College for seven or eight years on the history of the City of New York, and in the course of this work I have made investigations from time to time in regard to our municipal departments. I shall be very glad indeed to be enlisted in this work without any compensation from the City, and I make this request feeling confident that I can be of substantial service to the cause in which we are all interested.

Very truly yours,

A C Bernheim

P. S.; It occurs to me that a committee of citizens to co-operate with the Commissioners on Account would be of very great service and I should like to confer with you about this. I know President Low and others will cheerfully tell you about my work in regard to municipal government.

A. C. B.

OFFICE OF THE

Musical Mutual Protective Union,

Local No. 1, National League of Musicians,

ALEXANDER BREMER, President.

Secretary's Office (Old Homestead), 91st St. & 3d Ave.,

Office Hours:
From 10 A. M. to 1 P. M.

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New York, June 13th 1895.

Hon. Wm E. Strong
Mayor.

Dear Sir!

As the representative of and in behalf of the musicians of this city comprising almost 2800 men, I herewith file with Your Honor a complaint against some of our public institutions, notably "The Westchester Protectory", "The Juvenile Asylum", and "The Hebrew Orphan Asylum" for wrongful interference in our rightful pursuit of business.

In spite of repeated efforts to protect ourselves against this injustice, it has been the custom for years and is at the present day, to permit "Bands" composed of boys and connected with these

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institutions to accept public engagements at the Polo Grounds, Race-tracks etc etc for a nominal consideration, under the guise of donations or contributions to their respective institutions.

This is detrimental to our profession, who otherwise would be engaged at these places, and in many instances is depriving the professional Musicians from earning a livelihood, of which I have sufficient evidence to submit to your Honor.

We contend that as these institutions are partly supported by the tax-payers of this county, an appropriation received out of the City-Treasury, they have no right to enter into competition with a class of wage-earners, depending upon

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every Dollar they can honestly and rightfully earn with their profession to support their families respectably and to the credit of this community.

I am convinced your Honor will justify the cause of our complaint and find a way to remedy the same.

Assuring you of the ever-lasting esteem and thanks of the Musical profession of this city and trusting you will pardon my liberty

I remain
Most respectfully.

Alexander Bremer
Pres:

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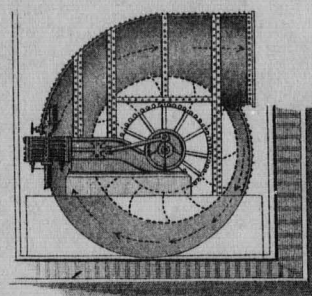
WM. ANDREWS,
CONSULTING ENGINEER.



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New York June 13th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

City of New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

We notice in this morning's "Sun" the report of a meeting held by the Sinking Fund Commissioners, wherein Recorder Goff protests against the faulty construction of the new Criminal Court Building, as regards ventilation -- adding that the past hot weather has shown that the ventilation is very bad.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that we were the designers and contractors for this particular job, and take more than the usual amount of interest in it, -- the writer having visited the building during the past winter, and noted carefully the results attained, notwithstanding the fact that we were paid in full for the work more than a year ago.

We also notice that you were authorized to appoint a committee of three Architects to investigate the matter. We think this is a step in the right direction, but an expert Heating and Ventilating Engineer should also be employed in conjunction with the Architects.

We also think it but fair for us to have a representative present when the tests are made, as we are satisfied that the results of such tests will compare favorably with any Court House in the Country.

Trusting that you will consider this matter, we are

Very truly yours,

(QNE)

Evans Almirall & Co

Henry J. Hardenbergh
12 East 56th Street

Thomas Hastings
44 & 46 Broadway

Mr Meade of
Mess McKim Mead & White
160 5th avenue

State Charities Aid Association,

UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,
105 EAST 22D STREET,
ROOM 503,

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New York, June 13, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the IIth inst., enclosing a letter from James N. Maige, Esq., of Carrabelle, Fla., concerning the adoption of a fourteen year old girl.

Owing to the great number of homes near the city of New York, which are offered for girls of this age, I am quite sure that none of the institutions of this city would send a child to such a distance. I have therefore, taken the liberty of referring the application to Mr. H.W. Lewis, Agent of the Board of Children's Guardians, Washington, D.C., this being the nearest Placing-out Agency, of whose existence I am aware, to the residence of the applicant.

I beg to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

Homer Folks

Secretary.

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New-York Tribune.

New-York, June 12 1895.

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg you will convey to His Majesty The Sultan of Turkey through His Excellency Mavroyein Bey, Turkish Minister at Washington the assurance of my profound gratitude for his munificent donation of Two hundred dollars ($200.00) received this day at your hands to be applied to The Tribune Fresh Air Fund.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Willard Parsons
Manager Fresh Air Fund.

THE HERALD

NEW YORK, June 12th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

The HERALD begs leave to acknowledge your check for $200. for its free ice fund, which was received from His Majesty the Sultan of Turkey through His Excellency Mavroyeni Bey, Turkish Minister at Washington.

Yours very truly,

James Gordon Bennett,

per [illegible]

City Editor.

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of Three hundred DOLLARS,

AS A CONTRIBUTION TO OUR WORK IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED WITH THE THANKS OF THE GUILD.

For the Floating Hospital of St John's Guild.

$ *300.—*

Henry Hargraves Treasurer.

ROBERT W. DE FOREST, PRESIDENT. CHAS. S. FAIRCHILD, VICE-PRESIDENT. CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, TREASURER. CHAS. D. KELLOGG, GEN'L SEC.

Charity Organization Society

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

CENTRAL OFFICE,
UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,
105 EAST 22D STREET.

TELEPHONE NO. 380, 18TH STREET. CABLE ADDRESS: "CHARITY, NEWYORK."

June 13th 1895.

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

My dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of your valued favor of yesterday covering your check for $370.25 from a fund contributed by His Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, through the Turkish Minister at Washington, for the benefit of the poor children of New York City.

Inasmuch as a large part of our distribution of relief is done in co-operation with the several benevolent agencies of the City, I beg to ask, in order to prevent our duplicating or unnecessarily supplementing aid which may be given by other societies from monies which you may have sent to them from the same fund, if you will kindly advise me what other societies have also participated in the distribution of the said fund. With such knowledge we can use the money more discriminatingly and effectively.

I am, dear Sir, Faithfully yours,

Chas. D. Kellogg

Gen'l Sec'y.

June 13, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor's Office,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing check for $300.00 from his Majesty, the Sultan of Turkey, is hereby acknowledged.

The Treasurer's receipt for the amount named, #8617, is enclosed herewith, as it is assumed that you are desirous of forwarding the same from your office.

Very respectfully yours,

John P. Faure

Secretary.

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New York, June 13th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

My dear Sir:-

As a citizen of New York I congratulate and thank you for the appointment of Mr. Wells as Tax Commissioner. I believe him to be a strictly upright and honest man, with knowledge and experience in the real estate business, and last but not least, a thorough Republican.

Very respectfully yours,

Thomas Murphy

New York. June 13th 1895

Mr Job E. Hedges
Secretary, Office of the Mayor
New York City.

Dear Sir;

The Hon Darwin R. James, President of this Board desires me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date informing him that he has been appointed by His Honor, the Mayor one of the Committee of Reception for the opening ceremonies of the Harlem Ship Canal.

Mr James desires me to thank the Mayor, through you for the honor and to say that he has forwarded his acceptance to Sec Vile as requested

Yours

Frank S. Gardner
Secretary