

St. Andrew's Church
RECTOR'S OFFICE

2067 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

June 14 '96

Dear Mayor Strong.

I signed a paper
yesterday, which in due time
will reach you. protesting a-
gainst granting a license
for an open air theatre to be
held in Long Avenue, at
114 Street.

I cannot believe such
is necessary for any one's
health or happiness, and so I
protest, but I know nothing
whatever of the persons who
apply, and do not intend my
protest to be regarded as other
than general.

Sincerely Yours

Geo. H. Van derwater

Hon.
Wm. L. Strong

OFFICE OF SETH LOW
30 EAST 64TH STREET
NEW YORK

Nov 14. 1896.

Hon. Jos. McKays,
Mayor and Secretary

Dear Sir:

I am informed by
the law clerk of your
office be good enough to send
him as soon as possible
Civil List showing Salaries
paid to the various heads
of departments and their
subordinates, that for
1895, or the last one printed
bill answer. Also kindly
have a list prepared and
sent showing Salaries

paid at the present time
to legislative and executive
officers and members of
all boards performing
city work.

Respectfully -

J. H. H. Becke,
Secretary

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13 MOUNT MORRIS PARK, WEST.

June 15. 1896

Hon William L Strong
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

Information has
reached me, that our
application has been
or will be made to you,
for a theatrical license
at 117 West Lexington Ave
where it is proposed
to establish a concert
garden.

On behalf of many friends
in this locality as well

as on my own behalf, I
beg you will thoroughly
investigate the matter.

I submit that the ap-
plication should be
denied. The granting
of it will

1st seriously injure a
residential neighborhood
of many expensive
homes, thus greatly
affecting the peace
& comfort of citizens,
and the value of their
property.

2nd deter and probably
prevent the further
improvement of vacant

property in keeping with
the present attractiveness of
this section of our city

There are so many other
places not far distant
from the proposed garden,
which must not be
destroyed by its estab-
lishment, that I trust
we may be spared this
innovation and its
disastrous consequen-
ces.

Very Respectfully
Charles A. Dayton

Property Owners' Union of the City of New York,

No. 78 EAST 96th STREET,

New York,

June 15 1896

To Hon William Strong
Mayor City of New York.

Dear Sir

At a meeting of our association held this evening June 15/96 the announcement having been made that objections were raised against the granting of a license for a place of amusement to be known as "The American Gardens" and to be conducted by Phillip Koch Esq at the corner of 117 Street and Lenox Avenue it was decided that in the interest of the people we take some action endorsing the application for a license, as well as (from what we know of the character of the gentlemen connected with this enterprise) the policy to be enforced during its existence; and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas; opposition having been brought to bear against issuing a license

Property Owners' Union of the City of New York,

No. 78 EAST 96th STREET,

New York,

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for gardens to be located at the corner of
Crosby Ave and 11th St and, where as; we as
property owners having considerable
property in the immediate vicinity
the majority of the tenants of which are ^{not}
financially able to seek amusement
on distant shores and, where as; the said
property is surrounded by factories
stables, flats and railroad yard;
Resolved that we do unanimously request
that in the interests the masses and
at the ^{same,} time not detrimental to the
classes, you show your appreciation of
the efforts of said Phillips Koch to give
the people a popular place of amuse-
ment ^{by} granting this license.

Yours very respectfully
A. Caro
Secretary.

New York
June 15-96.

Hon. W. L. Strong Mayor

Dear Sir;

We the undersigned Sales-
women of 13 & 14 Police Precinct, Ave
A. & Ave B. from Houston St to
corner of 7th Street. have at several
times sent a complaint to the Hon.
Theodore Roosevelt Pres. of the police
Commission, to compel the storekeepers
of said Avenues to close their stores
on Sundays, but of no avail, we then
complained to Peter Conlin Esq.
Chief of Police, he ordered the
stores closed on June 7, but only a
few Christian Stores complied
with his request, the Hebrew
Store Keepers, Dry Goods, Shoes &
Clothing Stores, being friendly

with the Captain were allowed to
keep open, the result was that
all stores were open Sunday
June 14. We ask you Mr. Mayor
is this Justice or Lawfull, after you
approved the bill of the last
Legislature, forbidding the Store-
keepers to employ Women not more
than 60 hours a week, and 45 minutes
for dinner, and having sitting
capacity for Saleswomen, we have
to work every day from 8 A.M. to P.M.
30 minutes for dinner and supper and
Sundays from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. this makes
76 hours; the fault lays only
with the Police of said Precincts
We demand that the said Stores
are closed on Sunday, and we are
allowed to attend to Church we
are living in a Christian County
and that the laws are to be
enforced by the Police.

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We would gladly sign our names
but we are afraid of being discharged.
Very Respectfully
Saleswomen.

MORRIS & STEELE,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS,

16 EXCHANGE PLACE

FORDHAM MORRIS

HENRY LEWIS MORRIS.

J. A. K. STEELE.

(Cable Address,—PARGET, New York.)

Superior Marine Power

New York, June 16th 1896.

My Dear Mayor Strong:

Referring to our communication
relative the old bridge at 7th Avenue
I send you by this mail a copy of
a Brief or Petition which I filed with
the Park Department on the subject.
I may be perhaps rather sanguine
in my hope of having the suggestion
adopted by the RR Companies but
as you are ex officio a Rapid Transit
Commissioner I would like some
such suggestion to be laid before
that Board & form part of any
conceptions or connections which
may be given or prescribed for
Rapid Transit lines now in existence
under the Laws of 1895 or the
subsequent acts. The Manhattan Co
desires its life across the river
from two Commissioners and the N.Y. &

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Putnam is the West Side and Yonkers
from 155th Street to the city line
through Van Cortlandt Park or the
Yonkers Rapid Transit Co. beyond.
The Concessions made to both the par-
= ticipants of those lines: now the
Manhattan and New York and Putnam
(Lesseees, Grantees or purchasers - whatever
they may be) were made especially with
reference to the 2nd Ave. & 155th St.
Bridges on condition that they would
accommodate their bridges to the use
of new R.R. enterprises. The time
has now come for the Mayor
Aldermen & Commonalty to ask
these Companies to open their
bridges to the use of other lines.
The R. T. Corp^t may pay out or
to it maintain these bridges that
the travelling public are accommodated.

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The establishment of a depot at Sedgwick Avenue end of the N.Y. & Putnam Bridge would it seem to me be none too much to demand - & that the Manhattan & Putnam Companies should be requested to arrange between themselves some fair "trackage" or "ticket" system so that the bridge can be made to furnish a route for the large population living in the Valley of Gramwell's Creek & the other back regions now served or about to be served by the Union RR Company to whom former City officials have practically granted a monopoly of the new roads. The three great lines, the Central - the Manhattan and the N.Y. & Putnam practically have "staked out" their claims north of the Harlem to the exclusion of all new comers. The powers still

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reserved in the RT charter of two of
these roads were reserved for the
aid & state of our city: the Commonalty:
& it seems no more than proper at this
time that our Mayor - the Aldermen
the Park Department and Rapid Transit
Commission should invoke those
Reserved Powers and at first
politely request the great corporations
to agree upon some plan whereby they
will better serve the people's wants
failing which such steps should be
taken as will compel on behalf of
the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty
these private corporations to perform
the obligations ^{imposed} ^{upon} ^{them} ^{by} their
Charters and demanded by the
Citizen.

Very truly yours

Fordham Morris

Hon Wm A Strong

Mayor & ex officio R.T. Commissioner.

Dear Sir

I enclose to you a
Newspaper cutting from a Phil^a
Newspaper.

This sheet music nuisance exists in
New York City to a very annoying
extent. —

I live in the upper part of New
York City north of 59th St and
West of Madison Avenue and
am a literary man, we have
frequently in front of our residence
from 10 to 15 organs, accordions,
singing Italians, Russian Jews, Germans,
to say nothing of scissa grinders who
blow, contrary blow, bugle horns, hundreds
of bicycle bells to say nothing of the nuisance
of blowing off steam whistles, at 7 AM
(an outrageous & unnecessary ~~and~~ nuisance

for a large city and which ought to
be prohibited by ordinance) I cannot
get my sleep in the morning for
these, during the night are street-
sweeping machines, milk carts, cable
and horse cars and their gongs and
bells, to say nothing of locomotives
&c in tunnel of the steam railroads -
these latter must be submitted to, -
but why the municipality, for the benefit of
a few itinerant beggarly foreigners, permits
the organ and other street music nuisance
to disturb its quiet and law abiding native born
citizens has always been, to me, a mystery.

Very Respectfully

Philadelphia, Pa.

A. Sufferer

June 16. 1896

W. F. DAY, PRESIDENT.

GEO. W. SPRINGER, TREASURER.

L. W. HOW, SECRETARY.

W. D. LOVE, 1ST VICE-PRES.

DR. G. P. SHIRMER, 2ND VICE-PRES.

WILLIAMSBRIDGE IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE,

Williamsbridge,

NEW YORK CITY, June 16, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Williamsbridge Improvement League held at Williamsbridge, Tuesday evening, June 16, 1896, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"The Williamsbridge Improvement League, composed of citizens and taxpayers in the newly annexed district, being impressed with the intimate personal knowledge shown by His Honor, Mayor Strong, of the needs of this part of the City in the matter of Rapid Transit, and the deep interest evinced by Mayor Strong in furthering an adequate scheme of Rapid Transit for the North Side extending to the Northern boundaries of this City:

RESOLVED by the unanimous vote of the Association that they extend their sincere thanks and expressions of gratification to His Honor Mayor Strong, for the interest manifested by him in that portion of the North Side which this League represents."

Yours respectfully,

Committee on Resolutions.

George P. Shurmer M.D.
Wm. H. Keating

W. F. Day, Pres.

Lucius W. How,
Secy. W. I. L.

Creighton, Morrison & Meehan,

87 & 89 Wall Street,

New York,

June 17th 1896

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to my pleasant conversation with yourself and Police Commissioner Roosevelt this morning, I now, at the request of a number of our active Merchants and Republicans who have always been prominent in and about the "Business Mens" parades during Presidential years, beg to make formal application for permit for the regular quadrennial parade of the Republicans and Business men who are interested in different branches of trade and are members of the various Exchanges;--they to assemble, as usual, on the afternoon of Saturday of the week preceding the November election,--(October 31st),--at the lower part of the city, and thence proceed through Broadway and Fifth Avenue to Madison Square.

I voice the sentiments and wishes of these gentlemen when I state that with "Prosperity in the van," and you in the Mayor's chair, it is desired to make the parade of this year the most interesting and instructive demonstration of its kind that has ever taken place; and as the Republicans have always had the Saturday preceding Election-day for their parade,--until by reason of delay in making application in 1892 they lost it,---we trust this year to receive permit for date above given.

Very respectfully yours,

Bonellus Morrison

Of Lower Wall Street Club.

THE RIVERSIDE PARK
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

SAMUEL G. BAYNE, CHAIRMAN,
J. ROMAINE BROWN, SECRETARY.
OFFICE, - - 18 BROADWAY.

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NEW YORK, June 17th, 1896.

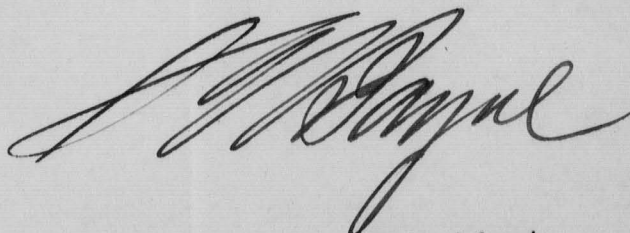
Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,
City Hall.

Dear Sir :

As a location for the soldiers' and sailors' monument has not yet been fully decided upon, and believing that the one suggested at Riverside Drive and Seventy-second Street is the most appropriate, we therefore ask that before any further action is taken, so far as the location is concerned, we be granted a hearing. We have other arguments and facts to present to the Sinking Fund Commissioners than were presented before.

Hoping that you will afford us the desired hearing, and that we may receive sufficient notice in order to be prepared, when the matter is again brought up, I am,

Yours respectfully,


President.

June 19th. 1896-

LEANDER H. CRALL,
TIMES BUILDING,
NEW YORK.

My dear Colonel:

On account of a death
in my family (a dear sweet
lady of 92 years - my wife's
mother) I shall be absent
from the City for a week
as we take her to Cincinnati
for interment.

In the matter of the
Concert Garden near my
home, I have every hope
the license will not be
granted. However they
are circulating petitions
in favor of it, and I should

you grant them another
hearing, my friend and
neighbor Mr. Donald McLean
will represent me. Will
you kindly notify him
in the event of another
hearing & oblige

Yours friend
Leander H. Crall

Hon. Wm L Strong -

UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT SOCIETY,
26 DELANCEY STREET.

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LESTER W. CLARK, SECRETARY.

NEW YORK, June 18, 1896. 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Mr. Strong:-

You probably have seen the list of assistant superintendents presented to the Board of Education for endorsement at the regular meeting yesterday. The list is another proof of the utter hostility of the majority of the present Board towards any real improvement. There are several names on the list of men utterly unworthy of filling the position to which they are nominated. They will disgrace our schools and be a further blot on the present administration. I am aware, from the attitude of the Board, that probably you can do little to check them, but I hope that it will lead you ^{to further} realize the character of the majority of the present Board of Education. Their conduct is most disappointing, and I feel that they are making it constantly more difficult for us to come before the public a year hence and make a good showing for the cause of reform.

Very sincerely yours,

James B. Reynolds.

Church,

St., New York.

32 Mt Morris Park Ave.

N.Y. June 18/96.

To His Hon. Mayor Strong:

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I desire to second the efforts of our mutual friend Mr. Crall and those also of my friend Col. A. P. Ketchum, doubtless yours also as he is one of your commissioners, in the matter of the license for a place of amusement such as is proposed for the corner of 117 st and Lenox avenue. We sincerely trust that you will see your way clear to refuse said license. It wld be a public calamity and a vast injury to this beautiful locality. It is needless to say that it would be most hostile to the interests of our church which is situated only about 250 feet from the proposed band stand.

It does not seem to me at all unreasonable for us to set ourselves against this proposition to turn this community into a resort for questionable practices which cannot help being a disturbance to public worship and a menace to the quiet of the community.

Most truly yours,

James Chambers
Pastor - Calvary Pres. Ch.

New York Zoological Society.

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Mayor William S. Strong,

Dear Sir:- I have just written to General McCook

asking him, as Chairman of the Sub-committee, to postpone his report in regard to the application of the Zoological Society for land. At a recent meeting of the Board of Managers of the Executive Committee, it was decided ^{and} to consider and present to the Sinking Fund Commissioners a more definite proposition to the City, as an addition to our original application. We propose to send Mr. Hornaday abroad for two months to study the methods of management of the foreign zoological parks and procure plans of buildings, grounds, etc., and we expect to present to the Sinking Fund Commissioners in the autumn a plan which will state exactly what the Society is able to do financially; what amount, and in what future year we shall ask the aid of the City, and what relations we propose shall exist between the Park Department and the Society in the management of the Park. This will enable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to vote intelligently and adopt or reject the proposals of the Society in a more definite form than they stand at present. We understand that the city authorities are, in

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general, favorable to the project of a Zoological Park, but are now disposed to take no specific action without knowing definitely exactly what such action will involve. I trust in the meantime, dear Sir, that the matter will be held in abeyance, and I remain

Very respectfully yours,

Henry F. Osborn

Chairman Executive Committee.

New York. June 19. 90.

Hon. William G. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir.

In reply to yours
of the 12th, informing
me of my appointment
as Inspector of schools
for the 26th district,
I feel compelled to say
that I must decline
the honor thus conferred
upon me.

I have fully considered
the matter, and believe
myself incompetent
to discharge the duties

of the office.

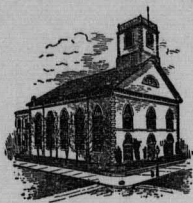
I have been a resident of this city but a short time, and am ignorant regarding its public school system.

I find, too, in considering the duties that would devolve upon me, that even though I felt capable of filling the position, I have not the time required at my disposal, as the supervision of my household

suffices to keep me busy.

I have no doubt you will find some one who possesses in a greater degree, both time and ability, and who will fill the place much better than could your most humble servant.

Jennie E. Olmsted.



Presbyterian
Church of the Sea and Land,
Henry and Market Sts.
NEW YORK.

June 19th, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

Allow me to request of you the favor
of a permit for Open Air Preaching in the streets
of the City in the vicinity of the Church of
the Sea and Land, of which Church I am pastor
in charge.

Regretting to trouble one so busy as
yourself with a request apparently so insigni-
ficant, I am

Yours faithfully,

John Hopkins Quincy

BOLTON HALL.

WILLIAM H. SCOTT,
COUNSELOR AT LAW,
TRINITY BUILDING,
Rooms 128 and 130, 111 Broadway, N. Y.

June 20, 1896.

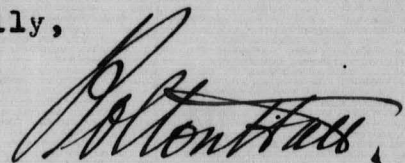
Hon. William L. Strong,
New York City.

My dear Sir:-

As Chairman of the Committee of the Charities Conference which has to look after the matter of the assessments of Real Estate, I beg to call your attention to the enclosed copy of the Chicago Economist, showing how the Mayor of Chicago appointed a Committee upon this subject.

The information that has already been gathered tends to show that a similar committee in New York would find a state of facts which, as Mayor of the City, you could not conscientiously overlook.

I am, Yours very respectfully,



145 N. 119th St. N.Y.
June 21, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York,
Dear Sir, -

The under-
signed persons - all of whom
attend the Lenox Ave Union
Church in 119th St bet Lenox &
Fifth Aves - desire respectfully
but emphatically to protest
against the granting of a
Concert License to the Beer
Garden now being opened at
117th St + Lenox Ave. This place
is within two short blocks of
our Church. This part of the
city is given up to homes &
churches. A Beer Garden is
not needed and is not

desired by the people of the
neighborhood. On the contrary
it would be inimical
to the peace & morals of the
community - and act as a
withering blight upon ad-
jacent properties. We there-
fore earnestly beg that the
Concert License be refused
and that the license to sell
liquors be revoked.

Respectfully submitted

James Millard Philpott, Pastor.

George Træke

A. Butler

John W Lee

L. H. Baturan.

John & Watson

Henrietta Watson,

Mrs. E. H. Davidson
Georg Hoagland
Mrs A E Cullen
Mrs M. E. Ten Eyck.
Mrs E. Hawkins.
~~Mr~~ Harrison
Kolin Harrison
Paul Harrison
Lena Harrison
Lloyd A. Butler
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R. C. Foster
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Mrs Lennie Dodge

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Ethel Rockwell

Mrs Wm Helms

Wm H. Helms

R. E. Carpenter.

W. E. Bullard

Miss Lovell

O. J. Buckley.
W. J. Cope.

Caen, France

21 June 96

Dear Mayn Strong:

You may remember that when I last had the pleasure of receiving you as my guest at 17 Washington Square I suggested that your administration as our Chief Magistrate would be suitably and appropriately commemorated by the laying of a smooth and noiseless pavement along Fifth Avenue from the Arch to the Park. The public need requires this and we shall never have a better chance to get it than through you.

You have given us Colonel Waring who has given us dear O'Connell. Give us

also a pleasant approach to Central
Park, and thus confer upon us a new
blessing - for it would be no less.

The enclosed article from the "East"
recently received in Iowa, where I
am enjoying a holiday, suggested the
letter. Very probably you have already
seen it.

With best wishes for you, and
your administration and congratulation
upon the nomination of your friend
Grover McKimley as the Republican
Presidential Candidate, which is
probably equivalent to an election, I am
Very truly Yours
Wm R. Stewart

15 BROAD ST.
NEW YORK.

June 22, 1896.

My dear Mayor:-

The Union League Club has called a special meeting for Wednesday, the 24th, to ratify the nominations and platform of the Republican party.

They expect to have a big attendance of the members and nothing would gratify them more than if you will make some remarks. Depew, Root, one or two bankers and yourself are expected to give us a talk.

Trusting you will not let anything

interfere, I am,

Yours truly,

Francis Porter

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall, New York.

Millbury, Mass.,

June 22nd, 1896.

New York Charter Commission.

Gentlemen:-

I hope it will not be deemed intrusive if my interest in good government leads me to submit to your consideration the enclosed pamphlet. It is now conceded on all sides that some improvements on present methods of election are desirable. The difficulty is to fix upon such a change as will secure the desired end.

The problem has been to devise some system by which their fair proportion of representation shall be secured to the minority, some system by which each and every party shall be represented according to their numbers.

The Gove System, which is the subject discussed in the accompanying pamphlet attains this object as perfectly as any system proposed, but it goes further and includes a plan to bring the best men forward, and to weed out and eliminate that class of men whose management has brought office holding into such disrepute and bad odor, that many of the best men who should be at the helm in government will have nothing to do with public affairs.

Nothing in the way of political reform is more necessary than to place true statesmen at the helm who will sacrifice personal interests if need be for the public good in the same spirit that prevailed in the days of Washington and Jefferson.

There is a stirring in this direction evidenced by the many good government clubs, but something is necessary to crystalize these aspirations and put them in practical and permanent form.

This is the object of the Gove System of elections. The good points of the various other systems are covered by it, and a principal good feature of the system is that each candidate is required to advertise before election other candidates to whom shall be transferred any unnecessary votes he may receive.

It is assumed that no candidate would advertise to his constituents before election, a list of alternates that would show him to be in bad company. He would consider his own election in peril unless he advertised a list of good men.

Even if a dishonest unscrupulous man should be among the candidates, he would wish to advertise just as creditable a list of alternates as he could. Otherwise he diminishes his own chance of election.

I think this method discourages trickery, and encourages fair dealing.

It should not prejudice anyone that it is not yet in practice ~~in a large public way~~. The cumulative, the Hare, and the Free List have been tried to some extent. They have not been found quite perfect and satisfactory. Their errors have been dropped, and their excellencies combined in the Gove. The objection should not be raised that it is new and untried. There is a time in the history of every reform when the same could be said. The benefit of introducing and practicing this most perfect system yet awaits those who have both the courage and the power to do it.

I hope you will at least give it thorough and critical examination and then you can judge whether it merits the claim I make that it is superior to any system yet practiced or proposed in this or any other country.

Respectfully,

John M. Berry,
Millbury,
Mass.
Box 490.

Copy of letter sent.

168 Avenue B, New York, N. Y., June 22. 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

For the past three weeks we have been greatly annoyed in this section by the explosion of firecrackers on Sunday, whole packs being frequently fired at once.

We presume that to secure the usual quiet of the day it will only be necessary to call your attention to this matter, as we were informed at your office on Saturday that there is an ordinance forbidding the practice complained of.

Very respectfully,

Wm. D. Rose

Pastor of Free Methodist Chapel,

10th St., near Ave. B.

J. H. HUMPHREY,
56 & 58 PINE STREET.

NEW YORK,

June 23/96.

Hon Mr L Strong

Sir,

I would most
respectfully and urgently
ask you to give orders at once
to stop the firing of fire
crackers, cannon crackers and
other fire works in the evening.

I reside near the corner of
Manhattan Ave and West
103 St. and for the last week
or two days it has been a
nuisance - I had supposed
the law strictly prohibited
this, but the police do not
seem to try to stop it.

Referred to

Office of Mr

JUN 23 1896
for examination and report.

W. L. Strong,

MAYOR.

J. H. Humphrey

THE NEW YORK HERALD

NEW YORK. June 23 1896

Hon Wm. L. Strong

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly state what in your opinion are the eight wonders of Greater New York? This question is asked of each member of the Commission, and an answer is respectfully hoped for. Thanking you for past courtesies.

Very truly yours

H. C. Fulton

1. The Cosmopolitan Character of its Citizens
2. The diversity and strength of its commercial enterprises.
3. Its remarkable geographical position and the extent of its water front.
4. The Brooklyn Bridge.
5. Its public & private charities.
6. The number, enterprise & influence of its newspapers & periodicals
7. The Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- 8.

165 E. 66th St.,

N. Y. June 25, '96.

To the Honorable William Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York,
Dear Sir -

Owing to my absence
from town your letters of
June 17th & 23rd have only
just come to hand.

I regret to be obliged to
decline the appointment
you have conferred on
me as Inspector of

Common Schools. As I
am out of town each
Year from the end of
May until the end of
October, I should be
unable to attend meetings
or visit schools during
that period. Thanking
You for the honor
You have bestowed on
me, & expressing my

regret at the delay
in answering your
communications,

I am

Yours very respectfully

Margaret Legrandie
(Mrs. Hector Legrandie?)

PHILADELPHIA,
220 Chestnut St.

NEW YORK,
79 & 81 Worth St.

BOSTON,
53 Avon St.

BALTIMORE,
111 West German St.

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NEW YORK

June 26, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My dear sir,

Your favor of this date is at hand and contents noted.

I immediately called on Mr. Fuller, who made the arrangements two years ago with the occupants of the lofts at Broadway and Worth Street, and they have agreed to give us this location for our flag. Before taking any steps towards having the flag removed, I thought it would be policy and courtesy to write Mr. Jacobs, in Massachusetts, where he is spending his vacation, suggesting that the flag be moved to the corner of Broadway and Worth, and, before doing so, to have "McKinley and Hobart" repainted in a darker shade of blue; as it is the letters have faded considerably this week, and besides the shade was too light. I have also suggested that there should be a lining placed between the sides of the flag that have been lettered, as the names show through the cloth at present.

I shall probably hear from Mr. Jacobs Monday morning and can then take immediate steps to have the changes made.

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Hon. W. L. S. ---2

It will probably be necessary, later on, to buy either a new flag or banner and place the present flag back in its original location in front of your store.

Please accept my congratulations over the able speech which you delivered last night at Carnegie Hall. As General Porter remarked, when he rose to succeed you, there was very little left for him to say, as you "had thoroughly ploughed through his field". The meeting was certainly a great success.

At present there appears to be very few vacant stores on Broadway between Duane and White St. The old store of E. S. Jaffray would of course be too large for a club. The young men are beginning to make some inquiries about a club as they evidently want to sing this year. We can probably keep them quiet until about the 15th of September.

Yours respectfully,

Edward A. Pratt



Memorial Baptist Church,

Washington Square, South, New York.

Pastor: Edward Judson,

Residence, 53 Washington Square, South.

June 26th 1896.

Mayor Strong
New York.

My dear Sir,

I beg leave to apply to you for a licence to preach on the street. It is a privilege that I shall rarely avail myself of, but once in a while I like to speak a few words at the church door preliminary to the service inside, then invite the people within. I shall be pleased to make personal application if it is necessary.

I am,

Yours respectfully,
Edward Judson.

Chicago Ills June 26/96.

Dr. Sir.

Having served in the late
and Mexican war and also being one of the
crew of the U.S. Ship St Mary first cruise
1843 would respectfully request of you if
the above vessel is stationed at N. Y.
permanently so if I should visit your
city I could pay a visit to that ship
which at that time was considered the
crack craft afloat - we beat the English
Frigate Endicott hull down from Vera
Cruz to N. Y. and fired the salute in
June 25 - 1845 when Texas was annexed to
the U.S. - that vessel has a record.

A reply respectfully solicited
Thos W. Giles.

312 West
Randolph St
Chicago, Ills.

New York June 29 1896
To Hon W^m - L. Strong

Mayor New York City.
dear sir;

You would be pleased beyond measure, if you knew how the people in the Italian sections of Harlem received your request, for the people to keep the ashes & garbage separated after August 1st 96. They are so anxious to be ^{pleased} among the law abiding people, that they do not even wait for August 1st 1896, but have anticipated your order and are now throwing the, ashes garbage, etc, etc, in separate heaps out of their windows, into the streets, yards, & onto the roofs of any adjoining buildings that happen to be lower, than

than the windows where they live, if you were up here I could give you an ocular verification of my statements, as I am just after sweeping about a barrell full of this separated refuse, into the yard of the house from which it was thrown that is all I can do, as the landlord lives in a respectable neighborhood like all the wealthy owners of such tenement barracks, and of course they do not, hear see or smell it. the owners are rarely seen except on rent day, of course it is none of their business what happens in their premises, as long as they get their rent. in the hopes that you may before the next 1000 years have passed, find some way of making a law to make property owners responsible for the doings on, & condition of

^{their} tenants & property

I am in expectation of being able to live to see it, even though I may need very strong glasses,

Yours truly
J. W. Schlofer,
339 cent 115th st

The Daily Saratogian.

Saratoga Springs, June 29, '96.

Mayor William L. Strong,

New York City, N. Y.

My Dear Sir:-

Inasmuch as you are to address the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution in this village July 4, and believing as much publicity as possible should be given your remarks, I take the liberty of addressing you and request that if convenient you mail me a copy of your address at once in order that I may have it for use in the SARATOGIAN and also for the United Press which I represent in this village.

Trusting that you will grant my request, and thanking you in advance, I remain,

Very Truly Yours,

Philip S. Wakeley

THE SQUIRRELS.
HIGHLAND FALLS ON HUDSON.

July 1. 1896

Mr. Wm H. Strong

My dear Sir

I understand
you are in quest of an
Editor of the Dutch
Records at the City Hall
Mr. B. Fernow now
residing in Albany would

like the position. While
I was Secretary of State
1874-6 he was in charge
of the Archives of the State
and translated and edited two
or three volumes of the Dutch
Records relating to our History
and met with entire acceptance.

I have seen and heard but
little of him of late years
but I venture to suggest
that if I were looking for

a man to fill the position
in question he is one whom
I should certainly think
it wise to consider.

Yours very Respectfully
Wm. Sigson

His address is Berthold
Fennow Albany N.Y.

PLATFORM.

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NEW YORK TAX REFORM ASSOCIATION.

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JOHN CLAFLIN, TREASURER

July 1, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

New York City.

My dear Sir:-

I beg to send you the following copy of a letter

just received:

"Chicago, June 22, 1896.

New York Tax Reform Association,
111 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

In reply to your letter in regard to the report of the Tax Commission, I would say:

The method used by us in making our report was as follows. The Commission consisted of five members, three of whom were experts as to land values and two as to building values. We met in daily session for three months occupying about four to five hours a day. The valuation on the land and on the building was reached separately and the two added together in the final report. As a guide to our land values we made a compilation of all sales and leases on the property to be valued which had occurred during the last five years. The map department furnished us certain diagrams and maps indicating size and location of lots which were useful to us in making one valuation consistent with another. The building department secured an insurance atlas indicating the size of buildings and a clerk furnished them with the cubical contents of each building to be valued. The building department, after the inspection of the building, indicated to what class it belonged and what was the value per cubic foot. The Commission had three clerks who were paid by the City. The only other expense was the fee of \$10,000, which was paid to the Commission.

Last year as President of the Chicago Real Estate Board I endeavored to secure the passage of a new revenue bill that might give us relief from our present absurd system of taxation. There is no matter in which I take a greater interest, and I am glad to

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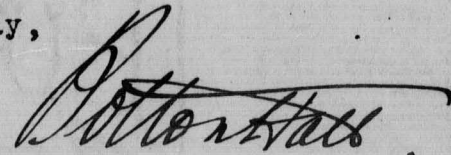
see your association is also interested in a like work. I should appreciate it very much if you would send me any literature on the subject or any bill prepared by your Association.

I am, Very truly yours,
Dunlap Smith. "

I send you this because it is a matter of interest to you and because it seems highly necessary that a similar commission should work in New York City.

Could not the Commissioners of Accounts attend to this very important matter ?

Yours very truly,



New York. July 1/96

To the Mayor of New York.

Sir;

The undersigned Taxpayers, after an earnest endeavor on their part, to comply with the requirements of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, and apparently not having succeeded to the satisfaction of his inspectors and ashmen, do hereby solemnly protest against the action of said Department in permitting garbage &c. to remain exposed for a period of over a week and persistently refusing to remove same; as a source of danger and a menace to the health of this thickly populated district.

Louis Klein No. 315 E. 54 St.

George Ackermann 317 E. 54 St.

Eugène Gavard 334 E. 54 St.

Elizabeth Müller 341 E. 54 St.

Mary Bracht 347 E. 54 St.

John Lermack 349 E. 54 St.

Oliver E. Hinkman 345 E. 54 "

Martin Herolt --- 349 E. 54 St. "

John C. Gartemann 353 E. 54

Christ. Seimyer 985 - First Ave

Herman Behr 987. First Ave

Christine Fritz 989 First Ave

August Gross 991 First Ave

Mary & Anner 993 First Ave

Henry Koestring 995 - First Ave.

Bernhard Mauer 997 - 1st Ave

M. Carolina Rettig 999. 1st Ave

H. F. Schult 333 E. 54 Str.

Ernst Heald 342 E. 54. 11

Herman A Cook 979 1st Ave

Margreth Cook 922 1st Ave

William Pollak 977 1st Ave

Elmer Julia Barr 979 1st Ave

John A. Hofmann 974 First Ave

H. J. Kemming 972 - 1st Ave.

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Jenny Pollak 1039 2nd Ave

Frederick 307 1/2 E. 55th St.

Adolph Schmürmacher 1214 - 1st Ave

George Krebs 335 E 54th St

Dictated- N.

GEO. B. POST, Architect,
33, EAST 17TH STREET,
New York.

1st July 1896.

Dear Sir :

I have been appealed to several times by Mess. Withers & Dickson for opinions with regard to their design for rebuilding the Tombs, but have received no official notification of my appointment by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as their architect in this matter.

If I am to act in this capacity I respectfully suggest that it is proper that the scope of my duties and my compensation should be clearly fixed and defined. Examination of the Act for the reconstruction of the City Prison leaves the duties of the architect for the said Board in a measure indefinite- "is to examine plans and specifications, including also the cost of furniture and fixtures" &c. Is the examination of plans and specifications referred to intended to include a consideration of the engineering questions connected with the entire matter and an examination into the efficiency of the construction to meet the engineering demands? or is it simply to examine into and report with regard to the economic and artistic excellence of the designs? Is the architect of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to examine into the cost of furniture and fixtures^{alone}, or does this extend to the entire structure? It is needless to say that the compensation of the architect of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should be in proportion to the amount of work which he is expected to perform, and for this reason I think it just that these questions should be definitely answered before any serious amount of work is done and that a fixed compensation should be established. If the architect of the said Board is appointed as a con-

sulting architect to examine into such matters as may be referred to him by the Board, and to report, it is usual that the compensation should be in the nature of a salary at so much a month for such services.

The above is submitted for your consideration by

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chas. B. Felt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

His Honor, Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor, City of New York.

New York July 1/96

Ken Mayer Strong

Dear Sir

I wish to inform you of the
Doings of the 3rd Avenue Cable
Road should have such
Indulgence to disgrace the
Park at 6 Street and
4th Avenue Sundlunds here
made complaints to Waring
and to the Health Department
for some reason there is no
notice taken of it whatever
the Company has a Horse on
the sidewalk a Horse
number. two Horses and a
Wagon stand there at all

terms and on a design to
street and spots the View of
the Park could you not
see and attend to it that
we have a free sight
point and the others to
be seen

Yours most
Respectfully
S. Marshall
Landlord

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Mayor's Office

Rochester, N.Y. July 2nd, 1896

Mayor Strong,

New York City.

Dear Sir:- The bearer, E. S. Bliven, a resident of this city is interested in the North & South American Transportation and Express Company. He is desirous of meeting some parties in New York in relation to said company, having known him for some time I can recommend him as an honest, straightforward, business man.

Yours respectfully,

Geo. Warner
Mayor

New York July 3/96

Mr Strong Honored Sir

The District Attorney never paid me for the ten weeks I was locked up in the House of Detention although I have written him several times and asked for the Money as I am very poor and my health was broken up in that horrible place they come near freezing me to death in there I was held four weeks after Capt Doherty's trial and six weeks before the trial every body gets paid for being a witness for the state what is the reason I am not paid
Respectfully, Mrs Thuron *over*

address

Mrs Augusta Thrurow
1592 Madison Avenue

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CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

July 3rd, 1896.

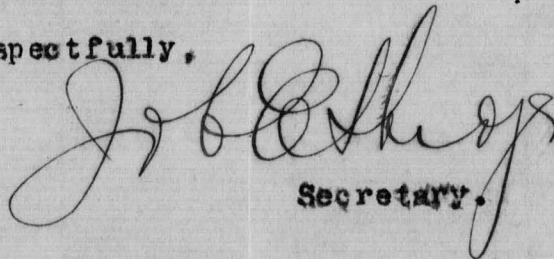
F.W.Cobb, Esq., President,

#12 Park Place, New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to say in reply to your letter of 30th ulto., that the matter has been laid before the Corporation Counsel, who has examined the statute in question, and to say that for the purpose of a banner such as you desire to utilize, it will be necessary for you to obtain the consent of the Board of Aldermen in the form of a resolution granting the privilege. The Board meets on Tuesday of next week, when the matter can be brought before them.

Very respectfully,


Secretary.

Norwalk, Ohio. July 4, 1896
Mayor Strong N.Y. City
Dear Sir

Will you Please Be Kind
Enough if in your Power
to do so if Not can you
tell me where and from
Whome I can get the
information first is
there or Has there ever
Bin a suit filed against
the city of New York By
anyone claiming to Be
the lawful Heirs of
Robert Edwards. if so
By who was it filed
there is a lady in
Louisville Ky. Claiming to
Have Possession of all
the original Records.

Containing the Issues
and I and That she
Has Bin given Power By
the courts of Ky. city
to Hunt up the Heirs
and file Their claims
and That she Had effected
a compromise with the
City for one Half of the
appraised value and she
charges Each Heir \$100 ^{or} dollars
for filing His or Her claim
and Promises Each Heir a
Revered Receipt from
the courts to show
That Their claim Had
Bin filed Now My Mother
is a Granddaughter of
Dorcelia Edwards who
was a full sister to

Robert Edwards who
gave the second lease
for 99. years and My
Mother Has all Her life
known of this lease
and she Has in Her Possession
Now Papers to show Her
Relationship to Robert Edwards
and about a year ago
Mrs Leuchman of Louisville
wanted to file Her claim
and said she would charge
me \$100⁰⁰ dollars and I sent
Her My Mothers Genealogy
and the \$100⁰⁰ dollars with
the understanding I was
to Receive a Reversed
Receipt from the clerk
of the Courts of Ky.
But as yet I have

failed to receive any
Receipt yet Now I hope
Mrs Leachman is alright
But Not Receiving anything
yet it leads me to
Believe she is playing
the Burscoe game if
you can give me any
light on the matter
it will be highly
appreciated as I am a
Mason and want to do
business on the square
Hoping to hear from you
soon I remain yours truly

C. B. Walker
Warren
Ohio

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P.S. I am willing to
Pay for any information
I received through
your kindness

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July 5 1896

Stan Mayer Strong
Dear Sir

I inform you
that Detective Sergeant
McCauley and Gustave and
George Meyers of 444 GrandSt
N. Y. are planning every
day to commit some
robberies as George Meyers
is pictured in the Rogers
Gallery and has served
several times in prison.

of course whatever the Meyer
Brothers will ~~not be~~ do now
in committing robberies they
will not be arrested as
Det' Sergeant McCauley is

2
~~in~~ a partner with them
whatever they steal

So I inform you to
keep an eye on Det'
Sargent McCaley and the
Meyer Brothers

There is also an
~~ind~~ indictment against
George Meyers for burglary
and Det' Sargent McCaley
managed to fixen hole
it.

I know all this to
be true as I was
with that gang of thieves
~~and~~ for a long time
but I thought best
to quit them and be
a better man which
I am to day.

I have done lots
of burglaries in N.Y

3
and whatever I
managed to get I
shared Half with
~~the~~ Det' Sargent McC-
Caley.

Now the Meyer
Brothers are sharing
half with McCaley
and everytime Meyers
are caught Detective
McCaley always
protects him and sees
that he should not
be sent away
as he cannot loose
a good thing on these
burglars which are the
Meyers Brothers

Kindly look in
the matter and see
why they fixenid
Holed George Meyers

indictment for robbery
which was in the
year of 1888 or 1889.
you will find it
in the record

Hoping you will
look in the matter
as it is a shame
that we should have
such men on our
police force connected
with so many quiet
robberies

by so doing you
will oblige

A Citizen
of the U.S.

New York July 7th 96

Mr. Strong
Sir:

Will you kindly make the man who is withholding public school teachers pay, give us our pay at once. It is just a trick to reflect on the rule of the republican party because we have never before had this occur.

They need not tell you it is because of the change of the trustee system - They knew of that change long ago and I could have been prepared. As the majority of the teachers are women, at this season worn and weary and waiting for the

money to pay vacation's
expenses where strength
can be gained for better
work in September, it seems
a despicable thing for
any one to use us to whip
you and your party over
the shoulder and gain votes.

All changes in the school
system were known long
ago and need not have
caused delay -

No, this brings a vivid
comparison with all previous
years when the same paymaster
had our checks ready always
before the close of school!

And, oh, I hope you will
make them pay at once,
please for you ^{have} the power, have you?

128 West 58th St

July 7th 1896.

Dear Mr Mayor.

You recall perhaps a conversation I had with you a few days ago in regard to an old friend Col John W. Marshall, who has been selected as the Architect by the Charities Board. If not, I wish to repeat what I said that I have known him for 25 Years, and always to his advantage as a citizen and a gentleman. He can tell you personally of his professional

work - its Character, Extent and
magnitude; and I am sure that
after hearing him You will come
to the Conclusion that there can
be no question in regard to his
Competency. He prepared the plans
and had charge of the Government
building on Ellis Island, and
he can also refer to other buildings
with which doubtless You are
familiar. I would call in
person in regard to the matter
were it not for the fact that I
must take my wife and daughter
out of town to-morrow, but I
bespeak for my old friend

a careful hearing and Considerate treatment at
Your hands. As an old soldier, a staunch Repub-
lican and an Experienced architect, I am Confident
that he can satisfy You that whatever work is intrusted
to him will be done faithfully and honestly, to the advantage
of the City and the Tax-payer.

Yours very truly

Alson G. M. Cook

Wm
William L. Strong
Mayor &
City Hall.

Metropolitan Street Railway Company
Cable Building,
621 Broadway,

President's Office,

H. H. Vreeland, President.

New York, July 7th, 1896.

Job E. Hedges, Esq., Secretary,

Mayor's Office, New York City.

Dear Sir:

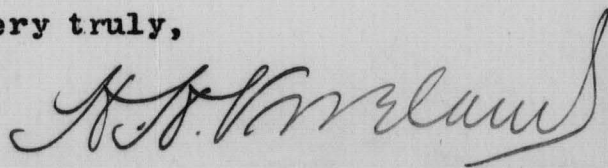
I acknowledge receipt of your favor of yesterday's date, together with letter and diagram from M. Hofheimer of Baltimore.

I might say for your information that the plan suggested by this party is as old as cable railroads and is identical with the plan submitted to the Mayor by me some time since.

It is an easy matter to get up plans. It is quite another thing to change construction without interference with ^{the} operation of ^a system that is called upon to move daily about 300,000 people; and at the same time it is quite as difficult to get mechanical appliances that will stand the enormous strain to which this road is subjected,- in a word, what applies to a river tug boat is not quite as effective on an ocean steamer.

Thanking you for the action taken, I remain,

Yours very truly,



President.

Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor
New York City

July 7th 1896

Your Honor,

Received "enclosed" from you as a response to my letter. I enclose all these papers that you may see them yourself. I never refused to take my April quarter pension. I took a Thirty dollar (\$30) check, when Mr. Gott took my (Seventy-five dollar (\$75) dollar check out of my hand. He said he could not give it to me until Mr. Grant would tell him my pension was granted to me again in March. Your Honor can see the enclosed notice I received of March.

Mr. Grant claims many of the statements I made were untrue. I would be very sorry to make any statements that were not true. He also states that my due I could receive when I wish to draw it. Being sick and unable to go down, I sent and the bearer received the enclosed Thirty dollar (\$30) check, which leaves \$45 due me from my April quarter and \$45 from my July quarter.

Your Honor the \$70, the commission says I asked was four months pension I never received after my husband's death. Last summer I was very sick and was compelled to go the doctor, and he told me it was not right to live alone as my health was

so poor. I asked Mr. Gott if he would please send me my pension to Philadelphia as I intended to stay a while with my brother until I would get strong.

Your Hon my brother is a man 60 years old and has all his family married. He only has \$9.50 a week to support himself and wife and one child. I have not one in this world to give me one dollar and my pension was my whole dependence.

In regard to my pension being raised from \$200 to \$300 by influence I never had any. It was my husband's long service and good record. It was ^{the} rule when my husband earned this little support for me after ten years service this widow was entitled to \$25 a month, and my husband earned it for me as faithful as any other brother officer, and this wives have it still. I think there must be some mis-understanding or the present gentlemen would not take the advantage of a poor lone widow and leave me on the street without a home, as you know I can not live on ten dollars a month. I had it very hard to get along for the last three months, only for a good neighbor I would be often hungry. Hoping your respectful honor and those gentlemen that you have put in the department will have the goodness and charity to kindly grant me my little support which I had when you placed them there. I cannot find thanks

enough to send for taking an interest in a poor
widow With grateful thanks to yourself and the
respectful commiseration. I remain

Your Humble Servant
Margaret Galligan

247 East 30th St.

Ground floor

West Side.

P. S.

My little place is eight (\$8) dollars a month.

M. G.

Answered July 2nd

returning all documents

Sent me by her

and enclosing a letter from Col Grant to me
M. G.

241 E 111th Str -

July 8th 96.

Being I Isodor^e de Carlo
unable to do any hard
work on account a disabled
arm - I am compelled to
go round with a scissor-
grinding Maschine - and
as a bell as usual is used
I would prefer to use a bugle
so to attract the attention
of the patrons that they
may need my work -

Hoping your Honor will
grant me a licence for
use such instrument - I
remain Sir your obedient
servant - Isodor de Carlo



COR. HENNEPIN & 4TH ST.

The Commercial Club

Minneapolis

July 8th, 1896.

Northwestern Ltho. Co. Minneapolis.
J. F. CALDERWOOD,
President.
E. L. DANFORTH,
Secretary.

To His Honor Mayor Strong,
New York City.

Dear Sir:--

We shall deem it a favor if you can conveniently advise us at about what time His Excellency Li Hung Chang, of China, will arrive in America? Also if you can tell us about how long he will tarry on the Atlantic coast, and when he will start west? If you can kindly advise us how and where a communication may be addressed to him, suggesting a better means than c/o Chinese Embassy at Washington, we shall feel very much obliged.

Thanking you in advance for favors sought, and begging that you will command us in turn when possible, I am,

Yours very truly,

Dic. to S.

Secretary.

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July 9, 1896. .

Mr. J. B. Hedges,
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,
New York City.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor
to report that I have attended to the
Mayor's request with relation to the
inquiry from Cincinnati concerning
the Tenement House Commission report.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Gilder.

40 Gremercy Park,

New York City,

July 9th, 1896

The Mayor,

City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:

The New York Journal has commissioned me to write a story entitled "What prominent and brilliant men of New York think of women who smoke cigarettes."

I have tried so often to see you that I thought I would write, trusting to your proverbial gallantry to send me a line on the subject, even though "your mind is taken up with affairs of state."

Yours very truly,

Lona Wakley Gorham

(Miss)

New York
July 9th 1896

J. Hon William L Strong Esq
Mayor City and County N.Y.

Hon Dear Sir;

I must respectfully
inform you that the same
disturbance is continued
at the Union Market
with me on Saturdays
nights. There will be no
change made by only
notifying police of
said market. They are
bound to have their
way to defy the law
Earliest compensation has
been made by this
troublesome peddler
by throwing things

at my customers and
speaking angry words
and insulting them.

If there is any way
to intercede for legal
proceedings please advise
me to some special
lawyer who is willing
to take case in hand
to see to my interest
If you think enough.

of the case. to please
on it I remain Your sincerely
Lemuel R. Graham

The Well Known blind
mechanic & brace maker
by trade

114 Horck St.
N.Y. City

New York,
July ten, 1876.
To Mayor Strong of New York,
Sir:

Please pardon this
assuming presumption.

My interest in the
matter is my excuse.

I refer to the petition
presented this week,
by Barth Sidors, in
regard to the removal
of the old Macomb's
Tann Bridge over the
Harlem, from one hundred
fifty-fifth street to one-
hundred forty-ninth street.

It does not seem just, now that there is a chance to give the residents of North Haven the means of reaching the West side, to allow the bridge to remain in its present position.

With the present arrangement, a long walk is not to be avoided by the majority of persons residing on North Avenue and adjacent streets — either in going down ^{town} or in reaching the West side.

While streets and avenues much farther

North have been brought into contact quite directly with various parts of the city, we are obliged, through lack of available public transportation, to walk either to the East side or to one-hundred thirty-eight street, as no cars cross North Avenue, between that street and one-hundred sixty-first street.

We need this proposed bridge at one-hundred forty-ninth street.

I think the property owners in this neighborhood have waited patiently many years for such a privilege.

If you see the justice

I trust, and find compliance feasible, I do hope the petition will be granted.

Sarah L. Carter.

594 North Avenue.

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New York
July 11, 1896.

Honorable Major Strong

Dear Sir,

We live in
63rd street between Lexington
and Park ave. and have
signed ~~and~~ a petition
to have our street asphalted
nearly two years ago.

The resolution was passed
by the Board of Aldermen
and approved by
your honor.

Sixty-third street is asphalted
from fifth avenue to third with the
exception of our block
(over)

which for some political pull of Tammany Hall Stable and Jim Mill Keepers has been omitted, even if approved by you, such is their language of pull, with Tammany Hall.

The street is almost level, the water in the curbs, mixed with the refuse of the stables, lies dormant in the curbs producing a very offensive smell under the gutter bridges of these stables.

We have pleaded and begged with the former,

(3)

our Commissioner of
Public Works as well as
with the present one, and
told him that all the
streets around us, north &
south were being asphal-
ed, and by a certain in-
fluence and pull our one
certain block has been
omitted. for what reason
we cannot ascertain, with
exception of the pull. We
have seen Mr. North and
various people of the Water
Surveyors Department
and have been sent from
point to point, with
unkept promises and

(4)

excuses of no appropriation
for the last eighteen mon-
ths.

One word from you, we
are sure in our estimat-
ion, will knock this giant
of pull in the head, and
will pave and asphalt
our only neglected, block
where so much traffic is
done, to the satisfaction of
the poor mothers and child-
ren and of parents who are
disheartened and discour-
aged of their fruitless efforts.

Your Humble

Servants

Mrs. Riehl. Mrs. Schroerer. Mrs.
Victor. 129, 133, 135 East 63rd Street.

July 11th

Mayor Strong
Dear Sir

Shortly I have read in
the Mail & Express
that the Boulevard (Western)
should be improved on
the style of the block
between 86-87th Street.
Dear Sir kindly inspect
that block and you will
find the lamp posts and
telegraph in centre of the
promenade so that a couple
must separate to pass them.
The flowers look very nice
and would be advisable if
there was room for them, as
it is the walk is just half
as wide as it ought to be

to allow one couple to walk
one way and another to go
in the opposite direction. As
The Boulevard is mainly used
for bicycling the promenade
will be very popular walk
and every cent spent to take
this space away from the
public is not only squandered
but the public is thereby also
cheated out of this very nice
promenading place. I'll
think please do what you
can to hinder above and
kindly see that the grass plots
and flowerbeds are secondary
and do not let them crowd
the space for walking. The
first improvement after
asphalt pavement would
be electric lights. Please
excuse my liberty to address
you thus
R Handel

P. S. I am a property
owner, but not on the
Boulevard and personally
have no further interest

R W

219 East 53d St.,

New York, July 11, 1896.

Job. E. Hedges, Esq.,

Miller's Hotel,

39 W. 26th St.,

New York City.

My dear Job:

You will see from the above address that we have removed to more central premises. Since I have been in possession here, we have had considerable difficulty with the Dept. of Street Cleaning, whose men refuse to remove our refuse though we have fulfilled all the requirements of the city ordinances, so trespassing upon our friendship, I have written to the Board of Health and the Dept. of Street Cleaning that acting on the advice of my friend, Mr. Job E. Hedges, I desire to lodge a complaint. I trust you will excuse the liberty I have taken with your name, but I feel sure that I had previously spoken with you on the subject, you would have advised me to pursue the course I have taken.

With kindest remembrances to your mother and self in which Mrs. Vizetelly and Baby Norman both join,

I am, my dear Job,

Yours very cordially,

Frank A. Vizetelly.

CONSULADO GENERAL
DE LOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS DE VENEZUELA
18 BROADWAY
NUEVA YORK.

Nº 157=

C
New York, July 8th 1896.

To the Honorable
The Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:

Wishing to visit the Municipal Buildings of this City, I beg to ask you for a permit - if necessary, - to do so, for myself and accompanying party.

Thanking you before hand for your courtesy in this matter, I have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servant.

S. Augustobello.

Consul General.

CONSULADO GENERAL
DE LOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS DE VENEZUELA
NUEVA YORK.

Número

C
New York, July 11th 1896.

To the Secretary of the Hon. Mayor
of the City of New York.
City.

My dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst, with enclosure of an open letter of introduction from the Hon. Mayor to the various Municipal Departments for myself and friends and beg you to convey my most sincere thanks to the Hon Mayor for his courtesy.

Respectfully Yours.

A. Augusto Bello.

Consul General.

Dover Plains July 13th/96

Hon. Wm. E. Strong

Appreciating the position of inspector of schools of my district, to which I have been appointed, I wish to thank you for the same and assure you that I shall try my best to fill the position conscientiously. Will come in on the tenth of next month, to be sworn in.

Yours truly
Ottilia Brand

150 E. 127 St.
New York
City

*City of New York
Department of Public Parks
The Arsenal Central Park*

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

July 16

1896

Hon John Tredelman

Dear Mr. Mayor

Please tell

*me whether Mayor Strong is at
Richfield, and what day he will
be here again*

Very cordially

Smith Esq.

103 Gold

137 Broadway,
July 16th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor,

My dear Sir:

Having been chosen
by the Board of Education as an
Assistant Superintendent, I hereby re-
spectfully resign the office of Commis-
sioner of Common Schools.

Very respectfully, yours,
John B. Hunt

ROBERT MACLAY,
President.

CHARLES T. BARNEY,
Vice President.

JOSEPH T. BROWN,
2nd Vice President.

FRED L. ELDRIDGE,
Secretary.

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BRANCH OFFICE

66 BROADWAY.

MAIN OFFICE
234 FIFTH AVENUE.

CABLE ADDRESS
"POROTIC, NEW YORK."

NEW YORK July 16th, 1896

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

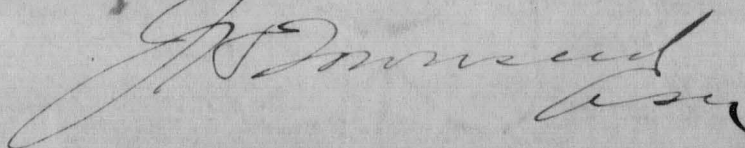
Dear Sir:-

Concerning the deposit of \$250,000.- with us of the Third Avenue Railroad Company, we have consulted counsel as to the manner in which this money should be drawn in order to give us proper protection, and are informed by them that it is essential that we should have the Certificate of the Commissioner of Public Works which should identify the section of the resolution of the Common Council under which this deposit is made, together with, of course, a draft of the Railroad Company.

They hold that this Certificate is not a voucher for you, but for the Trust Company in which the funds are deposited; as the Mayor, according to the resolution, is merely to receive and deposit this money in a Trust Company, or Bank, subject to certain conditions enumerated therein, among which is the Certificate of the Commissioner of Public Works, above referred to. No mention is made of his having anything to do with the repayment of these funds.

We therefore respectfully request that you file with us the resolution obtained from the Commissioner, and greatly oblige

Yours very truly,



50. 8th ave
July 17. 96
Hon. Wm. A. Strong
Mayor. City New York
Dear Sir

Kindly let me call your attention to the dangers of the Gutty blower in the hands of the small boy. as I was in my store a few nights ago. a shot from one of them. struck me just below the eye. I see many factors by the target cannot. a Law be passed prohibiting their sale & use I also wish to call your worthy attention to the boys

playing 'Shirmy' in the Crowded districts. especially where smaller children are liable to be hurt. I have passed through east side, streets, where in the midst of small children in carriages & on their mother's arms. were in danger of being struck by such a stick of wood. Why is 101st Bet. 3 & Lexington Ave so dark. after night fall. 3 gas lamps not lighted. down the street which has no houses. it is indeed dangerous to walk here.

Why were the wooden awnings of. Ave B. Bet. 5 & 6 St. condemned & had to be taken

down and others of same
Street allowed to remain
I received this notice for
79. ave B, took mine down
on next block others are
allowed. Why so.

When a gas Company tears
up 8" Ave, why is it allow-
ed to put back pavement
without the cement & tar
& City workmen. While
if owner causes some re-
pairs on same ground
he is not allowed to put
pavement in order.

Very truly
M Heelbronner

OPPENHEIMER & CO.,
Importers and Manufacturers
Flowers and Feathers,
683 BROADWAY.

PARIS:
52 RUE DES PETITES ECURIES.

New York, July 17th 1896.

Hon. Wm. C. Strong Mayor.

Dear Sir

There are continually 30 or more show cases upon the sidewalk at the above number interfering with our business, it almost blocks up the entrance to our store, situated above. I have complained to the Dept of Public Works and they have removed the cases twice, but, no sooner are they removed the parties replace them almost the same day. Will you kindly notify the Com. of Public Works to have the said incumbrances removed and oblige

Respectfully Yours,
Oppenheims & Co.

C

New York July 18th/96

Hon W. L. Strong
Mayor &c
Sir

I take the liberty of calling your attention to the large amount of electricity that is in the air in certain parts of this city, caused by the dissipation of electricity used for motive, illuminating and other purposes.

I have spoken with several citizens who have observed the same phenomenon and its inconveniences such as sudden shocks, noises &c &c, which are hurtful to the health and comfort of the people and I respectfully suggest that some measures be adopted to abate this nuisance.

Respectfully
Yours
Charles H. Parker, City

CHAS.

THE REAR TENEMENT-HOUSE FIGHT

The time July 22 1896

BOARD OF HEALTH PASSES A RESOLUTION OVER-
COMING JUSTICE LAWRENCE'S OBJECTION.

To overcome the technical point raised by Justice Lawrence, of the Supreme Court, in the abolition of the rear tenement houses condemned by the Board of Health, the Board yesterday adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, For the purpose of complying with the objects of Chapter 567 of the Laws of 1895, and Section 3,360 of the Code of Civil Procedure, by instituting condemnation proceedings against the owners of rear buildings known as Nos. 308, 310, 312 and 314 Mott-st., No. 21 West-st., Nos. 246, 248, 250, 252 and 254 Mott-st., and Nos. 36 and 36½ Baxter-st., in the city of New-York, it is essential that this Board should submit an offer to the owner or owners of said buildings for the purchase of the same.

Resolved, That the secretary be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to purchase said rear buildings for a fair and reasonable sum.

The occupants of the forty-two rear tenements ordered vacated a week ago are now moving out. The formal resolution condemning them was passed yesterday.

Personal

New York, July 22nd

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed clipping tells its own story, as does almost every public notice of the Health Department. For two years there has been some expectation that the rusty political machinery of this Dept. would have had an overhauling, but other influences have prevailed. Compare the work of the Board of other years, when it was quietly done, for instance in the report of the Board of Health in 1873 p.7 also p. 61 and indeed in the reports of all non political years as follows:

1873 p.7" "Under the powers conferred by section 11 of the Tenement-House Act, the Board has caused twenty-four such houses as were certified by the Sanitary Superintendent to be unfit for human habitation, by reason of want of repair, or because of their being so infected with disease as to be likely to cause sickness among their occupants, to be vacated, and has ordered that the same be not reoccupied until rebuilt and properly repaired."

p.60-61 "The evils of this class of tenements, constructed without the slightest reference to the health or convenience of their occupants are too grave for any substantial remedy but demolition. Whenever they come within the law, they are vacated by order of the Board on certificates from the Bureau. Fortunately, the march of business and the rigor of the Board are gradually accomplishing changes in this regard." *See* Report 1874-5 pp 6-8.

It is not a gracious task for any citizen to bring these matters to view, still less if such letters have no acknowledgement, as has been the case with some I know of, written from a sense of duty, by those whose associations have been like mine, with a different class of men,

Very Respectfully,

W. R. R. R. R.

*To Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor New York.*

To
Hon. Wm. L. Strong - Mayor New York July 22/96

In consequence of the unendurable conduct at
1st St. betw. 2 Ar. & Bowery, every night after sun-
set & till morning, we have taken the liberty of
addressing you, hoping thereby to see this matter
looked after. This street is inhabited mostly by -
convicts, gamblers & fast women, and the police
are not doing anything to stop the disreputable
houses, which are carrying on their vile business
more than ever. A short time ago the police, seemed
to be making an effort to quell these places, but
since then the conditions have even become worse.
A week ago, a certain judge, ordered that all the
occupants of 9, 11, & 13 - 1st St. were to move. In no.
13 - 1st St. they have done so, but in no. 9 & 11 the occu-
pants of 9 have moved into 13, & those of 11 into 9.
The manager of these women living in both these
houses, lives in no. 11 and his name is ^{live on 2 floor.} Sam.
Of course the owners of both houses, know for what
purpose some are used, and draw a very large
rent thereby. There are also small children brought
up there, and the effect of the disreputable neigh-
borhood, has an unshakable effect on their, young
inexperienced minds. In no. 9 - 1st St. there is a notable
gambling den, under the blind of being a coffee house,
and in no. 11 - 1st St. there is a concert saloon, which
is frequented by fast women & their paramours, who
there bring their victims so how they pick up on
the bowery. They keep this place open all night
and make tremendous noise by singing the most
vulgar songs they can compose, which a every body
living near them is compelled to hear. This place
is frequented also by the convicts, which infect
both no. 14 & 16 - 1st St. As soon as they get out of prison
they here meet together, and make plans for new
robberies & assaults. A personal inspection of this

neighborhood on an evening would
convince you or ^{your} representative of the
truth of these charges. Hoping that this
appeal to you (We have already appealed
to police without any effect) which is
taken as a last hope that order may
here again be known

We remain your honor
your's most resp.
D. Thompson. R. Duff.
St. Louis

New York, July 22, 1896.

To His Honor William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

Honorable Mayor:-

In the face of the most important events which are brought upon us through the Chicago "Platform", and which imperils the honor and perpetuity of this great nation; I, Ignatius Barszrz, Roman Catholic Priest, do herewith willingly and spontaneously offer my energy and good will to work for the grand principles of honor and justice.

And, WHEREAS, the man nominated at the Chicago "Platform" is danger itself for our institutions; and he shall be set aside and defeated at the polls next November.

But to accomplish this it is necessary in my opinion, that every honest and patriotic citizen should vote for McKinley. There is no room for discussion or fear but that we shall win.

The intelligent and active propogation of the Republican "Platform" by printed matter and addresses delivered by trustworthy citizens directly to the masses of our people, can only bring the desired end. Therefore, I take upon myself to instruct the Polanders and Lithuanians.

My long standing acquaintance (30 years) with these most virtuous and patriotic class of people, gives me the necessary opportunity to explain to them "how terrible dangerous and dreadful are the ideas about the coinage of free-silver in our country, and meanwhile, to show to them that the duty of every honest American citizen is to adhere to the platform of the party in which the gold standard is its main issue."

Now, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, a great many Polanders and Lithuanians have, since many years, joined the "Grand Old Party", and organized themselves into a "Polish-Lithuanian-American Republican League " in New York State and County, and Kings County, at the head of which stands a man who has my friendship and respect, and who deserves my most sincere recognition for the splendid work he has accomplished for the Republican Party, among his countrymen, during the last six years. To him I shall look for help and assistance to accomplish my task. He has the confidence and the friendship of his countrymen, and he is intrusted with the Leadership of the above mentioned League. Permit me, your Honor, to introduce this gentleman to your kind notice. His name is, H. P. Lewandowski, M. D., residing at 87 Clinton Place, city.

In conclusion, I desire to make a statement which is of the greatest importance in the present circumstances for the accomplishment of my humble work.

Among Polanders and Lithuanians there are already, as I stated before, good Republicans and patriotic citizens who strive day by day to convert their fellow-countrymen to those ideas which will give the happiness and prosperity to our country. But, these men, according to my understanding, deserve some recognition in the "Grand Old Party", but principally from your Honor, who, being the first magistrate of our city, could, with one kind word, change their positions in life by improving it. These citizens are mostly workmen, mechanics, and laborers. They could occupy, with credit, humble positions, in a certain measure, in your city, such as the Public Works, Dock, and Street Cleaning Departments.

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Therefore, I hope and trust that your Honor will give due consideration to my statement, and that the desired result may bring upon my fellow-countrymen, whom I love with the charity of a priest, the happiness in their homes in our blessed country, performing their important duties as American-citizens, by adhering to the principles of the Platform of the Republican Party.

It remains for me to state that, your Honor has already done some very noble and kind deeds to myself and to the Polish and Lithuanian citizens, and that I never will forget the most gentlemanly and paternal ways with which you have received your humble servant.

Hoping that the prayers which I address to the Almighty, for your happiness, health, and prosperity, will be exalted, I remain,

Most respectfully yours,

REV. IGNATIUS BARSZRZ.

Providence, July 24, 1896.

Your Honor,

The Mayor of

New York.

My dear Sir:-

Leading citizens of Providence have formed a Municipal League for the study and better understanding and administration of city affairs.

We are desirous of obtaining the data for the study and comparison of the various functions of government as presented in our American cities, and write to you to solicit a copy of your City Manual and such other documents as will enable us to understand the methods and results of municipal business as managed in your city. If agreeable, will you kindly place our Association on your mailing list, that we may receive the publications of your several departments, which you may desire to communicate to such organizations as ours.

Hoping that our request will seem reasonable and in the expectation that our work will be conducive to the advancement of municipal reform and progress, I am, for our Municipal League,

Most truly yours,

Thomas W. Bicknell,

Secretary.

P.S. We shall gladly send you copies of all printed matter we may issue.

Subject

The Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of New York.

STATIONS :
53-55-57 DUANE ST.
115-119 EAST 12TH ST.

General Offices, 53, 55, 57 Duane St.

STATIONS :
47-49-51 WEST 26TH ST.
117-119 WEST 30TH ST.
119-122 WEST 33RD ST.

New York, July 25, 1896.

Mayors Office.,

City Hall, City.

Dear Sir :

We are about to make our annual tests of the block face of our system, with which your service is connected. This will be done on or about **August 1st**; verbal notice will be given a short time before, and we shall ask you to then permit the disconnection of your service, and any lamps or motor connected to our system, for the few minutes required by the test. At the same time, we shall make the annual insulation tests of your wiring equipment, so as to subject you to the inconvenience of but one interruption of your service, and we will ask you to permit our Inspectors to go to the service for this purpose.

You will appreciate that these tests are made quite as much to insure safe and satisfactory supply of current to you as in behalf of the good administration of this Company. We take every precaution to make them at a time most convenient to our customers in the particular neighborhood in which they are made, and we trust that the supply can be interrupted without inconvenience at the time of our Inspector's visit.

Truly yours,

THE EDISON ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING CO.,

by

Arthur Wickham

General Inspector.

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G. G. HYATT.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Ducktown, Tenn., July 29th 1896

Mayor
New York City
N.Y.

Sir:

Do you know of an estate in your
City, left by one Robert Edwards.
at his death?

We have some of the Edwards here
who claim to be the descendants of
the said Robert Edwards, and that
he owned a large estate in New-
York City, which is to be divided
among his heirs soon.

Any information that you might
give me, will be greatly appreciated.
Kind enclosed Stamp for reply.

Very respectfully

G. G. Hyatt

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New York July 30th 1896

Hon. Mayor Strong
Dear Sir.

Is it not possible
for the people of the East Side
to have a few hours rest at least
at night from the infernal
noise of the Peddlars? Before
7 o'clock in the morning, when
the clothesline fiends begin
their ear-piercing hollering, it
is kept up without intermission
all day. Last night at 11 o'clock
3 Delaware Peach, 2 Cents a Quart
Peddlars made such a racket
that everybody had to be roused
from the soundest sleep, and
this within a block of 5th Police

Station. These same parties
~~Please give~~ kept it up last
year for several weeks every
night after 11^o clock.

Please give us a little rest
or give us a permit to
shoot them, when out of
season.

Respectfully submitted

Your sufferer

J. Mueller
330 6th St.

Even the fish horn sounds night after
7 A.M. every Friday.

JAMES A. THOMPSON,
President,

EDWARD J. MURRAY,
Secretary.

NATIONAL CITIZENS' INDUSTRIAL ALLIANCE,
ORGANIZED JUNE 7th, 1895.

New York, July 23rd. 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor, N. Y.
Dear Sir,

I am instructed by this Alliance to forward to You the sincere thanks of this Body for the courteous manner in which our representative was treated at Your office when he applied for permission to see the answer of the Dock Commissioners to our complaint in relation to certain violations of our State Statute Laws: and to earnestly request that if You can do so, to furnish Us with one copy of the answer to our complaint: for which this Alliance will be forever thankful.

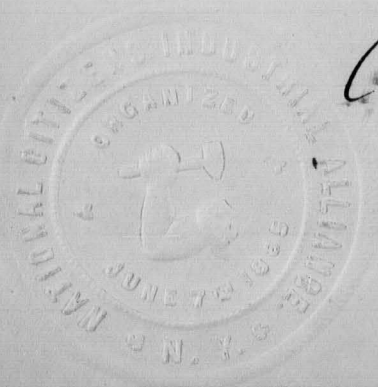
Very Sincerely Yours
The National Citizens Industrial Alliance:
Edward J. Murray
Corresponding Secretary

(Old mansion)

foot of East 66th. st.

N. Y. City.

N. Y.



JAMES A. THOMPSON,
President,

EDWARD J. MURRAY,
Secretary.

NATIONAL CITIZENS' INDUSTRIAL ALLIANCE,
ORGANIZED JUNE 7th, 1885

New York, July 30th. 1896.

Rev. E. Hedges: Secretary.

Dear Sir.

At the meeting of our executive board last night it was decided to wait for the action of the Dock Commissioners, in relation to the Eight hour law; as we are led to believe that they are considering the advisability of complying with its provisions, as far as the Eight hour day is concerned; we are very thankful to You for Your kind offer to place at our disposal the Official answer of the Dock Commissioners; and as there is no great hurry we will not send any one to copy the answer; but we earnestly request You to send us a transcript of their answer to our complaint at Your earliest convenience:

very sincerely Yours

the National Citizens Industrial Alliance.

Edward J. Murray

Corresponding Secretary

Foot of East 66th St.

N. Y.



N. Y Friday July 31st 96
To the honorably
William L Strong Esq.
Mayor of City & County of
New York

Dear Sir -

I most respectfully inform you of the constant disturbance which is continued and bothers me in my trade, at the market on Saturday night. This troublesome peddler is allowed to insult my costumers which is now a very popular action of his. I desire you if you please to explain to me why this can not be stopped, I am fixed on the sidewalk

and this peddler has his
wagon on the street, though
he can see to find a place
on some other part of the
market without saying
my costumars bothers him,
the place that I occupy
at the market I had long
before he came to the market
if he is a licensed peddler
I am also so I ask you if
you please to see this
confusion with me and my
costumars ceased or please
answer me with a note
addressing

Lemuel R. Graham
114 GOVERNOR ST.
N. Y.

I remain yours truly

State Charities Aid Association,

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UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,

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New York, July 31/96 189

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor City of New York,
12 West 57th St.,

MY Dear Sir:-

It occurs to me that you may be interested in looking over the report for this state to the National Conference of Charities and Correction for the present year. I hope you will be pleased with my references to the very great assistance which your administration has given to all movements for the betterment of the conditions of the people.

I beg to remain,

Yours with great respect,

Homer Folks

Secretary.