

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CENTRAL PARK,

FOR THE

Year Ending April 30th, 1859.



NEW YORK:

EVENING POST STEAM PRESSES, 41 NASSAU STREET, CORNER LIBERTY.

1859.

TUESDAY, MAY 4th, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—3 P. M.

PRESENT :

Commissioner Gray,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Dillon,	“ Green,
“ Russell,	“ Strong,
“ Butterworth	“ Elliott,
“ Hutchins	“ Hogg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That in view of the present expense of breaking stone, and of the offers which have already been made to the Board, the Superintendent is instructed to suspend operations in that department.

Mr. GRAY offered as a substitute :

Resolved, That a committee of this Board be appointed to confer with the Superintendent, and to report at its meeting what work it is expedient to prosecute forthwith, and whether it is desirable to increase the present force, and what, if any, modification of plan No. 33 adopted by this Board is at present advisable.

Mr. DILLON moved to amend the substitute, by striking out the portion referring to a committee, and that it be referred directly to the Superintendent to report.

Lost.

Question being taken, the substitute was adopted.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the committee be a special committee, consisting of three members.

Carried.

The CHAIR appointed as such committee Messrs. Russell, Dillon and Green.

Mr. DILLON asked to be excused.

The CHAIR then appointed Mr. Fields in place of Mr. Dillon.

Mr. FIELDS also asked to be excused.

The CHAIR appointed Mr. Belmont.

The Auditing Committee reported the following bills as having been ordered by the Board, examined by them, and found correct :

Bill of Thomas Faye & Co., papering Wagstaff House,	\$16 15
W. H. Townsend & Co., steel.....	53 00
Peter Hayes, tinsmith work.....	27 93
Tredwell & Jones, sledge handles.....	116 50
Hegeman & Co., borax, &c.....	36 28
Gayler & Carrington, lumber.....	18 75
J. P. Farrar, iron and steel.....	36 08
John R. Higbie, hardware.....	8 42
L. Glynn, dark lanterns.....	12 25
John F. Trow, printing.....	515 60
Bank of Commerce, rent and janitor's services, rooms 9, 10, 30, 31.....	317 00
W. A. Ashe, transparency for exhibition.....	6 00
J. Ketcham, printing tickets for “.....	5 75
John Turner, paint, &c.....	2 59
John G. Kip, borax.....	5 25
James R. Morgan, powder and fuse.....	411 00
	\$1,588 55

The following resolution was appended to the report :

Resolved, That the bills above reported by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, be paid.

Mr. GREEN moved that the bill of John F. Trow, for printing, be excepted from the resolution—which was carried, and the resolution adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

The Treasurer presented the following report of the condition of the finances of the Board :

Stock, proceeds of stock, issued by Common Council	\$300,000 00
Buildings in the Park, proceeds of sale.....	4,366 37
Property Clerk, balance of account.	106 71
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	\$304,473 08

Expense account, to April 1st, 1858	\$4,100 32
Surveys, " "	6,651 23
Drainage	7,145 45
Removing stone	31,655 74
Grubbing	10,133 52
Mechanics	4,103 05
Labor	379 36
Nursery	5,446 75
Roadway	32,264 08
Exterior Wall	7,438 38
Grading	352 75

E. S. Viele.....	\$1,770 81
F. L. Olmsted	790 54
Geo. E. Waring, Jr.	863 38
L. H. McIntosh	713 06
Samuel I. Gustin.....	400 00
D. H. Hart.....	646 66
Michael Miller.....	433 34
F. Petrarchi.....	83 33
F. H. Savings, Jr.	102 16
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	5,806 28
Tools and Materials	6,543 84
Park Keepers	10,012 10
Stationery and Printing.....	1,593 10
Trees and Plants.....	2,579 76

\$136,205 71

Cash on hand and in Bank, April 1st, 1858..... 168,267 37

\$304,473 08

Egbert L. Viele, Chief Engineer.....	\$2,500	per annum.
F. L. Olmsted, Superintendent.....	2,000	"
Geo. E. Waring, Jr., Superintendent of Drainage.....	1,500	"
Samuel I. Gustin, Superintendent of Planting.....	1,200	"
L. H. McIntosh, Cons. and Dis. Clerk	1,250	"
David H. Hart, Clerk to Board	1,200	"
Michael Miller, Property Clerk	1,000	"
Francis Petrarchi, Time Keeper.....	500	"
Edward P. Barker, Clerk.....	480	"

\$11,630

Average of weekly expenses from August to present time.....	\$3,896 69
" present weekly expenses about.....	5,750 00

Mr. FIELDS moved that the report be accepted and entered in the minutes. Carried.

The Committee on By-laws and Ordinances, presented a report recommending amendments to the By-laws of the Board.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the report lay over, and be made the special order for the next meeting, and that it be printed.

Carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russel, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—10.

A report and map from the Superintendent in answer to a communication from A. W. Craven, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct Board, referred to him at the last meeting, was received.

Mr. HOGG moved that it be referred to the Special Committee appointed this day.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Strong, Hogg—4.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott—6.

Mr. FIELDS moved to refer it to the Executive Committee. Carried.

The monthly report of the Superintendent for April was received.

The Superintendent also submitted a special report upon the subject of wages.

On motion, the reports were referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. HOGG moved that the regular order of business be suspended and that the Board go into an election of its officers, in pursuance of Article II. of the By-laws. Carried.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Russell and Hutchins as tellers.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a President, with the following result :

On the first ballot—

Mr. Russell	received.....	4 votes.
“ Dillon	“	2 “
“ Green	“	2 “
“ Gray	“	2 “
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On the second ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	3 votes.
“ Russell	“	2 “
“ Gray	“	2 “
“ Dillon	“	1 “
“ Fields	“	1 “
“ Blank	“	1 “
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On the third ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Russell	“	2 “
“ Butterworth	“	1 “
“ Dillon	“	1 “
“ Gray	“	1 “
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On the fourth ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Russell	“	2 “
“ Dillon	“	1 “
“ Gray	“	1 “
“ Strong	“	1 “
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On the fifth ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Russell	“	2 “
“ Belmont	“	1 “
“ Dillon	“	1 “
“ Elliot	“	1 “
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On the sixth ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Russell	“	2 “
“ Dillon	“	1 “
“ Belmont	“	1 “
Blank	1 “
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On the seventh ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Dillon	“	2 “
“ Russell	“	1 “
“ Belmont	“	1 “
Blank	1 “
		10

On the eighth ballot—

Mr. Green	received.....	5 votes.
“ Dillon	“	2 “
“ Belmont	“	1 “
“ Russell	“	1 “
“ Butterworth	“	1 “
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Mr. FIELDS moved that as the Board were unable to come to a decision, the election be laid over till next meeting.

Carried.

Mr. GREEN offered the following:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of ten thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Commission, and to the payment of such bills and claims as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Board.

Which was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—10.

Mr. HUTCHINS moved that when the Board adjourn, it be to Monday next at 6 o'clock P. M.

Carried.

Mr. GREEN moved the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That until the further action of this Board the Superintendent be, and he is hereby authorized to prosecute such work on the Park as in his judgment is expedient.

Carried, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Hogg—8.

The Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1858.

ADJOURNED MEETING—6 P. M.

The Board met at their office, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Commissioner Gray,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Dillon,	“ Green,
“ Russell,	“ Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Elliott,
“ Hutchins,	“ Hogg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. FIELDS desired to enquire of the late Treasurer why the salary of Edward P. Barker, as assistant to the Clerk, had not been paid, as directed by resolution of the Board, of April 12th, 1858.

Mr. GREEN explained, that a further action of the Board, at the succeeding meeting, had, in his opinion, withheld him from paying said money.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH called up the motion to reconsider the resolution of 12th April, laid on the table at the meeting of April 20th.

Question being taken on said motion, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Elliott, Hogg—3.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Strong—6.

Mr. STRONG moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Committee having in charge the exhibition of the plans of the Central Park, be authorized to continue the exhibition of the same to the 1st June next, provided, that they can obtain the rent of the room to that time, for \$100 from the expiration of the present lease.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—9.

Nay—Mr. Elliott—1.

Mr. DILLON, from the Executive Committee, reported verbally on the answer of the Superintendent to the communication of the Croton Board, referred to them at the last meeting, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board comply with the request of the Croton Board, upon the condition, that waste-gates upon either side of the head of the sewer, be built by the Croton Board; and, also, that the Croton Board shall alter the course and elevation of the sewer, to meet the plan of the Park, if, at any time, this Board should require it.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

A report from the Superintendent, upon the subject of filling in and manuring the grounds, and securing earth from the old "Potter's Field," was received and read.

On motion, it was referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to receive upon the Park, at such places as he shall designate, any street sweepings, coal ashes, or other material suitable for manure, or for filling, which may be offered for that purpose, without expense to the Commission.

Adopted.

Mr. ELLIOTT also offered :

Resolved, That the Superintendent is hereby directed to remove earth from the "Potter's Field," on Forty-ninth street, to the Park, if he shall find that this can be done with advantage, and, provided, that the cost of the earth, when delivered on the Park, shall not exceed forty cents a yard.

Mr. HOGG moved that the resolution be laid on the table Carried.

Petitions from John Walch to be appointed draughtsman; and Charles Rawolle, to be appointed gardener on the Park, were received and laid over.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the special order of the meeting, being the report of the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances be laid over, and that the Board go into the election of Officers for the ensuing year. Carried.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Elliott and Hutchins, tellers.

The Board then proceeded to ballot with the following result:

On the first ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	4 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Green “	2 “
Blank “	1 “
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On the second ballot—

Mr. Russell received	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Strong “	1 “
Blank “	1 “
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On the third ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Dillon “	1 “
Blank “	1 “
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On the fourth ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Dillon “	1 “
Blank “	1 “
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On the fifth ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	4 “
Blank “	1 “
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On the sixth ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	4 “
Blank “	1 “
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On the seventh ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
Blank “	2 “
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On the eighth ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Dillon “	1 “
Blank “	1 “
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On the ninth ballot—

Mr. Russell received.....	6 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
Blank “	1 “
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The Chair announced that Mr. Russell was duly elected President of the Board.

Mr. RUSSELL thanked the Board for their courtesy, but respectfully declined the office.

On motion, the Board accepted Mr. Russell's action.

The Chair announced that a further ballot would be necessary, which was proceeded with as follows :

On the tenth ballot—

Mr. Green received.....	5 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Russell “	1 “
“ Dillon “	1 “
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On the eleventh ballot—

Mr. Green received.....	6 votes.
“ Gray “	3 “
“ Butterworth	1 “
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The Chair declared Mr. Green duly elected President of the Board for the ensuing year.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Vice-President.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Strong and Hogg, as tellers.

On the first ballot—

Mr. Gray received	6 votes.
“ Hutchins “	2 “
“ Fields “	1 “
“ Strong “	1 “
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The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. Gray was duly elected Vice-President of the Board for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. STRONG the Board then proceeded to ballot for a Treasurer (the same tellers acting), with the following result.

On the first ballot—

Mr. Green received.....	6 votes.
“ Russell “	2 “
“ Strong “	2 “
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The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. Green was duly elected Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year.

Mr. FIELDS begged to enter the following protest:

Mr. Fields protests against the election of Mr. Green as Treasurer, on the ground that Mr. Green having been elected President of the Board under the by-laws, he cannot be elected Treasurer, as it is improper and inconsistent that he should hold both offices at the same time.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the Board then proceeded with the election of a Secretary (the same tellers acting) with the following result:

On the first ballot

Mr. Elliott received.....	7	votes.
“ Hutchins “	1	“
“ Green “	1	“
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Mr. ELLIOTT was declared duly elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with the Superintendent and report what work it is expedient to prosecute forthwith, and whether it is desirable to increase the present force, and what, if any, modification of plan No. 33, adopted by this Board, is at present advisable, presented a report with a series of resolutions annexed.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the report was accepted.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the report and resolutions be laid on the table, printed and made the special order for the next meeting.

Mr. RUSSELL moved as an amendment that the resolutions be adopted.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the motion be divided. Carried.

The question being taken on the first portion of the motion, “that the report be laid on the table and printed,” it was adopted as follows:

Ayes.—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—10.

The motion to lay the resolutions on the table was lost as follows:

Ayes.—Messrs. Dillon, Hutchins, Fields—3.

Nays.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

The question being put upon the adoption of the resolutions, Mr. FIELDS moved that each resolution be taken up and voted on separately. Carried.

The first resolution was then read as follows :

Resolved, That the Superintendant be requested to proceed forthwith to form working plans for the construction of the Park, and to stake out the principal features upon the ground.

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend by inserting the words "Chief Engineer" before "Superintendent," which was lost as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Dillon, Hutchins, Fields, Strong—4.

Nays.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg—6.

Mr. FIELDS then moved to insert the name of Samuel I. Gustin before "Superintendent." Lost as follows :

Ayes.—Mr. Fields—1.

Nays.—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—9.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Nays.—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

The second resolution was as follows :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to call in the service of his associate (in design No. 33), and such other assistants, not exceeding six in number, as may be necessary to expedite the purpose of the first resolution.

Mr. FIELDS moved that it lay on the table. Lost.

Mr. FIELDS moved to insert after the words, "in design, No. 33," "the designers of plans 26 and 27;" and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes.—Mr. Fields—1.

Nays.—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—9.

Question being taken on the second resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Nays—Messrs. Hutchins, Fields—2.

The third resolution was then read as follows :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to order tools necessary for drainage, to be made (in value not to exceed \$500), and to proceed immediately with the further necessary preliminary surveys for the drainage of the Park, and that at the present time he employ the force now at his disposal in any work which may with advantage be undertaken preliminary to commencing the work of drainage.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment that the words “to determine a plan of drainage” be inserted after the word “necessary.” Lost.

Mr. FIELDS moved as a substitute—

Resolved, That the third resolution annexed to the report of the Special Committee be referred to the Executive Committee, to make enquiry and report to this Board as to the practicability of draining the grounds of the Central Park by contract.

Lost.

Question being taken on the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon and Fields—2.

The fourth resolution was then read as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to consult with the Superintendent, and to advertise as soon as possible for proposals for furnishing and laying the tile necessary for drainage of the Park.

Mr. FIELDS offered as a substitute—

Resolved, That the fourth resolution annexed to the report of the Special Committee be referred to the Executive Committee to make enquiry and report to the Board as to the practicability of draining the grounds of the Central Park by contract.

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Strong—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Hogg—5.

Question being taken, the resolution was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Hutchins, Fields—3.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk be, and he is hereby authorized to have the minutes and documents of this Board for the past year bound for the use of the Commissioners.

Which was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—9.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GREEN tendered to the Board his resignation of the office of Treasurer.

Question being taken on the acceptance of said resignation, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. GRAY called from the table Mr. Elliott's resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the Superintendent is hereby directed to remove the earth from the "Potter's Field" on Forty-ninth street, to the Park, if he shall find that this can be done with advantage, and provided that the cost of the earth, when delivered on the Park, shall not exceed forty cents a yard,

And moved its adoption,

Which was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray and Hogg—2.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. HUTCHINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Frederick L. Vulté, for serving injunction papers, delaying sale of the Arsenal property, upon state officers, be paid.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Green, Elliott—4.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to ascertain and report to the Board as early as possible, the practicability and advantages of having the roads and drainage of the Park performed by contract, either partially or entirely.

Mr. GRAY moved to take up the special order, being the report of the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, laid over at the last meeting.—Carried..

The first amendment recommended by the Committee was then taken up, as follows :

Article I, § 2, line two, strike out "Tuesday," and instead thereof, insert "Thursday," and in line eight of same section, strike out the word "eight," and insert the word "seven."

Question being taken on the first part of the amendment, as to changing the day, it was carried.

Question being taken as to changing "eight" to "seven," it was lost.

Mr. STRONG moved that the amendment be changed to "six." Carried.

Mr. FIELDS moved to further amend the first article by striking out "3 o'clock P. M.," and inserting instead thereof, "7 o'clock, P. M."

Mr. ELLIOTT proposed, as an amendment to the amendment, to insert "1 P. M.," instead of "7 P. M."

Question being taken on Mr. FIELD's amendment, it was declared lost.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Hutchins, Fields, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg—6.

Question being taken on Mr. Elliott's amendment, it was adopted.

The second amendment of the Committee was withdrawn by consent.

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend Article II, by striking out the words "A Treasurer," and called for the ayes and nays upon his motion, which being taken, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Elliott—3.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hutchins, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

The third amendment proposed by the Committee, being read as follows :

3. Strike out all of § 2, Article II, and insert instead thereof :

§ 2. There shall also be a Superintendent of the Park, a Clerk to the Commission, a Disbursing Clerk, a Property Clerk, and such other persons, professional or otherwise, as the Board may deem proper from time to time to employ, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

Mr. GREEN moved to insert after the words, "Property Clerk" the words "who shall give such security for the faithful performance of their duties, as the Board may require."

Mr. FIELDS moved to lay the whole amendment on the table. Carried.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn.

The ayes and nays being called, the motion was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Elliott, Strong—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Fields, Hogg—4.

And the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board met, at the call of the PRESIDENT, for the purpose of considering “unfinished business, reports of committees, communications, resolutions, and appropriations of money.”

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Gray,
“ Butterworth,	“ Strong,
	“ Hogg.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT submitted to the Board a communication from Samuel I. Gustin, designer of Plan No. 30, in relation to the conveyance of the illustrations and models accompanying his design, and asked for instructions in regard thereto; and also in regard to Plan No. 26.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Samuel I. Gustin, one thousand dollars, being the second premium, (awarded to plan No. 30,) on the conveyance by him of said plan, and the topographical plan and description accompanying the same.

Mr. DILLON moved to amend, by adding “*and an additional one thousand dollars on transferring the models and the moulds;*” and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the amendment was lost, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Strong—3.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Hogg—3.

Mr. DILLON moved that the words “*topographical plan*” be

stricken out from the resolution, which was carried and the resolution adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GREEN also moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Howard Daniels five hundred dollars, being the fourth premium, (awarded to Plan No. 26,) on conveying to the Board the colored plan.

Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GREEN also offered the following :

Resolved, That no money be drawn from the Treasurer's account, except upon checks signed by the Treasurer and a member of each of the Finance and Executive Committees.

Adopted.

Mr. GREEN also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent take the requisite proceedings with the Croton Aqueduct Board and with the Common Council, to fix and determine the elevation at the corner of Fifty-ninth street and the Fifth avenue, and at other points on the Fifth avenue required for the thorough drainage of the Park, of a sewer to connect through the main sewer in the Third avenue, with the East River.

Mr. DILLON moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "take" after "*Superintendent*," and inserting the words "*report to the Board*." Carried, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. GREEN also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to represent to the Street Commissioner that the efficient progress of the work of constructing the Park requires the immediate completion of the enclosure of its northern portion, and that it is necessary that the Fifth avenue, or some other of the roads leading to the northern part of the city, be put in good traveling condition for the accommodation of the public, on the closing of that portion of the old Boston road that lies within the bounds of the Park.

Adopted.

Mr. GREEN also offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Commission, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY presented a petition of Francis Petrarchi, clerk at the upper office, for an increase of salary, and moved that the same lay on the table. Carried.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Clerk be authorized and directed to print the by-laws as amended, under direction of the Committee on By-Laws. Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. DILLON moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent confer with the Mayor in regard to the soil in the old "Potter's Field," and if, in his judgment, it is of such a character as will prove beneficial to the grounds, that he be authorized to remove the earth to the Park.

Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GREEN presented the following :

Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorized to discontinue, from this time, further breaking of stone at the Park, except such as is prepared for breaking, at a price not exceeding six cents per square yard.

Lost.

Three requisitions from the Chief Engineer and Superintendent, for materials, &c., required on the Park, were received, and referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

On motion of Mr. DILLON—

Resolved, That the Superintendent, as the author of design No. 33, be requested to report to the Board, at the next meet-

ing, what modifications of plan No. 33, arising from other plans exhibited, or from his own reflections, he would recommend to the Board.

Also:

Resolved, That this Board will, at its next regular meeting, proceed to adopt a plan of the Park, in its general features of entrances, drives, rides, walks, and water.

Mr. GRAY moved that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of taking up the report of the Committee on By-laws and other unfinished business. Carried.

Mr. GREEN desired and obtained leave to enter in the minutes of the meeting of April 28th his reasons for asking to be excused from voting for the premiums awarded to the second, third, and fourth plans.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1858.

ADJOURNED MEETING—6 P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, at their office.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Butterworth,	Commissioner Gray,
“ Fields,	“ Elliott,
“ Hogg.	

The minutes of the [meeting of May 10 were read and approved.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting being commenced—

Mr. FIELDS rose to a question of privilege, and proceeded to state, that the election of the President and other officers of the Board not having been in accordance with the by-laws, each

member's vote not appearing on the minutes, the action of such officers are informal, and the present meeting illegal; he proposed that the reading of the minutes and all further action be suspended till the next regular meeting.

The PRESIDENT decided the proposition out of order.

The minutes of May 13 being read—

Mr. GRAY moved that the minutes be amended by striking out the word "*regular*" before "*meeting*" in Mr. Dillon's resolution as to adopting a plan.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg—4.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Question being taken on the approval of the minutes as read, they were not approved.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board adjourn till to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg—5.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. HOGG moved that the Board adjourn. Carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—12 M.

The Board convened in pursuance of the call of the President, at the request of three members, "for the purpose of considering unfinished business, motions and resolutions."

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Dillon, Commissioner Strong,
" Russell, " Elliott,
" Butterworth, " Hogg.
" Gray,

The minutes of the meeting of May 13th, laid over and not approved at the last meeting, were read and adopted as recorded.

The minutes of the last meeting were also read and approved.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the action of this Board in the election of its officers on the 10th day of May, instant, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved, and the persons at that date respectively declared elected President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary of this Board, be and they are hereby declared elected to the offices to which they were on said date declared elected.

The resolution was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. GRAY presented the following :

Resolved, That the President, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be and he is hereby authorized to apply to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York for the issue of three hundred thousand dollars of public fund or stock, to be denominated "The Central Park Improvement Fund."

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment :

That the Superintendent report to the Board at its next meeting the probable amount of expenditure during the next working season, with the view to an application to the Common Council for an appropriation.

Question being taken, the amendment was lost.

The resolution was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. DILLON moved, that the Committee be authorized to purchase the two models, moulds, and topographical map accompanying Plan No. 30.

Mr. GRAY moved as an amendment that the Committee be authorized to purchase the model of the Park in its present condition, provided the same shall prove to be accurate.

Mr. ELLIOTT, as a further amendment, moved that the subject be referred to the Executive Committee to inquire into and report to the Board. Carried.

Mr. STRONG moved that the present order of business be laid on the table, and that the report of the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances be taken up for consideration. Carried.

The Board then continued their revision of the By-Laws, at Article II. § 2, the point under consideration when the Board adjourned on the 10th instant.

The section as proposed to be amended by the Committee read :

§ 2. There shall also be a Superintendent of the Park, a Clerk to the Commission, a Disbursing Clerk, a Property Clerk, who shall give such security for the faithful performance of their duties as the Board may require, and such other persons, professional or otherwise, as the Board may deem proper from time to time to employ, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

Mr. DILLON moved to strike out "*Superintendent of the Park,*" and insert in place thereof "*Chief Executive officer who shall be styled the Architect in Chief of the Central Park.*"

Which was carried.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the words "*all of whom shall perform such services as from time to time shall be required by the Board,*" be added to the section. Carried.

Mr. DILLON moved to insert the words, "*Chief Engineer and Nurseryman, or Superintendent of Planting,*" after the word "*Park.*"

Mr. RUSSELL moved as an amendment to Mr. DILLON's amendment, that the words "*annually appointed,*" be inserted after the word "*be,*" in the first line of the section.

The question being divided,

Mr. RUSSELL's amendment was declared lost.

Mr. DILLON's amendment was also lost, as follows :

Aye—Mr. Dillon—1.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. RUSSELL moved to insert the words "*and Engineer,*" after "*Property Clerk,*" which was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell—2.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. DILLON moved the addition to the section of the following :

"The Architect-in-Chief shall nominate to this Board from time to time such officers for such duties as the execution of the work shall require." Carried.

The section as amended was unanimously adopted.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment to the first section of the same article, to strike out all after the word "*office,*" and insert "*for the residue of the term of this Commission.*" Lost, as follows :

Aye—Mr. Dillon—1.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Art. III., § 1, was adopted, as amended by the Committee, the word "*may*" being substituted for "*shall,*" in the first line.

MR. GRAY moved to further amend the article, by striking out the fourth section, as follows :

§ 4. All persons to be employed by the Board, shall be elected or appointed, as may be at the time determined by the Board.

The motion was carried, and the article as amended adopted.

Article IV, § 1.

MR. DILLON moved, in addition to the amendment proposed by the Committee, to amend by striking out the Committees on Roads, Walks and Draining, Trees and Plants, and Printing. Adopted.

Article IV, § 6.

MR. DILLON moved a substitute for this section :

“ § 6.—No Committee, officer, or member, of this Commission, or person employed by this Board, shall make any purchase, give any order, incur any liability or exercise any authority over or in relation to the Park, its officers or employees, unless in pursuance of power delegated by the Act, or by the order of this Board.” Adopted.

Art. V.

The following amendment to the rules of order was adopted :

The order of business at meetings of the Board, except otherwise ordered, shall be—

- 1st. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 2d. Communications.
- 3d. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 4th. Reports of Select Committees.
- 5th. Motions and Resolutions.
- 6th. Miscellaneous business.

The question being then put upon the adoption of the By-Laws as amended at the meeting of May 10th and this day, in lieu of those heretofore existing—

It was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

See Document No. 4 for new code of By-Laws as now adopted.

MR. ELLIOTT presented the following :

Resolved, That Frederick Law Olmsted, the present Super-

intendent, be appointed to the office of Architect in Chief of the Central Park.

Which was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the salary of the Architect in Chief be fixed at \$2500 per annum, to date from this day.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That all the duties heretofore imposed on the Chief Engineer and Superintendent, be and the same are hereby devolved on the Architect in Chief.

Mr. DILLON offered, as a substitute for the preceding :

Resolved, That the duties heretofore imposed on the Chief Engineer and Superintendent be and the same are hereby devolved on the Architect in Chief. He shall be the chief executive officer of this Board, by or through whom all work on the Park shall be executed, and shall have the government and supervision of all employees at the Park. He shall attend every meeting of the Board, but shall have no vote.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg.—7.

Mr. DILLON moved that the execution of the second resolution appended to the report of the Special Committee on the Plan adopted at the meeting of the 10th instant, be confined to a period of one month.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the motion lay over till next meeting. Carried.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the offices of Superintendent of Planting, Superintendent of Draining, and Chief Engineer, be and the same are hereby abolished, and that the services of the persons lately filling said offices are no longer required. That the persons lately filling the offices of Superintendent of Planting and Superintendent of Draining be hereafter required to perform such services as may be required of them by the Architect in Chief of the Park, at the same rate of compensation that they have heretofore received, and that the Clerk notify personally each

of the persons lately filling the above mentioned offices of the passage of this resolution. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the salary of the above persons to June 1st.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the resolution be laid on the table. Lost.

Mr. DILLON moved to strike out all after the word "required," in the fourth line, to the word "received." Carried.

Mr. DILLON moved to insert after the word "abolished," the words "on and after the first day of June next." Lost.

Mr. RUSSELL renewed his motion to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.

Question being taken on the resolution as amended, it was lost, a majority of members not voting, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the offices of Chief-Engineer, Superintendent of Planting, and Superintendent of Draining, be and the same are hereby abolished, to take effect on the 1st day of June, and that the persons holding those offices perform such services only until that date, as may be required of them by the Architect-in-Chief, and that the Clerk notify personally each of the persons filling the above mentioned offices of the passage of this resolution.

Mr. DILLON moved to strike out "*and that the persons holding those offices perform such services only until that date, as may be required of them by the Architect-in-Chief.*" Lost.

Mr. GRAY moved the following as a substitute for Mr. Elliott's resolution :

Resolved, That inasmuch as this Board have determined to place the management of the work on the Central Park under one executive head, that the offices of Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Planting, and Superintendent of Draining, be and the same are hereby abolished, and that the Clerk notify the parties now holding those offices of the passage of this resolution, and that their services are no longer required.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the salaries of the above officers until June 1st next.

The above being accepted as a substitute,

Mr. ELLIOTT moved to divide the question. Carried.

Question being taken, the first resolution was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

The second resolution was then adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

A report of the Superintendent as the designer of plan No. 33, dated May 14th, in answer to a resolution of the Board, passed at the last meeting, as to what modification of plan 33 he would recommend, was received and read.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that it be accepted, printed, and made the subject of consideration at the same time as the report of the Special Committee on the same matter. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

A report from the Superintendent upon the subject of proceedings to be taken preliminary to the construction of a sewer at Fifty-ninth street, in answer to a resolution of the Board of last meeting, was received and laid over.

A report from the same, on the subject of the construction of certain portions of the Park by contract, in answer to a resolution of the last meeting, was received and laid over.

A report from the same, with regard to the purchase of large trees, and the construction of trial roads, was received and laid over.

A requisition from the Superintendent for materials, &c., required on the Park, dated May 17th, was received and read.

Mr. DILLON moved that the three requisitions received at the last meeting, and referred to the Executive Committee, be taken from the Committee and considered. Carried.

The requisitions being read, Mr. Dillon moved that they be referred to the Architect-in-chief, with power to purchase the articles specified. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

A communication from C. F. Lindsley, from the New York Horticultural Society, was received, and, on motion, laid on the table.

A communication from P. W. ENGS, in reference to the application made by this Board to the Legislature, to be paid the rent for the Arsenal Buildings now occupied by the State, was read, and ordered on file.

A communication from H. W. Genet, attorney for R. Graves, asking return of papers accompanying his plan, was received, and, on motion of Mr. Dillon, referred to the President, with power.

Applications from H. Daniels to be appointed Landscape Gardener, and H. C. Perego to be appointed Policeman, on the Park, were received and ordered on file. Applications from John Walsh to be appointed draughtsman, and Charles Rawolle to be appointed gardener on the Park, were taken from the table, and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

An application from William H. Nevins, for a position in the office of the Board, was received, and ordered on file.

Bills of D. W. Norris,	amounting to.....	\$5 00
“ Thomas McKeon,	“	51 00
“ H. J. Armstrong,	“	30 40
“ Stewart & Howell,	“	31 80
“ White & Corning,	“	6 25
“ William Bruorton,	“	6 00

Were received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of John F. Trow, for printing in his discretion.

Carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board adjourn to to-morrow at one o'clock. Carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1858.

ADJOURNED MEETING—1 P. M.

REGULAR MEETING—3 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Dillon, Commissioner Fields,
“ Russell, “ Strong,
“ Butterworth, “ Hogg.
“ Gray,

Mr. GRAY moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, as they were not entirely engrossed by the Clerk.

Mr. FIELDS objected, and called for the reading of the minutes.

Question being taken on Mr. GRAY'S motion, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read. It was moved that the same be approved.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, they were approved as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. HOGG moved that the regular order of business be suspended, and that the Board now proceed to the consideration and adoption of the plan.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution dispensing with the services of Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Planting and Superintendent of Draining, be and the same is hereby repealed.

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was lost as follows :

Aye—Mr. Fields—1.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY presented the following :

Resolved, That the By-Laws, as amended and adopted by this Board on the 17th inst., be and the same are hereby ratified and approved.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ such general foremen, head gardeners and assistant foremen as he may deem necessary to accomplish the work ordered by this Board, and also to employ the foremen who have police warrants on Sundays and holidays when he shall think best to do so.

Resolved, That after the 16th May the wages of
 General foremen and head gardeners shall be,
 not to exceed..... \$13 50 a week.
 Of foremen, not to exceed 10 50 "
 Of assistant foremen and blasters, " " 7 50 "
 Of policemen, " " 12 25 "

Subject to such deduction as the Architect-in-Chief may deem proper for absence or other causes.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief is hereby authorized to proceed with the construction of the Park with the force now authorized to be employed, on the basis of plan No. 33, subject

to such modifications as may be suggested from time to time by this Board, and that the Executive Committee have authority to make purchases of such materials as may be immediately required, but not exceeding \$500 in amount, between any two regular meetings of the Board, such purchases to be made only at a meeting of said Committee duly notified and convened, and at which a majority of the Committee is present, and to be reported to this Board at the next meeting succeeding such purchase.

Mr. DILLON moved the adoption of the following as a substitute, which was accepted by Mr. STRONG :

Resolved, That plan No. _____ is hereby adopted by the Board as the plan for the Central Park, subject to such modifications as may be from time to time ordered by this Board.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Russell—1.

Mr. DILLON moved that the blank be filled by inserting "No. 30," which not being seconded,

Mr. HOGG moved to insert "No. 33," which being seconded by Mr. Gray, was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Dillon—1.

Mr. RUSSELL moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That Plan No. 33, having been adopted as the basis of improvement, the Architect-in-Chief be instructed to immediately proceed in the construction of the Park, with such modifications as are contained in the report of the special Committee of May 10th, together with those contained in the report of the Superintendent of May 14th, leaving for further consideration whatever it is not necessary should be immediately determined on.

Mr. DILLON moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "*Resolved*," and inserting, "*That the modification of Plan No. 33, proposed by the Committee and the Superintendent, in their reports of the 10th and 14th instants, be adopted as a modification of Plan 33.*"

Mr. DILLON moved that the resolution and amendment be laid on the table.

Mr. HOGG called for the question.

Mr. DILLON withdrew his motion to lay the resolution and amendment on the table.

Question being taken on the amendment, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Gray—2.

The original resolution was then adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Dillon—1.

Mr. GRAY presented the following :

Resolved, That the Architect in Chief suspend any work contemplating a change of entrance on Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, until the further order of this Board.

Lost by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Russell—2.

The hour for REGULAR MEETING having arrived, the Board proceeded to the special order, in pursuance of a resolution of the 13th instant, being “the adoption of a plan in its general features of entrances, drives, rides, walks, and water.”

Mr. DILLON proposed the following modifications of plan 33 :

That entrances be opened on Fifty-ninth street, in front of the Sixth and Seventh avenues, to be appropriated to pedestrians exclusively.

That from each entrance to the Sixth and Seventh avenues, walks shall be designed which shall converge into one grand Cathedral avenue, to be sixty feet in width between the trees on either side, meeting either at or before the commencement of the present promenade on plan 33, or moving the promenade further to the west ; that the walk be continued in a direct line, pointing to Vista Rock, until it reaches the ravine or lake at Seventy-third street, to be spanned by a wire suspension bridge in the same direction, and thence continued to Vista Rock.

That the walk be continued on the top of the wall of the old Reservoir, spanning Eighty-sixth street by bridges, on to the top of the

wall of the new Reservoir; the walk upon the new Reservoir to be continued on either side until it reaches on the northwest the two pieces of land which are above, or on a level with, the wall; that from each of those levels avenues shall be drawn to converge into another grand avenue, to run in the direction of Observatory Hill, spanning the ravine by a wire suspension bridge: this will be its termination. The entire line to be called "The Walk," and to be devoted to pedestrians, solely, separately and exclusively.

Pending the explanation by Mr. DILLON of his proposed amendment—

Mr. GRAY moved that the subject lay over, and the Board adjourn; which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and
Commissioners Dillon and Russell.

There being no quorum, the members present adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 24, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board met at the call of the President, “for the consideration of communications, motions and resolutions, and unfinished business.”

Present—The PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Dillon, Commissioner Strong,
“ Russell, “ Hogg,
“ Gray, “ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. DILLON offered amendments to his modification of the plan, which were accepted, and the minutes approved as amended.

The PRESIDENT presented the bill of Stanford & Delissier, for rent of room, at No. 637 Broadway, amounting to \$100.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Communications and bills from Nourse, Mason & Co., and H. Gaebel were referred to the Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT reported that in pursuance of a resolution of the 17th instant, he had prepared an application to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty for the further issue of stock of the Central Park Improvement Fund, to the amount of \$300,000.

The same being read,

Mr. GRAY moved that it be accepted, with such modification as may be deemed advisable. Carried.

Mr. BELMONT moved that he be permitted to record his vote against the removal of the Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Planting and Superintendent of Draining, resolved on by this Board at the meeting of May 17th, he having been absent at such meeting.

Mr. GRAY moved as an amendment—

That Mr. BELMONT be permitted to record his vote in the negative, on the first resolution offered by Mr. Gray, May 17th, found on page 32 of the Minutes, and in the affirmative, on the second resolution, offered at the same time.

Mr. DILLON called for the ayes and nays on the amendment, which being taken, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Strong—3.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Hogg, Belmont—3.

Mr. STRONG offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Belmont's motion :

Whereas, Commissioner Belmont, being absent at the meeting of May 17th, instant, has requested permission to record his vote against a resolution offered by Mr. Gray, and adopted at such meeting, as follows :

“ *Resolved*, That inasmuch as this Board have determined to place the management of the work on the Central Park under one executive head, that the offices of Chief Engineer, Superintendent of Planting and Superintendent of Drawing be, and

the same are hereby abolished ; and that the Clerk notify the parties now holding those offices of the passage of this resolution ; and that their services are no longer required."

Resolved, That the unanimous consent of this Board is hereby granted.

The substitute was accepted and unanimously adopted.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissary General be requested to vacate such rooms in the Arsenal as may be required for the uses of this Commission ; and that he allow no persons to store powder in the powder-house near the Arsenal ; and that he require all powder not belonging to the State now in the same to be forthwith removed ; and that so soon as sufficient accommodation can be provided for the State ammunition now in the powder-house, that the same be removed, and in the meantime no more powder be kept on the ground than is necessary for an emergency.

Adopted.

Mr. RUSSELL called up the report of the Architect in Chief on the subject of contracts, received May 17th, and laid on the table, and moved the adoption of the report, and that the Architect in Chief be authorized to insert his advertisement for tile in the public prints. Carried as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Belmont,—6.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Clerk be directed to communicate to the Commissary General the action of the Board this day, in relation to the storage of powder, &c. Carried.

The report of the Architect in Chief, in reference to the construction of a sewer at Fifty-ninth street, received on the 17th instant, was called up and read.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that it be referred back to the Architect in Chief, with power to confer with the Croton Aqueduct Board, as suggested in the report.

The report of the Architect in Chief, in reference to large trees and trial roads, received at the same date, was called up, read, and laid over.

On motion, the Board then proceeded to the consideration of modifications of the plan.

Mr. DILLON continued the reading and explanation of his proposed amendments as follows :

1. That entrances be opened on Fifty-ninth street, in front of the Sixth and Seventh avenues, to be appropriated to pedestrians exclusively.

That from each entrance to the Sixth and Seventh avenues, walks shall be designed which shall converge into one grand Cathedral avenue, to be sixty feet in width between the trees, meeting either at or before the commencement of the present promenade on plan 33, or moving the promenade further to the west; that the walk be continued in a direct line pointing to Vista rock, until it reaches the ravine or lake at Seventy-third street, to be spanned by a wire suspension bridge in the same direction, and thence continued to Vista rock.

That the walk be continued on to the top of the wall of the old Reservoir, spanning Eighty-sixth street by bridges, on to the top of the embankment of the new Reservoir; the walk upon the new Reservoir to be continued on either side, until it reaches on the northwest the two pieces of land which are above or on a level with the embankment; that from each of those levels avenues shall be drawn to converge into another grand avenue, to run in the direction of Observatory Hill, spanning the ravine by a wire suspension bridge; this will be its termination. The entire line to be called "The Walk," and to be devoted to pedestrians solely, separately and exclusively.

2. The same line of walk as the first amendment, except as follows :

Instead of running "The Walk" in the direction and towards Vista rock, run the same toward the middle point of the south wall of the old reservoir; build a platform at the base and in the centre of the south wall, 410 feet along that wall, and extending 100 feet in front, having not less than two rises from the surface of the ground; erect on this platform a flight of steps, with a rise of six inches, and a tread of fifteen inches,

205 feet in length, and leading to the top of the wall, which make 30 feet in width. The platform and steps to be of white marble, and face the sides of the south wall on either side of the steps, with the same material; the whole to form the introduction or entrance to the artificial lakes or basins beyond, thus becoming one of the objects of "The Walk." To the extent that Vista Rock may lie against the south wall, diminish the length of the platform, and erect the platform and steps against and in front of the residue of the wall in the same proportion as before indicated.

3. Strike out the side walks for pedestrians on either side of "The Drive."

4. Strike out all paths for pedestrians, leaving to the observations of actual use their final location.

5. Strike out the entrances in and near the southerly side of of the Park. Truncate the angles formed by Fifty-ninth street with the Fifth and Eighth avenues, and erect on each a main entrance to "The Drive," to be devoted exclusively to carriages and horses.

6. Strike out the cross drive, running north to the commencement of "The Promenade."

7. Run a branch of the westerly drive from a point near Seventy-first street, so as to run along the valley and the lake, and under the wire suspension bridge of "The Walk," north-easterly till it strikes the easterly drive.

8. Run the westerly drive north of Ninety-sixth street, so as to skirt the southerly side of the lake in the ravine, running along the side of the lake and through "McGowan's Pass," and ascending "Observatory Hill" by a road to be designed and constructed upon the land north of 106th street.

9. Run the easterly drive north of Ninety-sixth street, so that it shall reach "Observatory Hill" only over a wire suspension

bridge spanning "McGowan's Pass." Strike out the drives on the plan for ascending the Hill, and reserve the table land of the hill as the grand rendezvous, or point of re-union for all who ride, drive, or walk.

10. Construct "The Ride" running from each of the main entrances at the corner of Fifty-ninth street and the Fifth and Eighth avenues, to be used solely and exclusively by equestrians: to be run intermediate "The Walk" and "The Drive," or intermediate "The Drive" and the exterior line, as either may be best suited to the topography and economical execution—reserving the northwest portion of the Park west of "The Walk," and the winding ascent of "Observatory Hill," to "The Ride."

11. Strike out the widening and extension of the embankment of the New Reservoir, and the Ride thereon; the present width of the embankment on the top being sufficient for pedestrians and reserved for their use by the first and second amendments.

12. Strike out the flower garden in the valley at Seventy-third street and Fifth avenue, and build a lake to receive the drainage and streams to the north, and as an outlet to the lakelets to the west.

13. Strike out "the Pool" at the ravine at the foot of "Observatory Hill," and build a lake like plans 15, 22, 27, or 30, having a dam and cascade under the bridge of "The Walk," provided by amendments first and second, and having an outlet through "McGowan's Pass," under the bridge of "The Drive," provided by the ninth amendment.

14. Strike out the sunken transverse roads at Sixty-sixth, Seventy-ninth, Eighty-fifth, and Ninety-seventh streets. Strike out the entrances at Seventy-ninth, Ninety-fourth and One hundred and second and One hundred and third streets. Run a road at Eighty-sixth and Ninety-sixth streets, across the Park, following the topography, so that passage across the Park may be made, but not with such facility in grade and level as to invite passage for purposes of trade or traffic.

15. Change the course of the cross-road at Seventy-second street, so that before it approaches "The Walk" it shall fall into the valley road, skirting the lakes on the south, and under the bridge, provided by amendments first and second.

16. Strike out the designation of places for Parade Ground and Play Grounds.

17. Strike out the Music Hall, and Arcade, and Casino.

Mr. BELMONT seconded the amendments proposed by Mr. Dillon, and moved that they be printed in the Minutes, and made the special order for the next meeting of the Board. Carried.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board met, at the call of the PRESIDENT, “for the consideration of communications, motions and resolutions, and amendments to the plan.”

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Russell,	“ Elliott,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting being read,

Mr. DILLON asked leave to make alterations in his amendments offered at last meeting, which was granted, and the minutes approved subject to such alterations.

A communication from the Architect-in-Chief in reference to drainage of the ground about the Arsenal, and recommending the employment of Mr. Edward Ewen or Mr. John J. Serrell to examine the whole subject of the outlets of the Park drainage, was received and read.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to consult with and employ either or both of the persons named, in his discretion. Carried, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the bill of James R. Morgan, for powder, &c.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

The PRESIDENT announced to the Board the appointment of the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year :

Finance Committee—Messrs. Russell, Strong, Belmont.

Executive Committee—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Butterworth, Hutchins, Hogg.

Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances—Messrs. Butterworth, Elliott, Fields.

Auditing Committee—Messrs. Belmont, Gray, Dillon.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That the four prize plans belonging to the Commission be removed to the rooms of the Board, and that the other plans now on exhibition be placed in a proper case and conveyed to the office ; and that the same be delivered to the designers upon the production and receipt of the certificate of registry.

Mr. DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board the amount which can probably be expended on the Park during the residue of this year, and the items of such expenditure.

Which was adopted.

Mr. GREEN presented the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ additional men and carts, or teams and implements commonly worked with horses or oxen, as occasion shall arise in the progress of the work, provided that the whole number of men and of men with teams or horses shall not exceed two thousand.

Mr. STRONG moved to amend the resolution by inserting "under the direction of the Executive Committee."

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the resolution lay on the table. Carried.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH also moved that the Board adjourn, to meet to-morrow, at one o'clock, on the Park.

The motion to lay on the table being carried, Mr. BUTTERWORTH withdrew his motion to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. DILLON, the Board then proceeded to the consideration of the amendments to the plan proposed by Mr. Dillon.

Mr. DILLON having explained his views to the Board, on the first and second amendments,

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the amendments be referred to the Architect-in-Chief, to consider and report thereon to the Board, which was carried.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to consider and report to the Board if it is practicable, consistently with the established features of the plan adopted for laying out the Park, to form means of access from the exterior line of the Park to the promenade avenue, by which persons entering on foot shall not be obliged to cross a carriage road ; also if a walk can be connected with the promenade avenue by which pedestrians can reach Vista Rock, and the walk bordering the Reservoir, without the liability of being interrupted by carriages.

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Architect-in-Chief—similarly to the amendment.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to report as to the practicability of continuing the transverse roads upon the natural level, except when they intersect the drives.

Same reference.

Mr. DILLON moved that when the Board adjourn, it be to Monday next, at one o'clock. Carried.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c., required on the Park, was read.

Mr. STRONG moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee with power. Carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The following communication was received from Mr. Olmsted :

CENTRAL PARK, May 20th, 1858.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

Gentlemen,—I wish to acknowledge the honor I have received in your appointment to the office of Architect-in-Chief. You will allow me to assure you with what personal feeling and

purposes it is accepted. On the first occasion in my life in which I ventured to address the public, I used the words, "What artist so noble as he who, with far reaching conception of beauty and designing power, sketches the outlines, arranges the colors, and directs the shadows of a picture upon which nature shall be employed for generations before the work he has prepared for her hand shall realize his intentions." I had not, till within a few weeks, expected to be called to such a duty. I need not say with what diffidence and with what serious intention I undertake it, or how highly I value the judgment upon the preliminary study of Mr. Vaux and myself, which has induced you to select me for it.

In the first and highest responsibility of the office, I shall steadfastly regard the distant future, when alone it can be fully seen how far I am worthy of it.

As the Chief Executive Officer of the Board I shall aim to effect the realization of the plan of the Park, modified as a mature study of the needs of the public may seem to you desirable, in the most energetic and economical manner.

I hold myself responsible to the Board as an undivided body. I have asked favors of no party and of no man, and I acknowledge obligations in which the Park can be concerned to no party and to no men.

I am aware of the difficulties of the position. I meet them confidently, because if an honest and direct method of pursuing the purpose of my office cannot be successful, it will serve no ambition of mine.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the communication be accepted, filed, and printed in the minutes. Carried.

A communication and estimates from John Walch, in reference to constructing a model of the Park, was read and referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication and estimates from M. B. Brady, in reference to making several photographic sketches of the Park, was read and referred to the same committee.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a summons received by him to defend a suit brought by John Turner against this Board.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills of John Turner, for painting ; Stewart & Howel, for plastering ; and H. J. Armstrong, for plastering ; if in his opinion they are just.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1858.

ADJOURNED MEETING—1 P. M.

PRESENT :

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and
 Commissioner Dillon, Commissioner Strong,
 “ Russell, “ Hogg,
 “ Butterworth, “ Belmont.
 “ Gray,

The minutes of the last meeting being read,

Mr. DILLON moved that same be amended on page 51, so as to read, “ Mr. Dillon having explained his views to the Board, *on the first and second amendments,*” which was assented to, and the minutes approved as amended.

A communication from John Arthur Hughes, offering to sell his plan to the Board, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Gray, laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the bill of Union Adams, for rent of the exhibition room, amounting to \$200.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same, which was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

A communication from J. E. Burrill, on behalf of Stephen Upson, in relation to property purchased at the sale of buildings on the Park, was read, and on motion referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon.

A report from the Architect in-Chief, in reference to the modification of the plan proposed by Mr. Dillon, and referred to

him at the last meeting to consider and report thereon to the Board, was received and read.

Mr. DILLON moved that the same be printed.

Carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. BELMONT announced to the Board that he should decline to serve on the Auditing Committee.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of ten thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Commission, and to the payment of such bills and claims against the Commission as have been or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay the sum of nine hundred and seventy-eight dollars and seventy-five cents to A. G. Coles, for twenty-nine tool wagons, being at the rate of thirty-three dollars and seventy-five cents for each, provided the tool wagons shall have first been examined by the Architect-in-Chief, and shall be found well constructed, of good materials, and agreeable to the terms of contract.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

The Board then proceeded with the consideration of the amendments to the plan proposed by Mr. DILLON.

Mr. DILLON moved that they be taken up at the first and second amendments, and voted on by sections.

No objection being made,

Mr. DILLON moved that the question be taken on the first section of the first amendment, as follows :

“1. *That entrances be opened on Fifty-ninth street in front of the Sixth and Seventh Avenues, to be appropriated to pedestrians exclusively.*”

Pending ^{discussion} ~~discussion~~ of the same,

Mr. STRONG offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all amendments which have been proposed to the plan, not already passed upon by the Board, or which may hereafter be proposed, be referred to the Architect, with instructions to report such of them to the Board as his judgment may determine desirable to have incorporated into the plan as the work proceeds.

Mr. BELMONT moved to amend the resolution by inserting after "*Architect*" the words "*in conjunction with a Special Committee.*"

Mr. HOGG moved as an amendment to the amendment to strike out "*Special*" and insert "*Executive Committee.*"

Question being taken, Mr. HOGG's amendment was declared lost.

By permission Mr. BELMONT withdrew his amendment.

Mr. RUSSELL moved to amend the resolution by inserting in place of "*Architect*" the words "*the President and Architect-in-Chief.*"

The amendment was accepted.

Mr. DILLON called for the ayes and nays upon the question, which being taken, the resolution was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. GRAY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, in order to carry out the resolution of this Board of May 18th, whereby Plan 33, with the modification of the Special Committee was adopted, be directed to proceed with the construction of the works on the Park, and be authorized to employ additional men and carts, or teams, and implements commonly worked with horses or oxen, as occasion shall arise in the progress of the work, provided that the whole number of men, and of men with teams or horses, shall not exceed two thousand.

Adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. DILLON notified the Board that he declined serving as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. STRONG offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be and are hereby authorized to enter into contracts for a brick sewer to be constructed within the Park, in the valley between Sixty-first street and Sixty-fourth street.

Mr. DILLON moved that it be referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon. Carried.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be charged with the prosecution of the works on the Central Park, and to prevent any delay or hindrance to the work that they be authorized to make such purchases as they deem expedient during the recess of the Board.

Question being taken the resolution was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Strong, Hogg—4.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Green, Belmont—3.

On motion of Mr. Russell the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—the PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Dillon Commissioner Hogg,
“ Gray, “ Belmont,
“ Fields.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. FIELDS rose to a question of privilege.

Mr. GRAY moved to suspend the rules, to allow Mr. Fields to state his question, which being acceded to,

Mr. FIELDS asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

Mr. GRAY moved that Mr. Fields be so excused, which was carried.

Mr. FIELDS moved that Mr. Dillon be excused from acting as one of the Executive Committee.

Mr. GRAY seconded the motion.

Mr. FIELDS withdrew his motion.

An application from Charles Rawolle in reference to a Herbarium of the Park, prepared by him, enclosing bills for the same, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Executive Committee to examine into and report.

A communication from Charles Ed. Appleby, in reference to the law authorizing the widening of Broadway, at Fifty-ninth street, enclosing a diagram of such proposed widening, was received.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief, to report thereon at the next meeting.

Mr. DILLON moved, as an amendment, that the main entrance to the Park be fixed at the corner of Broadway and Fifty-ninth street.

Question being taken, the amendment was declared lost.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the amendment was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Hogg—3.

THE PRESIDENT put the question on Mr. Gray's motion to refer.

Mr. GRAY called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Gray, Hogg—2.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Green, Belmont—4.

Mr. DILLON presented the protest of himself and Mr. Belmont against the action of the Board, at the last meeting, in referring his amendments to the President and Architect-in-Chief, and asked that the same be entered on the Minutes.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the request be complied with, and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Hogg—3.

Mr. GRAY desired to state that he voted in the negative, because the protest contained statements which were inaccurate in point of fact.

Mr. HOGG made the same explanation.

Mr. BELMONT desired to state, in connection with this protest, that he never received notice of any meeting of the special committee, appointed by resolution of the 4th of May, for the purpose of conferring with the Superintendent, in relation to the modification of his plan, and of which Committee he had been appointed a member by the Chair.

He did not think it heretofore necessary to bring this fact to the knowledge of the Board, because he expected to have an opportunity to explain his views before the Commission, during

the discussion on the amendments of the plan offered by Mr. Dillon, and seconded by him, and which opportunity is now denied by the reference of these amendments to the President and Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. FIELDS moved that Mr. Belmont's statement be entered on the Minutes. Carried.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief, in reply to a resolution of the Board, as to the construction of a sewer in the Park, referred to him at the last meeting, recommending that the sewer be built as soon as practicable, and the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief is hereby authorized to construct a sewer through the lower valley of the Park, and that he is empowered to employ ten masons, at wages which shall not exceed \$1.75 per day.

Mr. GRAY moved that the resolution be adopted, which was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont—5.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GRAY then moved, that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power and authority to construct said sewer by contract, if practicable ;—which was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Two requisitions from the Architect-in-Chief, for materials required on the Park, were received and read.

Mr. GRAY moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power, and that they be directed to purchase by contract, so far as practicable.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Commission, and to the payment of such bills and claims against the Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. DILLON moved that the Architect-in-Chief be directed to delay the building of the promenade until the further order of this Board.

Pending discussion of this motion,

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board adjourn to Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock. Which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1858.

ADJOURNED MEETING—12, M.

Present—the PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Dillon, Commissioner Elliott,
 “ Butterworth, “ Hogg,
 “ Gray, “ Belmont,
 “ Strong.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Howard Daniels, relative to the purchase by the Board of the plan offered by Mr. Hughes, was read and ordered filed.

A communication from Joseph Bench for the Magnetic Telegraph Company, requesting permission to remove their poles from the Park, was read, and on motion of Mr. Gray, referred to the Architect-in-chief with power.

Mr. DILLON offered a series of resolutions, the first of which read as follows:

Resolved, That the four selected designs be hung up in the office of the Board.

Adopted.

The second resolution read as follows:

Resolved, That the topographical map be hung up in the office of the Board.

Adopted.

The third resolution read as follows:

Resolved, That any modifications of plan 33, made, or to be made, be not laid down on the map of that plan, but be made on the same scale, so that they can be hung upon that map.

Adopted.

The fourth resolution read as follows :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief, being authorized by the By-laws to nominate to this Board, from time to time, such officers for such duties as the execution of the work shall require, the resolution of this Board of 10th May, authorizing him to employ the services of Mr. Vaux, and six assistants, is hereby repealed.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be laid on the table.

Carried.

The fifth resolution read as follows :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief report to this Board the names of persons employed under the resolution of 10th May, the compensation agreed to be paid them, or in the absence of agreement, the value of their services, and the special service in which each has been employed.

Adopted.

X The sixth resolution read as follows :

Resolved, That the works for drainage, trenching and irrigation, the excavation and construction of ponds and lakes, and the construction of the Drive, Ride and Walk, and all other works upon the Park, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Board be done by contract; and that the Architect-in-chief report to this Board working plans with specifications for each of such works.

Mr. STRONG offered the following as a substitute for the resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee to consist of _____, to enquire and report to this Board whether any work, and, if so, what work can be advantageously conducted by contract instead of day's work.

Mr. BELMONT moved to amend the substitute by striking out the words "to consist of," and inserting in place thereof the words "of one."

Question being taken, the amendment was declared lost.

The substitute was then adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Dillon, Gray and Elliott.

The seventh resolution read as follows :

Resolved, That the construction of ponds or lakes, roads for the Drive, the Ride or the Walk, be not commenced until each

of such works shall have been staked out and the Board notified that they are ready for their inspection, and the Board shall have ordered their construction to proceed.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend the resolution by adding the words, "*this resolution, however, in no way to affect works now in progress.*"

Mr. GREEN offered the following as a substitute for the resolution and amendment :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to proceed to stake out the lakes, roads and paths of the proposed constructions at the Park, and to notify the Board whenever the staking of any feature of the work is complete, ready for the examination of the Board.

Which was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of ten thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

On motion of Mr. HOGG, it was

Resolved, That the President purchase a bill of exchange for £108 8s. 6d. sterling, and remit the same to Messrs. P. Lawson & Son, of Edinburgh, Scotland, being the amount of their invoice of trees, dated March 25, 1858, purchased in pursuance of a resolution of February 16, 1858.

As follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution of this Board of May 13 last requiring a member of each of the Committee on Finance and the Executive Committee to countersign each check of the Treasurer, be and is hereby repealed.

Mr. GREEN offered as a substitute for Mr. Gray's resolution,
Resolved, That all warrants for the payment of all bills and claims against the Commission be in each case signed by six commissioners and countersigned by the Comptroller.

Question being taken on the substitute, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Green, Elliott, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Hogg, Belmont—4.

The resolution was then adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Nay—Mr. Green.

Mr. STRONG presented the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ four persons in addition to the six authorized on the 10th May, as he may think proper, at a compensation not to exceed for either person the rate of \$1,000 per annum.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Nay—Mr. Dillon—1.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee have authority to make purchases of such materials as may be from time to time required, but not exceeding \$1000 in amount, between any two regular meetings of the Board, such purchases to be made only at a meeting of said Committee duly notified and convened, and at which a majority of the Committee is present, and to be reported to this Board at the next meeting succeeding such purchase.

Which was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. BELMONT moved that the Board adjourn, which was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Elliott, Belmont—2.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY presented the bill of Charles F. Simmons, for services as doortender at the Exhibition of Plans, amounting to \$52 50; and of David H. Hart, for incidental expenses of the Board office, and the Exhibition room, amounting to \$38 89, and moved that the Treasurer be authorized and requested to pay the said bills, which was carried as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. GRAY presented a requisition for stationery, &c., required at the office of the Board, and moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee with power, which was carried as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved that Mr. Belmont be excused from serving as one of the Auditing Committee, which being assented to,

Mr. GRAY moved that Mr. Dillon, in compliance with his expressed wish, be excused from serving on the Executive Committee, which was also carried.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Belmont to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee, caused by the retirement of Mr. Dillon.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1, P. M.

Present—the PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Dillon, Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth, “ Hogg,
“ Gray, “ Belmont,
“ Green,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report from the Architect-in-Chief, dated this day, in answer to resolutions of the last meeting, detailing the number of assistants employed by him under resolution of the Board, the service in which they are occupied, and an estimate of expenditures which can probably be made with advantage upon the Park during the remainder of the year; also relative to the staking out of the ground, was received and read.

MR. DILLON moved that said report be printed, which was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

(See Document No. 6.)

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for tools, materials, &c., required on the Park, dated this day, was received and read.

MR. HOGG moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

Lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

MR. BUTTERWORTH moved that the Board adjourn. Lost.

A communication from Ro. H. Gallaher, on behalf of John Joseph Rink, offering to sell his plan to the Board, was read and ordered on file.

A communication from Richard Dolben, of Sewickley, Pa., enclosing certificate for plan No. 1, and relative to his share in the proceeds of the exhibition of plans was read.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That said communication be referred to the Special Committee on Plans, and that said Committee be authorized to act on the whole subject of plans, and the division of the proceeds of the exhibition.

An application from James McLoughlin to be paid amount due him for services as axeman, on the Park, was read and laid over.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from the Clerk of the Common Council, containing a resolution "That the Commissioners of the Central Park be requested to open the transverse roads laid down on the map of Central Park, as adopted by them, so as to afford thoroughfares across the same." Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 2d, 1858; by the Board of Councilmen, June 10th, 1858, and approved by the Mayor, June 12th, 1858.

Also a communication from the same, containing a resolution, "That the Commissioners of the Central Park be requested to open temporary roads through said Park, to afford the means of passage across the same, whilst the old roads at Seventy-first, Eighty-sixth and Ninety-sixth streets are impeded by the construction of said Park and the new Reservoir, and that the resolution in relation to transverse roads in said Park, passed by the Common Council, and approved by the Mayor, June 12, 1858, be, and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed." Adopted by both Boards, and approved by the Mayor, June 16th, 1858.

A communication from L. H. McIntosh, in reference to a bell now in use by the Park, claimed by the congregation of the church formerly on the Park was received and read.

On motion of Mr. GRAY the same was referred to the Architect-in-Chief with power.

Mr. Hogg offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief cause to be opened across the Park at Seventy-first street and at Ninety-seventh street, or as near thereto as may be convenient, two temporary roads to be worked as common country roads for the temporary convenience of persons crossing from one side of the Park to the other.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY presented the report of the majority of the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting, to whom it was referred “to inquire and report to this Board whether any work, and if so, what work can be advantageously conducted by contract instead of day’s work,” which was read.

No objection being made, Mr. Dillon presented the report of the minority of the committee on the same subject.

Mr. GRAY moved that both reports be received and filed.

Mr. BELMONT moved as a substitute that they be printed—which was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Green, Strong, Belmont—4.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Hogg—3.

Mr. Gray’s motion was then carried.

Mr. GRAY also moved that the resolutions appended to the reports lay over till the next meeting, which was carried.

Mr. GRAY offered the following—

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, under direction of the Executive Committee, purchase such articles named in the requisition presented to the Board this day, as are required for the prosecution of the work now in progress.

Mr. DILLON moved that the resolution lay over until the next meeting, and until the decision of this Board upon the subject of contracts, and called for the ayes and nays, which, being taken, the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Mr. STRONG called for the ayes and nays upon Mr. Gray’s resolution, which, being taken, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. DILLON announced to the Board that he had been served with a summons in a suit brought by Patrick Boyle, assignee, against the commission.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be referred to the President, with power to defend the suit. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

THE PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Butterworth to fill the vacancy in the Auditing Committee, caused by the retirement of Mr. Belmont.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Commission, and to the payment of such bills and claims against the Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

THE PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Dillon to fill the vacancy in the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, caused by the retirement of Mr. Fields.

On motion of Mr. Strong, the President was authorized to reply to the communication from the Common Council received this day.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Washington Insurance Company the premium on the insurance effected on the plans at the exhibition room, amounting to \$36. Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—12 M.

The BOARD met, at the call of the President, "for the consideration of communications, motions and resolutions, appropriations of money, and reports of committees."

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Elliott,
“ Russell,	“ Strong,
“ Gray,	“ Hogg,
“ Fields,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT reported that, in pursuance of the order of the Board at the last meeting, he had employed Edward Robinson, Jr., to defend the suit brought by Patrick Boyle, assignee, against the Commission.

A communication from Mr. Robinson, announcing the dismissal of the said suit, with costs to the defendant, was received and read.

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A communication from members of the Common Council, desiring the re-appointment of Samuel I. Gustin, as landscape gardener on the Park, was received and read.

A bill of Michael Miller, for travelling expenses, &c., was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following document from the Clerk of the Common Council :

“AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A FURTHER SUM FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF THE CENTRAL PARK.

“The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows :

SEC. 1. The Comptroller of the city of New York is hereby ordered and directed to issue of the stock or fund known as the “Central Park Improvement Fund,” created by an ordinance of the Common Council, entitled “An Ordinance to Provide Money for the Improvement of the Central Park,” approved by the Mayor, November 9th, 1857, the further amount of three hundred thousand dollars, in conformity with the provisions of said ordinance.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 11, 1858.

Adopted by the Board of Councilmen, June 21, 1858.

Approved by the Mayor, June 24, 1858.

D. T. VALENTINE,
Clk. C. C.”

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the above was ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from James Phalen, Esq., dated Paris, June 9th, 1858, in relation to certain plans of the *Bois de Boulogne*.

On motion, it was referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication from J. W. Audubon, Mayor's clerk, on behalf of J. McLoughlin, asking the attention of the Board to his bill for services as axeman on the Park, was read, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Two requisitions for materials, &c., required on the Park, dated June 17th and 24th, were received.

Mr. GRAY moved to refer the same to the Executive Committee.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment that they be laid over until the decision of the Board upon the subject of contracts, and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the amendment was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the requisitions of the Architect-in-Chief be referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to advertise for the furnishing of the articles by the lowest bidder,

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken the resolution was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Strong Hogg—5.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the requisitions made by the Architect-in-Chief of the 17th and 24th instant, be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to provide the same, either by direct purchase or by invitation for proposals through the press, or otherwise, as may seem to them most advantageous.

Mr. BELMONT moved as an amendment :

Resolved, That the purchase of implements necessary for drainage contained in the requisitions be deferred until after the action of the Board upon the subject of contracts.

Question being taken upon the amendment, it was declared lost.

Mr. GRAY's resolution was then adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Mr. STRONG offered a series of resolutions, as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the Board for obtaining draining tile sufficient for the drainage of two hundred and fifty acres of land, the Architect-in-Chief having advertised for the same, in pursuance of the resolution of 24th May last, and reported the result to this Board, providing that the same shall not cost a sum larger than twenty thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for obtaining five hundred large trees, provided the same shall not cost over five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to purchase a quantity of manure, to cost not over five thousand dollars.

Mr. DILLON moved that the resolutions be referred to the Architect-in-Chief, to report at the next meeting the particular necessities for each article.

Mr. GRAY moved as a substitute, that the Architect-in-Chief, being present, state to the Board the necessity for the articles called for.

Mr. FIELDS objected, and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the substitute was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

The Architect-in-Chief then proceeded to state his opinions as to the necessity for the materials mentioned in the resolutions of Mr. Strong, detailing the estimates already received for tile, in compliance with public notice, and that he had made investigations respecting large trees, referred to in a communication from him to this Board of May 17th last ; their cost, and the expense of removing the same to the Park, &c., and as to the quantity and quality of the manures to be obtained for use on the Park.

The first resolution being then read, as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the Board for obtaining draining tile, sufficient for the drainage of two hundred and fifty acres of land, the Architect-in-Chief having advertised for the same, in pursuance of the resolution of 24th May last, and reported the result to this Board, providing that the same shall not cost a sum larger than twenty thousand dollars.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment, that the contract be entered into with the lowest bidder.

Mr. GREEN moved as an amendment to the amendment, that inasmuch as it appears that the tile offered by the lowest bidder is unfit for use, the contract be not awarded to the lowest bidder.

Mr. BELMONT moved as a substitute for both amendments, that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder for an article of suitable quality to be approved by the Architect-in-Chief.

Question being taken, the substitute was adopted.

Mr. FIELDS moved to postpone the question on the resolution until the decision of the Board on the subject of contracts, and called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

The resolution was then adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

The second resolution being read as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for obtaining five hundred large trees, provided the same shall not cost over five thousand dollars.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Chief Architect, under the advice and sanction of the Executive Committee, be, and is hereby authorized to make selections and enter into contracts for a quantity of large trees, consisting of horse chesnuts, maples, oaks, beeches and American elms, in variety, to be delivered on the Park the ensuing Autumn and Spring, and that the sum of dollars be appropriated for this object.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment that the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board a form of advertisement for trees.—Lost.

On motion, the substitute, as offered by Mr. RUSSELL, was accepted.

Mr. DILLON moved that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder.—Lost.

The substitute was then adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Mr. GRAY moved that the blank be filled by inserting " five thousand " dollars, which was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

The third resolution being read as follows :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and is hereby authorized to purchase a quantity of manure, to cost not over five thousand dollars.

Mr. DILLON moved that it be referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report to the Board what kind of manures will be necessary.—Lost.

Mr. BELMONT moved to amend the resolution by adding, "*the same to be purchased by contract*," which was adopted.

Mr. DILLON moved as a further amendment, that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, which was carried.

The resolution was then adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a short communication in reference to obtaining derricks for use on the Park, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to purchase four derricks, to be used on the Park, and that the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated therefor.

On motion, the resolution was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this commission, as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. STRONG also offered the following :

Resolved, That for the purpose of preserving as objects of future interest and utility, reliable representations of the present condition of the Park, as well as for the purpose of exhi-

biting the propriety of adding to the Park the space between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth Streets, the President is hereby authorized to cause to be photographed such portions of the Park, and of the space between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, as may be of interest and utility, at an expense not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Belmont—3.

Mr. DILLON moved that he be permitted to withdraw from the Board the report of the minority of the Special Committee on Contracts, offered at the last meeting, for the purpose of submitting an amended report, which being assented to,

Mr. GRAY moved that Mr. Dillon be permitted to present his amended report at this time, which was also agreed to.

Mr. DILLON then proceeded to read his report as amended.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the report of the minority of the Special Committee on Contracts be printed.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend by adding the report of the majority of the Committee, and of the Architect-in-Chief upon the same subject, which being accepted by Mr. Fields,

Mr. GRAY moved that the whole matter lay over.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Strong, Hogg—3.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Green, Elliott, Belmont—5.

Mr. RUSSELL then moved that the reports respecting contracts be postponed to the second regular meeting in July, for further discussion and consideration, and that the reports be referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief, to be reported upon at that time.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend, by inserting the *first* regular meeting in July, instead of the *second*.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the whole matter be laid over until the next meeting, which was carried.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Elliott,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont.
“ Strong,	

The minutes of the last meeting being read—

Mr. DILLON moved that they be amended on page 75 by inserting before the resolutions offered by Mr. Strong, as follows:

“ Mr. Dillon moved that the Board take up the report of the Special Committee on Contracts, and at the request of Mr. Strong waived the motion for the present to enable Mr. Strong to offer the following resolutions:”

Question being taken the amendment was not accepted.

The minutes were then approved as read.

A communication from a committee of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College in reference to obtaining a site for the location of an astronomical observatory within the Park was read, and on motion referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief for their report thereon.

A communication from Egbert L. Viele, enclosing one from Thomas Barnes, dated Dublin, June 12th, '58, in reference to supplying trees for the Park, was read and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief dated June 30th, 1858, as to the number of men employed and the progress of the work, and nominating Messrs. Grant, Vaux and

Waring, for continuance in their present duties, and J. B. Bouton for appointment as general clerk; also recommending the employment of an assistant to the same, and of twelve special superintendents and draughtsmen, subordinate to the three persons first mentioned in the report.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the nominations be confirmed.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment that the report of the Architect-in-Chief and the nominations, be made the special order of the next meeting:

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken the motion was lost as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Strong, Belmont—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg—4.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following:

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ such persons in addition to those already employed, for the efficient completion of the work as are recommended in his report of July 1st at salaries indicated in that report, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay said salaries.

Mr. GREEN offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the nominations made this day by the Architect-in-Chief to this Board be confirmed, and that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the persons whose employment was authorized by resolutions of this Board of May 10th, 1858, and June 8th, 1858, at rates of compensation not exceeding that reported by the Architect-in-Chief in his report to this Board, dated June 17th, 1858, and the Architect is authorized to employ four additional persons, one of whom may be paid a sum not exceeding five dollars per day, and three others a sum not exceeding three dollars per day, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay these additional persons according to those rates, and that the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to dispense with the services of all of said employees or any others whenever he may deem it best to do so.

Question being taken the substitute was lost, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nay—Mr. Belmont—1.

Mr. BELMONT offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Elliott's resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the persons whose employment was authorized by resolutions of this Board of May 10th, 1858, and June 8th, 1858, at rates of compensation not exceeding that reported by the Architect-in-Chief, in his report to this Board, dated June 17th, 1858.

Which was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong; Hogg, Belmont—7.

The Auditing Committee presented a report dated this day, recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bills of A. Quackenbush, Jr., & Co., shovels.....	\$144 45
“ Dennis Cosgrove, powder.....	22 00
“ Edward Corning & Co., tools.....	49 50
“ L. Hauser, printing.....	3 50
“ James R. Morgan, powder, &c.....	874 50
“ Windle & Co., water coolers.....	7 50
“ Third Avenue Railroad Company, manure..	280 00
“ Berry & Palmer, wheelbarrows.....	210 00
“ Proprietors of Independent, advertising.....	2 40
“ “ N. Y. Daily Times, “	29 81
“ “ “ “ “	36 80
“ “ N. Y. Herald, “	62 25
“ “ Evening Post, “	32 30
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	23 85
“ Baker & Godwin, printing.....	3 00
“ R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., stationery.....	62 20
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	146 59
“ “ “ “	27 33
“ Gaylor & Rockwell, coal.....	6 00
“ Charles L. Young & Co., coal.....	67 00
“ Abraham Lagerqrust, blacksmith’s tools	17 50
“ Adam Kremer, pick handles.....	92 50
“ Nourse, Mason & Co., shovels.....	126 38
“ “ “ picks, barrows, &c. . .	65 00
“ “ “ shovels.....	315 00
“ John W. Quincy & Co., hardware.....	175 15
“ “ “ shovels.....	220 50
“ “ “ spelter.....	50

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Bills of Sager & Dorsch, forges.....	52 50
“ J. P. Travers, rope.....	13 97
“ Walter R. Wood & Co., grindstones.....	16 84
“ Shepherd & Irving, files.....	20 52
“ Garrit S. Mott, lumber.....	620 16
“ John Trimble, mahogany.....	9 68
“ Elliott & Holden, iron and steel.....	59 65
“ Damascus Steel and Iron Company, steel ...	126 10
“ “ “ “ “ ...	122 55
“ “ “ “ “ ...	246 84
“ “ “ “ “ ...	340 38
“ “ “ “ “ ...	240 96
“ “ “ “ “ ...	129 60
“ Naylor & Co., iron and steel.....	267 01
“ “ “ “ “	192 60
“ John Gray, pails	24 00
“ D. T. Meeker, carpenter work, Exhibition...	3 00
“ E. R. Tinker & Co., powder and fuse.....	272 00
“ John Smith, plank and stone boats.....	47 50
“ Stephen Philbin, gas fitting, Wagstaff House	126 00
“ “ “ “ Exhibition.....	9 70
“ E. Walker & Sons, binding survey maps....	50 90
“ William Bruorton, administering oaths.....	6 00
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., “ “	12 75
“ “ “ legal services.....	12 50
“ L. Glynn, lanterns, &c., police	21 50
“ New York Gas Light Company, gas, lower office	7 60
“ D. W. Norris, carriage hire, Commissioner Hogg.....	10 00
“ D. W. Norris, carriage of specie.....	5 00
“ Frederick Banfield, “ “	18 00
“ White & Corning, carriage hire Commis- sioner Strong	6 25
“ E. Holloway, express charges.....	8 02
“ D. B. Morrell, carting manure	112 00
“ Knapp Bros. & Co., casks	5 60
“ Thomas Hughes, services of double truck...	7 00
“ James McLoughlin, services as axeman....	93 75

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The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bills reported by the Auditing Committee, for payment in their report of this day, be paid ; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the same.

Mr. DILLON moved to except from the resolution all bills against Commissioners for their expenses, &c., which was assented to, and the resolution adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Board.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend the resolution by inserting *fifty thousand dollars* instead of *twenty-five thousand dollars*, as the amount appropriated, which was carried, and the resolution adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. DILLON moved to take from the table the reports of the Special Committee on Contracts, laid over at the last meeting.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved as an amendment to the motion, that the Board act upon the motion of Mr. Russell, also laid over at the last meeting, found on page 79 of the Minutes, as follows :

“ Mr. Russell then moved that the reports respecting contracts, be postponed to the second regular meeting in July, for further discussion and consideration, and that the reports be referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief to be reported upon at that time.”

Mr. DILLON called for the ayes and nays upon the amendment, which being taken, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

The question being taken upon the adoption of Mr. Russell's motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon and Belmont—2.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to reimburse to each Commissioner the amount of his personal expenses in visiting and superintending the Park, not exceeding three hundred dollars, commencing from the date of their office, provided this account shall have been previously presented to the Board and ordered to be paid.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the resolution be laid over till the next meeting. Lost.

Question being taken on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Strong, Hogg—4.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon and Green—2.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Architect in Chief be authorized to employ four additional persons, at a compensation of three dollars per day.

Pending the consideration of this motion, a quorum not being present, the President declared the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Dillon,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Russell,	“ Elliott,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from W. Benque, enclosing and asking payment of a bill for books said to have been furnished the Board, was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

A communication from W. A. Darling, President Third Avenue Railroad Company, as to the payments for manure furnished the Park, was read and ordered filed.

Two requisitions for tools and materials required on the Park, dated this day, were received and read.

Mr. GRAY moved that they be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

Mr. DILLON moved as an amendment, that they be laid on the table until the decision of the Board on the subject of contracts.

Question being taken, the amendment was carried.

The Executive Committee presented a report of purchases made by them since the last meeting of the Board, under authority of a resolution passed June 8th, 1858.

Mr. GRAY, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report dated this day, recommending payment of the following bills :

Bills of E. R. Tinker & Co., cement.....	\$234 00
“ “ “ and powder.....	354 25
Bills of Michael Miller, travelling and freight ex penses.....	110 58
“ E. Brown & Son, levelling instruments.....	130 00
“ John Harvey, book-binding.....	19 50
“ Third Avenue Railroad Company, manure...	235 00
“ D. B. Morrell, carting manure.....	94 00
“ Proprietors <i>Tribune</i> , advertising.....	87 10
“ Voorhis & Whiteman, loan of shades, exhibi- tion.....	6 00
“ James R. Morgan, powder.....	245 00
“ “ bell and hangings.....	229 00
“ Samuel Merseaeue, sand.....	64 08
“ O. Gori, dockage of tile.....	6 25
“ Manhattan Gas Light Company, gas, upper office.....	26 19
“ Manhattan Gas Light Company, gas, exhibi- tion.....	33 80
“ Cornells & Willis, pick mattocks.....	37 80
“ James C. Holden & Co., iron.....	35 44
“ William A. Stevens, steel.....	365 55
“ J. J. Bloomfield, stationery.....	142 19
“ Isaac Smiths' Sons & Co., umbrella.....	8 00
“ Henry Nelson, tools.....	1,118 94
“ Hazard Powder Company, powder.....	527 50
“ L. J. Harvey, trees.....	35 02
“ Knapp, Bros. & Co., casks.....	11 20
“ Nourse, Mason & Co., ploughs, road-scrapers, &c.....	273 50
“ Nourse, Mason & Co., axes.....	59 38
“ “ “ garden tools.....	152 00
“ “ “ spades and shovels....	162 60
“ “ “ draining tools.....	204 37
“ “ “ “.....	86 94
“ “ “ canal barrows.....	191 52

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The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bills reported by the Auditing Committee for payment, in their report of this day, be paid ; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the same.

The report and resolution were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—7.

The Treasurer reported the amount of funds in bank this day..... \$76,417 67

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved—That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission, as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That in future, the meetings of this Board be open to the reporters of the press.

Mr. STRONG offered the following as an amendment :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee provide suitable rooms for regular meetings of the Board, which will furnish accommodations for reporters.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered as a substitute for the resolution and amendment :

Resolved, That the minutes of this Board be open at all times to the reporters of the press.

Question being taken upon the acceptance,

Mr. ELLIOTT called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the substitute was not accepted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott—2.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Green, Strong, Belmont—4.

Question being taken on Mr. Strong's amendment, the ayes and nays being called for, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott, Strong—3.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Question being taken on Mr. Gray's resolution, it was also lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Green, Strong, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Elliott—2.

Mr. ELLIOTT renewed his former resolution as follows :

Resolved, That the minutes of this Board be open at all times to the reporters of the press.

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Russell—1.

Mr. DILLON moved that the President and Architect-in-chief be requested to present their report on the reports of the Special Committee on Contracts, as required by resolution of the last meeting.

Mr. GRAY called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Gray—2.

Mr. DILLON moved that the Board proceed to the considerations of the report of the Special Committee on Contracts, as specified in the resolution of the last meeting.

The ayes and nays being called for, the motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Green, Strong, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Elliott—2.

Mr. GRAY desired to state that he voted in the negative, because the consideration of the report at this time is out of the regular order of business.

Mr. ELLIOTT made a similar explanation.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief prepare plans and specifications for widening Fifty-ninth street to one hundred feet.

Mr. DILLON proposed as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Architect present to this Board well-considered estimates of the cost of widening Fifty-ninth street to one hundred feet.

The substitute being accepted by Mr. GRAY,

Mr. ELLIOTT moved as an amendment to the same, that the Architect-in-chief be authorized to employ six additional persons, which was carried.

Question being taken upon the adoption of the substitute and amendment, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—5.

Nays—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief be authorized to employ four additional persons at compensations not exceeding three dollars per day, in accordance with his report of last meeting.

Mr. BELMONT moved that the resolution be postponed until after the disposal of the matter of contracts by the Board.

Mr. DILLON called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—4.

The resolution was then adopted, as follows :—

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Dillon—1.

Mr. GRAY gave notice of his intention to move, at the next regular meeting of the Board, to amend Article II. of the By-Laws, so as to take from the Architect-in-Chief the power of appointment of employees.

Mr. STRONG offered a series of resolutions, as follows ;

Resolved—That so much of the resolution of July 1st as authorizes the payment of Henry Fielder and Edward C. Miller be rescinded, and that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay J. F. Fielder and Edward Miller the sums respectively of three dollars and of two dollars per day for their services while employed upon the park.

Resolved—That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Patrick Hadden Smith, for his services upon the Park, at the rate of two dollars per day.

Resolved—That the employment of six men to assist the Engineers is hereby authorized at a compensation of \$1 25 per day ; and that the Treasurer is authorized to pay three assistants employed during the last month at the rate of \$1 25 per day.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote :—

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Belmont—7.

Mr. DILLON moved that the reports on the subject of contracts, and resolutions annexed, be now taken up for consideration.—Carried.

Mr. DILLON then moved that the report of the President on the reports of the Architect-in-Chief and the majority and minority of the Special Committee on Contracts, referred to him at the last meeting, be first taken up.

Question being taken, the motion was declared lost.

The reports of the Architect-in-Chief and the majority and minority of the Committee were then read.

The PRESIDENT then submitted his review of the reports of the majority and minority of the Special Committee on Contracts ; which, being read—

Mr. DILLON moved the adoption of the resolution appended to his report, as follows :

Resolved, That the works for drainage, trenching and irrigation, the excavation and construction of ponds and lakes, and the construction of the Drive, Ride and Walk, and all other works upon the Park, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Board, be done by contract ; and that the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board working plans with specifications for each of such works.

The resolution was lost at follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Belmont—2.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Strong—4.

Mr. DILLON moved that the reports on the subject of contracts read this day be printed.

The motion was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Belmont—4.

Nays—Messrs. Green, Strong—2.

Mr. STRONG moved a reconsideration of the vote which being carried—

Mr. STRONG renewed Mr. Dillon's motion to print the reports on contracts read this day.

The motion was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Belmont.—6.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the bill of Bouton & Smith, assignees of A. G. Cole, for tool wagons, amounting to nine hundred and thirty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents.

Carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Russell, Gray, Green, Strong, Belmont—6.

Mr. DILLON moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Hogg,
“ Gray, “ Belmont.
“ Fields.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. FIELDS asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Board to have his vote recorded in the affirmative in the vote on Mr. Dillon's resolution, in regard to contracts offered at the last meeting, he having been unavoidably absent from the meeting in consequence of illness.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief stating the number of men employed as 1880, and detailing the progress of the work, the condition of the police force, and the service rendered by them, and recommending an increased remuneration for the captain and sergeants; also recommending that measures be taken for the removal of nuisances, and the establishment of two pounds for the impounding of cattle, &c., found trespassing on the Park, and submitting a sketch of an entrance for the Park at Seventy-second street.

The report was accompanied by the following draft of an ordinance for the regulation of the nuisances referred to :

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park do ordain as follows :

1. Two pounds are hereby established within the Central Park for the impounding of horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine

and geese found trespassing upon said Park ; all such animals found at large upon the Park may be taken by any person or persons and driven or carried to one of the said pounds, and may be kept enclosed therein during five days, at the end of which time, if not previously claimed, they may be sold at public auction, provided that within two days after they shall have been impounded, notice of the sale shall have been conspicuously posted in the pound, (and shall also have been inserted in two of the daily newspapers of the city of New York).

2. Any person claiming property in such impounded animals before the day of sale, may recover the same after suitable proof of his or her right thereto, upon payment for each animal of two dollars and the expense of keeping—the expense of keeping to be reckoned as follows :

For each horse or head of neat stock, fifty cents per day.

For each goat, swine or sheep, twenty cents per day. These charges shall be paid to the Property Clerk of the Board, and the money thus collected shall by him be handed over within one week to the Treasurer of the Board.

3. If within one month after the sale of any impounded animals, their former owner shall appear and claim the same, the Treasurer shall, after deducting the full amount of the charges provided for above, pay over to him the proceeds of their sale, otherwise the amount shall be added to the funds of the Board.

MR. GRAY, moved that the report be accepted and the ordinance adopted, which was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

A further report from the Architect-in-chief, announcing the completion of the staking out of the Drive south of Seventy-

ninth street. and that the staking of all the walks and rides which it is proposed to construct at present, will be completed as far north as Seventy-ninth street, by Wednesday next, was received and read.

Bills of J. B. Bacon & Sons, for services as Surveyors on the Park, were referred to the Auditing Committee.

A bill of Stewart & Howell, for plastering buildings on the Park, were referred to the same Committee.

Mr. HOGG offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of fifty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Board.

Adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont.

MR. GREEN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to offer a bounty of a sum not exceeding one dollar, for every goat caught in the Park, and delivered alive at the Park pound ; said bounty to be paid from the fines to be received from animals redeemed from the pound.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted.

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief be authorized to employ a sufficient number of carts to draw street or other manure from convenient piers to the Central Park, at a cost not to exceed twenty-five cents per load of thirteen and one-half cubic feet.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief be authorized to purchase a horse, wagon and harness, proper to be used in the payment of the workmen at the Park and for an errand-wagon, at a cost not exceeding three hundred dollars, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay for the same when delivered and approved by the Architect-in-chief.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Resolved, That the President be authorized to notify the authorities occupying the Arsenal, Powder-house and appurtenances, and other buildings, of the desire of this Board to take possession thereof, and to take possession of such portions thereof as are required for the use of the Board.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Charles Rowalle, Ten dollars, the same having been paid by him to discharged laborers, the amounts for the same appearing on the pay-roll as unpaid; and that the Treasurer is authorized to pay two men, T. Hermann and John Crumley, Jr., employed during the months of May and June, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per day.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to procure the delivery of night soil at the Park, at an expense not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Francis Petrarchi, time-keeper, be and is hereby raised to six hundred dollars per annum, the same to take effect on the first of August, 1858.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That all maps and plans, except the four premium plans and the plans submitted for competition, be removed to the drawing-room, at the Arsenal, and placed in charge of the Architect in chief.

Question being taken, the resolution was declared adopted.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to contract to the extent of Five thousand dollars, for gravel for the walks and roads of the Park, to be delivered at such place as will require the least distance of haul to the part of the

Park, where it is required, but that said sum of Five thousand dollars, include gravel, and its delivery at such place.

On motion of Mr. HOGG, the resolution was laid over.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to present a general plan for laying out the ground between One hundred and sixth and One hundred and tenth streets, and the Fifth and Eighth avenues, connecting the same with the present plan of the Park, and indicating such modifications as will be required by the extension of the Park to One hundred and tenth street.

Question being taken, the resolution was declared adopted.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief, for materials required on the Park, dated August 4th, 1858, was received and read.

Mr. GRAY moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

Question being taken on the motion, it was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the compensation of the captain and sergeants of the Central Park be increased twenty-five cents each per day.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont—5.

Nays—Mr. Fields—1.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee are hereby authorized to contract for the building of an entrance gate at Seventy-second street, in accordance with the plan submitted this day by the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. HOGG moved that the resolution lay over, which was carried.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to purchase drain-pipe for the draining of the walks, rides and drives of the Park, and for the conveyance of water from the lake, and also to procure the construction of a proper gate at the head of the lake, south of the reservoir.

Mr. HOGG moved that the resolution lay over, which was carried.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief prepare and submit to this Board plans and specifications for an entrance lodge at or near the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and for gates at Seventy-second street, on the Fifth avenue; at Sixty-second street, on the Eighth avenue, and at Sixth and Seventh avenues, on Fifty-ninth street; also for all bridges required below the old reservoir; and that so soon as such plans and specifications are approved by this Board, that the Architect-in-Chief advertise for proposals for the construction thereof, according to said plans and specifications.

Question being taken on the resolution, it was declared adopted.

Mr. BELMONT moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Butterworth,	“ Strong,
“ Gray,	“ Elliott, Hogg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved as amended.

A communication was received from Generals Sandford, Hall, Yates and Ewen, as a committee of the Division Board of the First Division of N. Y. S. Militia, asking a conference with the Board, or a committee thereof, in relation to appropriating a sufficient ground in the Park for the parades and drills of the First Division.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, the communication was referred to a special committee of three to be appointed by the President. The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Hogg, Belmont and Gray.

A communication from Pliny Miles, in regard to plan No. 12, was read and ordered filed.

A requisition, dated this day, was received from the Architect-in-chief for materials required on the Park.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being taken on the adoption of the motion, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

The PRESIDENT submitted and read a draft of a communication to the Common Council, prepared by him relative to matters pertaining to the Park.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, it was referred to the Executive Committee and President, with power to modify, and forward the same to the Common Council.

Mr. RUSSELL chairman of the Finance Committee, reported verbally that in response to the application of the Commissioners for additional means for prosecuting work on the Central Park on 24th May last, an ordinance after a delay of two months, was passed by the two Boards of the Common Council and approved by the Mayor, for the issue of a six per cent. stock for \$300,000, when the Comptroller promptly advertised for bids for the required loan, giving the usual thirty days' notice, but attaching thereto the unusual condition of receiving from bidders the amount only in equal monthly instalments.

The loan appears to have been taken at the premium of only thirty cents on each hundred dollars, when but for the imposed restriction a much higher premium would doubtless have been obtained. Under this result the sum of \$50,000 was paid to the Treasurer on 31st July, and the Commission is necessarily restricted for the next five months to only similar monthly receipts from this source for payments to the large force now engaged and at work on the Park.

The Auditing Committee presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills:

Bills of Bank of Commerce, rent of Board office.....	\$250 00
“ “ “ janitor's service.....	21 00
“ Garrit S. Mott, lumber.....	843 21
“ Third avenue railroad, manure.....	248 75
“ D. B. Morrell, carting manure.....	99 50
“ Cornells & Willis, pick mattocks	74 85
“ Wetmore & Co., crowbars.....	87 33
“ “ “ “	78 14
“ “ “ tools.....	150 51
“ Henry Homer, blacksmiths' tools.....	193 96
“ James C. Holden, iron, &c.....	114 29

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" Damascus Steel and Iron Company, iron....	281 00
" " " " " "	9 52
" A. Quackenbush, Jr. & Co., tools.....	7 75
" " " " " shovels..	74 70
" C. & W. McCammon, tile.....	390 91
" " " " "	159 60
" W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	240 74
" R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., stationery,....	40 04
" John J. Bloomfield, "	315 90
" James R. Morgan, powder.....	256 00
" A. Hitchcock, fuse.....	550 00
" Nourse, Mason & Co., plough points....	17 91
" " " " "	26 19
" E. & G. W. Blunt, surveying instruments...	143 00
" Peter Hayes, blacksmiths' materials,.....	26 01
" Horace Greeley & Co., subscription to <i>Tribune</i>	6 50
" George Denniston, ploughs, &c.....	16 75
" E. Robinson Jr., commissioner's fees.....	11 50
" John Smith, stone-boats, &c.....	187 72
" Michael Miller, freight and incidental expenses.....	30 71
" David H. Hart, incidental expenses, &c., lower office.....	16 46
	\$4,970 45

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bills reported by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day be paid, and that the Treasurer be and he is authorized to pay the same.

Mr. GRAY moved the acceptance of the report and adoption of the resolution, which was carried by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Green, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That no deduction be made from the pay of the employees of the Central Park for time lost in the celebration of Tuesday the 17th.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay.—Mr. Fields—1.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ a sufficient number of carts for carting street manure from convenient piers at the rate not exceeding thirty-five cents per load of thirteen and one-half cubic feet.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to hire pier foot of Fifty-fifth street, North River, for four months, at not over one hundred dollars.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. FIELDS asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Board to have his vote recorded in the affirmative, on Mr. Gray's resolution, as to paying the men for time lost in the celebration, they not being responsible, in his opinion, for the action of their superior officers.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to advertise and to make contracts for horse manure to be delivered on the Central Park (say five thousand cords) at a price not exceeding three dollars and twenty-five cents per cord so delivered—the said manure to be measured the first day of each month.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. Green moved to amend the ordinance in relation to the establishment of the pound adopted at the last meeting, as follows :

Strike out all after the word *pound* in the tenth line of section 1.

Insert after the word *animal* in the third line of section 2, the words *other than geese*.

Insert after the word *keeping* in the fourth line of section 2, and for *geese twenty-five cents and the expenses of keeping*.

Insert after the seventh line of section 2, the words, *for each goose five cents per day*.

The question being put on the adoption of the amendments, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. Gray offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, be requested to prepare plans and specifications for the widening of Fifty-ninth street in accordance with the adopted plan.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Resolved, That the compensation of the Captain and Sergeants of the Central Park be increased twenty-five cents each per day.

Mr. Fields offered the following as a substitute for the resolution :

Resolved, That the sergeants of police upon the Park be paid two dollars per diem for their services.

The question being put on the acceptance of the substitute, it was decided in the negative.

The question being put on the adoption of the original resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields—2.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved—That the compensation of W. H. Grant be fixed at six dollars per day.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

The question being put, the motion was declared lost.

The question being taken on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost as follows :

Aye—Mr. Gray—1.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ one engineer, at a compensation of two dollars-and-a-half a day, and one draughtsman at a compensation of two dollars a day, in order to carry out the resolution of the Board with regard to a plan for an extension of the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott, Strong—3.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Green, Hogg—4.

Mr. ELLIOTT also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, under the sanction of the President, be authorized to increase the force on the Park to a number not exceeding three thousand men, in all, whenever he shall find such increase of force can be advantageously employed.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Green, Strong—3.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, under the sanction of the President, be authorized to increase the force on the Park to a number not exceeding twenty-five hundred men, whenever he shall find such increase of force can be advantageously employed.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to correspond

officially from time to time, as occasion may require, on all matters pertaining to the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. RUSSELL gave notice of a resolution to alter the By-Laws as follows ;

Resolved, That the second section of the second By-Law be amended so as to restore to the chief executive officer the title of "Superintendent of the Park" or to adopt some other designation for that officer.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances to report thereon at the next meeting.

Mr. HOGG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the members of the Commission on account of their expenses in visiting and superintending the Park such sums as they may from time to time require, such sums not to exceed three hundred dollars per annum.

Mr. GRAY offered as an amendment :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to reimburse to each Commissioner the amount of his personal expenses in visiting and superintending the Park, not exceeding three hundred dollars per annum, commencing from the date of their office.

The amendment was accepted, and the question being put on its adoption, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes— Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays— Messrs. Russell, Fields—2.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART.
Clerk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Gray,
“ Fields,
“ Elliott.

A quorum not being present, the meeting adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of the call of the President “for the consideration of communications, reports of Committees, and motions and resolutions.”

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Elliott,
“ Gray, “ Hogg,
“ Fields, “ Belmont.
“ Strong,

The minutes of the last meetings were read and approved.

A communication from Booth Brothers, of Kingston, Ulster county, New York, as to supplying gravel for the Park, was referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

An application from R. Morris Copeland, of Boston, to be reimbursed his expenses in preparing a plan for the Park was referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

A petition from Fred. Von Fritsch to be secured certain amounts claimed as due him from men employed on the Park, was laid on the table.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c., dated September 2d, 1858, was read.

MR. GRAY moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power, which was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

A second requisition from the same, dated September 8th, 1858, was read, and on motion laid over.

A third requisition from the same, dated September 9th, 1858, being read—

Mr. GRAY moved its reference to the Executive Committee, with power, which was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

A fourth requisition from the same, dated September 9th, 1858, was read.

Mr. STRONG moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power, which was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a communication with reference to the details of walks and rides laid out upon the Park ; also reporting the number of men now employed to be 2300, and asking an increase of assistance in the Engineer and Clerical departments, and recommending an analysis of the soil of the Park.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That that portion of the communication of the Architect-in-Chief this day submitted to the Board relative to the walks and drives be referred to Mr. Commissioner DILLON to be by him reported upon at the earliest convenience.

Mr. GRAY moved as an amendment that it be referred to Mr. FIELDS instead of Mr. DILLON.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT the resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

The Executive Committee submitted a report of articles purchased by them since the last meeting of the Board.

The Auditing Committee presented the following bills as having been examined and found correct, and incurred by authority of the Board :

Bills of Garrit S. Mott, lumber.....	\$419 22
“ Austin D. Ewen, surveying.....	80 00
“ S. B. Terry, clock.....	12 00
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	117 15
“ James R. Morgan, powder.....	699 00
“ Charles L. Young & Co., coal.....	78 62
“ Naylor & Co., steel.....	94 54
“ “ iron and steel.....	94 68
“ “ “	9 55
“ Third Avenue Railroad Co., manure.....	311 25
“ D. B. Morrell, carting manure.....	124 50
“ W. N. Seymour & Co., hardware	246 92
“ “ “ “	51 72
“ Henry Nelson, picks, &c.....	678 30
“ Tredwell & Jones, sledge handles	125 02
“ “ “ “	31 25
“ Wetmore & Co., pump chain, &c.	7 14
“ Fairbanks & Co., scale.....	57 00
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, barrows, &c	217 50
“ “ “ shovels, &c.....	97 00
“ John Smith, stone boats.....	47 50
“ Francis Fagan, freighting manure	100 00
“ Colin Lightbody, pumps.....	12 00
“ R. L. Allen, mattocks, &c.....	52 00
“ J. H. Peppers, castings.....	2 20
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioners’ fees... ..	8 50
“ Reeves E. Selmes, “ “ ...	5 75
“ Proprietors “N. Y. Sun,” advertising.....	15 00
“ Michael Miller, freight expenses	25 25
“ H. Gaebel, draughting.....	30 00
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	\$3,850 46

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, that the bills reported by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day be paid ; and that the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay the same.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution they were adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

The Auditing Committee also presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills, incurred without authority of the Board, but otherwise correct :

Bills of John R. Higbie, hardware	\$52 25
“ Stewart & Howell, plaster work.....	31 80
“ Wetmore & Co., door springs, &c.....	7 83
“ Peter Hayes, blacksmith’s materials.....	51 18
“ Gaylor & Carrington, lumber.....	55 42
“ James Prentice, surveying instruments.....	50 50
“ Stephen Philbin, gas work, Wagstaff House..	36 77
“ Thomas Gray, splitting wood.....	12 60
“ Thomas McKean, wagon hire.....	50 50
“ Mary Giorghetti, meals furnished clerks.....	25 80
	\$374 65

On motion, the report was referred back to the Committee.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, it was

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to deliver to John R. Robertson, his bill for iron work at the former police station on the Park, he having applied for permission to withdraw the same.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board, at the second regular meeting in October, the amount of money already expended in laying out and regulating the Promenade,

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Gray—1.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, it was also

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief report to this Board, at the first meeting in October, the description, quantity and value of tools and implements, now the property of the Commission, and not now necessary in the prosecution of the work at the Park.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. ELLIOTT presented the following :

Resolved, That the Board approve of the designs submitted, this day by the Architect-in-Chief,

1st. For the gateway at Seventy-second street,

2d. For design for passage of Ride under Drive near head of lower pond,

3d. For design for passage under Drive southeast of Promenade,

4th. For design for bridge at the head of skating-pond.

Mr. FIELD called for the ayes and nays on the resolution, which being taken, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. GREEN renewed the same resolution with the exception of the first design.

Mr. BELMONT moved as a substitute, that the fourth design only be voted on.

The question being put on the acceptance of the substitute, it was decided in the affirmative.

The question being put on the adoption of the substitute, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GREEN moved that the second and third designs be adopted.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the motion which being taken, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. GRAY moved that the first design be adopted.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that it be laid on the table. Carried.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board authorize the additional employment, by the Architect-in-Chief, under the supervision of the Executive Committee, of two persons, at a compensation not exceeding five dollars *per diem*, and of six persons at a compensation not exceeding three dollars *per diem*, and of six persons at compensations not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents *per diem* to be employed as clerks, engineers, draughtsmen, rodmen, or overseers of the work.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Butterworth, Fields, Belmont—3.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to increase the present force of laborers on the Park to three thousand men, with such additional engineers, draughtsmen, clerks, &c., as may be required, such engineers, &c., not to exceed in number, two at five dollars, six at three dollars, and six at one dollar and twenty-five cents *per diem*.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Belmont—3.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief cause to be prepared plans for altering and so fitting up the Arsenal as will make it a permanent structure for the uses of the Commission, and an ornament to the Park.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to proceed with the construction of the bridge this day approved.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to contract for the delivery upon the Park of the necessary materials

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for the bridge, which the Architect-in-Chief has been this day requested to construct.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. ELLIOTT also presented the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to obtain analyses of the soil of the Park at a cost not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the report of the Architect-in-Chief, received this day, be printed as one of the documents of this Board.

The motion was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Nay—Mr. Elliott—1.

(See Doc. No. 11.)

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Whereas, plan No. 16, which was offered for competition, with other designs for laying out the Central Park, and which was esteemed of great value for its many original features, has been generously offered to this Commission by Mrs. Parish, the talented designer thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That the President of this Board be requested to communicate to Mrs. Parish the pleasure this Commission would have in becoming possessed of her beautiful and artistic design, and that the same be hung on the walls to be preserved among the prize plans.

Mr. STRONG moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word *design*, which amendment was carried, and the preamble and resolution adopted.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, it was also—

Resolved, That the President be authorized to receive any other designs entered in competition which may be offered by the designers thereof.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Disbursing clerk and the Property clerk be each required to give security for the faithful performance of their respective duties, the former in the sum of ten thousand dollars, and the latter in the sum of five thousand dollars, and that the form of such security be a bond with two sureties who shall each be worth the sum of twenty thousand dollars over their debts and liabilities.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ such additional assistants, not exceeding five persons at three dollars, and six at one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, as he may require to carry on the works now ordered, and on Fifty-ninth street.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to employ E. L. Viele as engineer on the Park, at a salary not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars per annum,

And called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Strong, Belmont—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg—4.

Mr. GRAY moved that the second and fourth requisitions received from the Architect-in-Chief this day, be adopted and referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Board adjourn. Lost.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to dispose of all the buildings on the Park, south of the Reservoir, except the Wagstaff House and Arsenal, at public auction, and that the same be removed within ten days after such sale; and that he give ten days' notice to the occupants to vacate same.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nay—Mr. Butterworth—1.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, Mr. Strong was allowed to change his vote to the negative on Mr. Field's resolution, to employ E. L. Viele as engineer.

Mr. GRAY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to contract for gravel to the extent of five thousand dollars.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell	Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg.
“ Gray,	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief, for materials, &c., dated this day, being read—

Mr. STRONG moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

The Treasurer reported—

Amount funds in Bank of Commerce.....	\$106,242 25
“ “ Treasurer’s hands.....	1,334 75
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	\$107,627 00

Mr. GRAY moved that the approval of the minutes of the last meeting be reconsidered, which being carried,

Mr. GRAY moved to amend the same by altering the word *bridge* to *bridges*, in Mr. Elliott’s resolution, on pages 114–115.

Mr. GRAY subsequently withdrew his motion to amend, and the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Board approve of the design for the bridge, corridor, and water-terrace at the north end of the Promenade, and that the Executive Committee be authorized and instructed to make arrangements and necessary purchases for their immediate construction under the direction of the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to proceed with the construction of the passages and bridges, the plans of which were approved at the last meeting of the Board, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to purchase the necessary materials, and employ the necessary mechanics and laborers for this purpose.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg,—6.

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of fifty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of the persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission, as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg,—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to sell at public auction, after public notice of four weeks, the four buildings on the Park, south of Seventy-second street, excepting the Arsenal and Powder-house, and that the purchasers at such sale be required to remove such buildings from the Park within ten days after said sale.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg,—6.

Mr. GREEN presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to construct samples of roadway severally with surface of McAdam metal, hand-broken and machine-broken ; and also with surface of gravel, to such depths and with such substructure and drainage as he judges best.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adpted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong Hogg,—6.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to purchase seven hundred kegs of powder in addition to three hundred kegs this day called for by the requisition of the Architect-in-Chief; all to be purchased at not over two dollars and thirty-five cents per keg.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to present at the next meeting of the Board, a statement of the amount of contracts and engagements for money entered into by that Committee up to this time, the accounts of which have not yet been presented.

Mr. RUSSELL, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the

Amount of cash in bank, by the Treasurer's statement, at this time is.....	\$106,242 25
Of the amount of the last appropriation by the Common Council of.....	\$300,000
There have been received.....	150,000

Leaving to be received by the Commission, in three monthly payments, out of the said appropriation. \$150,000 00

If the payments to be made for work in September, October and November shall reach seventy-five thousand dollars per

month, (which is the estimate of the Treasurer at this time,) it appears to be necessary, looking to the usual delay of two to three months attending our previous requisitions to the proper authorities for means to carry on this work, that another application should be early made to the Common Council for the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, to be realized in November or December, for the further use of the Commissioners.

The chairman is, therefore, directed to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be and is hereby authorized to apply to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York for the issue of three hundred thousand dollars more of public stock for the improvement of the Central Park.

The report was accepted.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

MR. BUTTERWORTH, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, reported that the Committee had been called together on business referred to them by the Board, but that no member of the Committee was present.

MR. RUSSELL gave notice of his intention to call up at the next regular meeting a resolution offered by him August 19th, 1858, (found on page 107 of the minutes,) as to altering the title of the Architect-in-Chief.

MR. RUSSELL also gave notice of his intention to propose an increase of the salary of the Architect-in-Chief.

MR. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board approve of the design for an entrance gate at Seventy-second street on Fifth avenue this day submitted by the Architect-in-Chief.

MR. RUSSELL moved that the resolution lay on the table. Carried.

MR. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to obtain for the use of the Board, drawings of the granite gateways of the Mall in Boston, with an estimate of their cost, and that he be also authorized to procure for the examination of the Board

such other drawings of gateway plans as will facilitate the decision of the Board in respect to all the contemplated entrances into the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ two additional assistants at compensations not exceeding five dollars a day, and four additional engineers and draughtsmen at compensation not exceeding three dollars a day.

Resolved. That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ mechanics at wages not exceeding one dollar and seventy-five cents per diem, and necessary foremen of mechanics, not exceeding ten, at wages not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per diem.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. HOGG presented the following :

It being the understood policy of this Board that at a proper time suitable subjects of statuary shall be introduced into the Park, and as the work thereon has now so far progressed that it would seem advisable for this Board to take the matter into consideration, therefore—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that statues of Hamilton, Jay, Dewitt C. Clinton and Fulton are those which should first be placed in the Park, and that a committee of two be appointed to confer with artists and obtain from them designs with estimates of cost of each statue either in marble or bronze.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL the resolution was laid on the table.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted the following report in answer to resolutions of the last meeting :

CENTRAL PARK, }
 September 16th, 1858. }

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CENTRAL PARK,

Gentlemen,—A resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board requests me to state the quantity and value of tools now upon the Park, not necessary for the prosecution of the work. Thirty eight old Files and two dozen pieces of broken tools of all other kinds, worth as old iron and steel perhaps five dollars are all of the tools in possession of the Board not now in use or expected soon to be put to use.

The whole number of all articles of this character including pieces of cordage etc., hitherto purchased for the work and not otherwise disposed of and already accounted for to the Board is 7118. Of this number 4728 are this day in the hands of the laborers and in actual use on the work, the foremen being responsible for them and accounting for them weekly; 117 are undergoing repair, and 1555 are in the Tool-room at the Arsenal in good repair and ready for use. For every 100 Articles in use and undergoing daily wear there are 20 in reserve, hardly as large a proportion as might be maintained judiciously on account of the frequent occasion for repairs, and the constant changes occurring in the character of work and the changes which must consequently be made in the equipment of the laborers.

The tool arrangements of the park are in my judgment very good. An inventory is taken weekly, the accounts are kept with great clearness and accuracy, and for months past there has been not the smallest loss suffered by the Commission, in this description of its property, beyond that of necessary wear and tear under usage.

A second resolution requests information as to the total expenditure upon the Promenade. I some months since, represented to the Commission the necessity of providing a specific account of the labor expenditure. No such provision was made and there are no means of ascertaining with accuracy the amount laid out on the Promenade. As nearly as can be estimated the wages of the engineers, officers, teams, carts and laborers employed upon it have been from \$14,000 to \$16,000, but a portion

of their labor should be charged to the adjoining roadways which have either supplied excavated material to, or received it from the Promenade.

Respectfully,
FRED. LAW. OLMSTED.

Mr. GRAY moved that the report be accepted and printed in the minutes.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. STRONG moved that the communication of the President of this Board to the Common Council, dated August 24th, 1858, be printed as one of the documents of this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

(See Doc. No. 12.)

Mr. GRAY reported verbally from the Executive Committee that they had visited, and closely inspected, the various works now in progress on the Park, and that they approved of the same, and of the manner in which they were being performed.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to publish in such papers as the Executive Committee may designate, the review of the President on the reports of the majority and minority of the Special Committee on Contracts.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Elliott,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting being read—

Mr. RUSSELL moved to amend the same by striking out the words “*Executive Committee*,” in the fourth line of page 120, and inserting in place thereof the words “*Architect-in-Chief*,” and striking out the words “*Architect-in-Chief*,” in the sixth line of the same page and substituting the words “*Executive Committee* ;” also to strike out the words “*the Executive Committee*,” in the fifteenth line of the same page, and insert the word “*he*,” and to insert after the word “*materials*,” in the sixteenth line of the same page the words “*under the direction of the Executive Committee*.”

The question being put on the adoption of the amendments, they were adopted.

The minutes as amended were then approved.

A communication was received from B. P. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the New York State Agricultural Society, requesting the Board to allow Mr. Waring to be present at the State Fair, at Syracuse, and exhibit the manner in which draining tile is laid on the Park.

The PRESIDENT announced to the Board, that he had replied to the communication expressing his belief that the Board would accede to the request.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a communication, regard-

ing the number of men employed and the progress of operations, and recommending the purchase of nursery stock, at the estimated cost of five thousand dollars, and the employment of skilled house movers to move large rocks; also nominating Julius A. Donaldson, to fill a vacancy in the police force.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Julius A. Donaldson be, and is appointed a police officer of the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

A communication was received from Peck, Gedney & Co., having reference to bills for bricks, cement, &c., presented by them.

A requisition for materials, &c., was received from the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. GRAY moved its reference to the Executive Committee with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was carried, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted bills and application from Patrick Henry, to be reimbursed for damage to his house, resulting from blasting on the Park.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to settle the same, as in his judgment is deemed correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was carried as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

A petition was received from the Caledonia Curling Club, asking that they may be allowed the use of a certain portion of the Park during the winter months for the practice of their game.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was referred to the Architect-in-Chief, with the suggestion that he reply to the application favorably.

THE PRESIDENT presented a communication received by him from M. Lovell, Superintendent of Street improvements, with reference to the grading of that portion of the Eighth avenue bordering on the Park.

On motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, it was referred to the President.

THE PRESIDENT also submitted a communication received by him from L. Harper, General Superintendent of the National Fertilizer Company.

On motion it was referred to the Architect-in Chief.

The Executive Committee presented a report adversely to the application of R. M. Copeland, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board cannot make any exception in the cases of unsuccessful competitors, and therefore cannot grant the application of R. M. Copeland to be reimbursed for his expenses in preparing a plan for the Park, and that the Clerk be directed to notify Mr. Copeland accordingly.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted.

The Executive Committee also submitted a report in answer to a resolution of the last meeting as follows :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

The Executive Committee, in answer to a resolution of the Board of the last meeting, beg to report the following statement of the amount of contracts and engagements for money entered into by that Committee up to the time of last meeting, the accounts of which have not yet been presented :

June 5th.	100,000 brick ordered for sewer and received,	
	expenses not exceeding	\$650 00
July 28th.	12,000 loads street manure, freighted, <i>a</i> 12½c.	1,500 00
Sept. 8th.	12,000 loads street manure, carried, <i>a</i> 4c. . . .	480 00
“	Unloading same from vessels and dockage,	150 00
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		\$2,780 00

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Sept. 8.	200 barrels cement, @ \$1 09.....	218 00
“	1 harrow.....	12 00
Sept. 14.	2 cargoes stone for bridge, ordered, about..	4,250 00
“	8. 50,000 brick.....	275 00
		\$7,535 00

In addition to the above, the Committee beg to report the following engagements entered into by them, of which none or only part of the contracts have been fulfilled :

Sept. 14.	Iron work for bridges, about.....	9,000 00
“	John P. Cummings, gravel.....	3,200 00
“	J. M. Wray, “	1,750 00
“	1 cargo stone for bridges, about.....	1,500 00
	Total.....	\$22,985 00

JNO. A. C. GRAY,	}	Executive Committee.
JAMES HOGG,		
J. F. BUTTERWORTH,		

New York, October 6, 1858.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the report be accepted and entered in the minutes.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that in pursuance of the fourth section of Article IV. of the By Laws of the Board, they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of this Board, from the 1st of January of the present year, to the 1st September last, and that they find the same to be correct.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH,	}	Auditing Committee.
JNO. A. C. GRAY,		

New York, September 20, 1858.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL the same was accepted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The Auditing Committee presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bills of Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees..	\$18 38
“ “ New York Herald, advertising.....	49 38
“ “ James Prentice, surveying instruments.....	148 74
“ “ A. Crocheron, manure.....	16 68
“ “ Manhattan Gas Light Company ; gas, Wagstaff House.....	34 44
“ “ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	50 35
“ “ Coffin & Kenworthy, spades, &c.....	68 00
“ “ “ “ barrows.....	253 50
“ “ Hazard Powder Company, powder.....	1035 00
“ “ William A. Shepard, steel.....	1077 66
“ “ John C. Johnson, nails.....	65 00
“ “ E. R. Tinker & Co., fuse.....	140 80
“ “ R. L. Allen, shovels, &c.....	100 50
“ “ Henry Homer, fuse.....	550 00
“ “ Francis Fagan, freighting manure.....	260 00
“ “ Schooner Telegraph “ “	381 25
“ “ A. Costello, cartage “	1 72
“ “ John Keirns, “ “	4 68
“ “ New York Sun, advertising.....	36 43
“ “ W. N. Seymour & Co , hardware.....	27 95
“ “ C. & W. McCammon, tile.....	2840 56
“ “ Owen C. Owens, books.....	45 50
“ “ W. R. Gould, stationery.....	5 00
“ “ Evening Post, advertising.....	3 12
“ “ P. Brennan, coal.....	360 45
“ “ Garrit S. Mott, lumber.....	830 07
“ “ “ “ “ “ (for Stewart & Howell)	124 64
“ “ Damascus Steel and Iron Company, steel....	581 59
“ “ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	66 42
“ “ Stewart & Howell, mason work.....	31 80
“ “ R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., stationery.....	195 22
“ “ E. & G. W. Blunt, drawing materials.....	123 62
“ “ Richards & Fleury, anvil, &c.....	30 93
“ “ John Osborn, sashes.....	61 00
“ “ Baker & Godwin, printing.....	27 00

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“ “ F. Degez, stone truck, jack screw, &c.....	16 00
“ “ Magnetic Telegraph Co, telegraph poles....	5 60
“ “ Third Avenue Railroad Company, manure..	282 50
“ “ D. B. Morrell, carting manure.....	113 00
“ “ Henry J. Armstrong, mason-work.....	30 40
“ “ Menzies, Viele & Mather, timber.....	45 12
	\$10,140 00

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows ,

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved that the following bills be paid, they having been ordered without direct authority of the Board, but being correct in other respects, are recommended for payment by the Auditing Committee :

Bills of R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., stationery for Engineer's Department.....	\$195 22
“ “ E. & G. W. Blunt, drawing materials for En- gineer's Department.....	123 62
“ “ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing for Architect- in-Chief.....	44 50

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved that the bills of Peck, Gedney & Co., amounting respectively to \$1198 17 and \$873 92 be taken up for consideration, and that they be paid.

Mr. BELMONT moved as an amendment that the same be paid, with a deduction of fifty dollars from the gross amount.

The question being put on the acceptance of the amendment, it was accepted.

The question being put on the adoption of the amended motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Russell—1.

Mr. GRAY presented a bill of Thomas McKeon for wagon hire, amounting to \$51, and moved that the same be paid.

The question being put as to the adoption of the motion, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott, Hogg—3.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Green, Belmont—3.

Mr. GRAY presented the bill of Mary Giorghetti, for meals furnished the clerks in the Disbursing Office, amounting to \$25 80.

Mr. BELMONT moved that the same be paid, and that the clerks be informed that in future no such bills will be paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost—a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Hogg, Belmont—5.

Nay—Mr. Elliott.—1.

Mr. HOGG presented the bill of James R. Morgan for one thousand kegs of powder, ordered by the Executive Committee, under resolution of the last meeting, amounting to \$2,350, and moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost as follows :

Aye—Mr. Hogg.—1.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Belmont.—6.

The Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances presented a report in answer to resolutions referred to them July 15, 1858, and August 19, 1858, recommending the adoption of the following amendments to the By-Laws of the Board.

1.—That Article II. be amended by adding, after the word “require,” in second section, the words, “*it being understood, however, that this duty does not impair the independent action of the Board in the nomination and appointment of officers.*”

2.—That the title of Architect-in chief be discontinued, and that the former title of SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PARK be restored to the Chief Executive Officer.

The question being taken on the adoption of the first amendment, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont,—7.

Mr. BELMONT moved to amend the second amendment by adding the title of “*Superintendent of the Park*” to that of “*Architect-in-Chief.*”

Mr. ELLIOTT moved as an amendment to Mr. Belmont’s amendment, that the word “*Designer*” be substituted for “*Architect-in-Chief.*”

The question being put on the acceptance of Mr. Elliott’s amendment, it was lost.

The question recurring on the acceptance of Mr. Belmont’s amendment—

Mr. ELLIOTT called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the amendment was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont,—5.

Nay.—Mr. Elliott,—1.

The question being then put on the adoption of the second amendment as reported by the Committee, it was lost as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Elliott,—3.

Nays.—Messrs. Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont,—4.

Mr. GREEN moved that the vote on Mr. Belmont’s amendment be reconsidered, which being assented to, the question was put on the adoption of the amendment and lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes. Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont,
—5.

Nay.—Mr. Elliott,—1.

Mr. HOGG presented the following resolution—

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to pay the stone cutters employed on the Park the customary rates of wages paid in the stone cutters' shops in this city, provided they do not exceed two dollars per day.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, it was also

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be instructed to give notice to the occupants of the Geary House that they leave the same within thirty days, the same being required for the use of the Park.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of fifty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. RUSSELL presented the following :

Resolved, That the salary of the Architect-in-Chief be raised to four thousand dollars, commencing on 1st July, 1858.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. BELMONT offered the following :

Resolved, That under requisitions of the Executive Committee the President be authorized to pay cash for any goods bought under authority of the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief having been authorized to employ twenty-five hundred men, it is the wish of the Commission that this number be employed as far as practicable, daily ; and that if on any day or days the number should be exceeded, the Treasurer is authorized to pay for the same, provided that the average number of men employed do not exceed twenty-five hundred.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief, under direction of the Executive Committee, be authorized to purchase trees and shrubs for planting upon the Park, to an amount not exceeding in cost five thousand dollars.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Croton Board, with regard to the disposition of excavated material from the new Reservoir, and any other matters in which the interests of the Croton Board are brought in connection with those of the Park.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Gray, Strong and Belmont.

Mr. HOGG offered the following :

Resolved, That the house near the Arsenal, occupied by Mr. Degez, be withdrawn from the sale on the 18th of October, and that Mr. Degez be permitted to occupy the same until the further order of the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be, and is, authorized to employ house movers, with their instruments, whenever he thinks it advisable for the removal of rocks upon the Park, provided that the Commission shall be involved in no expenditure exceeding fifteen dollars (\$15) for any one day's operations, under this resolution ; not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) in all.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and are hereby authorized, to purchase from 3 to 5,000 barrels cement, not to exceed in price the sum of 92½ cents per barrel.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. HOGG presented the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be empowered to remit the fines for impounded animals whenever he considers that circumstances warrant it.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN presented the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Mary Giorghetti be referred to the Architect-in-Chief for examination, and if he, on enquiry, approves of the same, then that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the said bill, but that the Architect-in-Chief be instructed to notify parties concerned in said bill that no such bill will be hereafter paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The Treasurer reported amount funds in Bank of Commerce,	\$81,278 25
Amount in Treasurer's hands,.....	\$30,285 94
Total.....	<hr/> \$111,564 19

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was directed that the application to the Common Council for further issue of stock be modified so as to request \$500,000 instead of \$300,000.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Butterworth,	Commissioner Gray,
“ Fields,	“ Strong,
“ Hogg,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from M. Van Schaick, President of the Croton Aqueduct Department, relative to a resolution of this Board passed at last meeting, notifying the occupant of the Geary House to vacate the same, and suggesting the appointment of a committee to confer with the Croton Board as to the selection of a site for the houses of the Superintendent and gate-keepers of the Reservoirs in the Park; also requesting the attention of the Board to the digging of a trench from a leak under the south wall of the old Reservoir, and that it might be refilled immediately, so as not to endanger the safety of the wall.

On motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, that portion of the communication relating to the Geary House was referred to the President with power.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the matter of selecting a site for houses was referred to the Special Committee to confer with the Croton Board, appointed at the last meeting.

On the further motion of Mr. GRAY, the part of the communication relative to the leak was referred to the Architect-in-Chief, with instructions to secure the wall to the satisfaction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

The following petitions were received :

From Norman Ewen, asking that he be paid an amount claimed as still due him for his services as surveyor on the Park. Referred to the Auditing Committee.

From Hermann Krause, asking payment of his bill for services as draughtsman. Referred to the Auditing Committee.

From Joseph King, asking the refunding of money paid by him for buildings on the Park, at the sale in September, 1857. Referred to the Executive Committee.

The following communications were received :

From James Body, complaining of persons employed on the Park. Referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

From J. N. Balestier, remonstrating against including any other than the high lands in the proposed extension of the Park. Laid on the table.

From Wm .R. Prince & Co., offering to dispose of stock of trees now in their Nursery at Flushing, and enclosing list of same. Referred to the Architect-in-Chief for examination.

From D. J. O'Neill, Secretary of the Aston Hall and Park Company, Birmingham, England, enclosing Articles of Association, &c.

Ordered on file.

From James Phalen, Esq., of Paris, relative to certain maps and papers relating to the *Bois de Boulogne*, forwarded by him to the Board.

Ordered, that the same be laid over and filed, and that the President acknowledge the receipt of the communication.

Mr. STRONG called up a petition heretofore received from John Delaney asking to be reimbursed for moneys expended in the purchase of a building on the Park, and in defending a suit brought against him on account of the same, and moved that the same be referred to the President for adjustment as in his judgment may be deemed best.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c., dated this day, was received.

Mr. STRONG moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nays—Mr. Fields—1.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communication :

Newport, October 5, 1858.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK :

Gentlemen,—In submission to private circumstances, which disable me from discharging to my satisfaction, my duties in the public service, I do hereby resign my office of Commissioner of the Central Park.

Respectfully,
ROBT. J. DILLON.

Mr. GRAY moved that the resignation be accepted and entered on the minutes.

Mr. FIELDS offered as a substitute the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three members of this Board be appointed to wait upon Mr. Dillon to express to him the sincere regret of its members on receiving his letter of resignation, and to ask him to reconsider and withdraw such resignation.

The question being on the acceptance of the substitute.

Mr. STRONG moved that it be laid on the table. Carried.

Mr. FIELDS then moved the adoption of the following resolution, as a substitute for Mr. Gray's motion :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three members of this Board be appointed to wait upon Mr. Dillon to express to him the sincere regret of its members on receiving his letter of resignation.

Mr. STRONG moved that it be laid on the table.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken the motion was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Strong—3.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Hogg, Belmont—4.

The question being taken on the adoption of the substitute, it was lost.

The question recurring on the adoption of Mr. Gray's motion that the resignation be accepted and entered on the minutes, it was adopted.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President reply to the communication from Mr. Dillon this day laid before the Board conveying to him the high estimation in which the Board held the services of Mr. Dillon while one of its members.

Mr. HOGG moved that the Board adjourn.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost.

The question recurring on the resolution—

Mr. GRAY moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was lost.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved as an amendment to the resolution to strike out the word "*high*" and insert in place thereof the word "*proper*."

Mr. GRAY offered the following as a substitute for the resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate a suitable response to Mr. Dillon's letter of resignation.

The question being put on the acceptance of the substitute it was accepted and adopted.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

Amount funds in Commissioner's account this	
day,.....	\$56,612 10
" " Treasurer's hands.....	34,370 83

Total cash on hand this day, October 21, 1858.. \$90,982 93

The President presented a report from the Architect-in-Chief stating that he had called on Mr. Van Schaick, the President

of the Croton Aqueduct Board, who declared himself perfectly satisfied with the explanation of the Architect-in-Chief in regard to the Geary House as well as to the operations on the south wall of the reservoir, and that misrepresentation of the purpose of the operations had been made to Mr. Van Schaick.

A report was also received from the Architect-in-Chief announcing the accidental death of Luke Flynn, a laborer on the Park.

The Auditing Committee presented a report dated this day recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bills of D. W. Quimby, freighting, manure.....	\$331 25
John Smith, stone boat plank.....	363 00
Bouton & Smith, axles, spokes, &c.....	63 64
Thomas C. Bishop, crow-bars.....	53 64
Samuel Merseane, sand.....	33 50
H. A. Millard ".....	151 25
Daniel Gallagher, carting manure.....	332 50
Bush, Gale & Robinson, borax.....	20 00
Foreign Salt Company, salt.....	56 45
Wetmore & Co., crow-bars.....	30 38
Damascus steel and iron Co., steel.....	273 09
Griffing Brother & Co., ploughs.....	15 50
Sage & Grant, charcoal.....	54 00
Jno. P. Farrar, steel.....	52 75
Robert P. Parrott, iron pipe.....	85 13
Sperry & Bryant, clock.....	7 00
Proprietors N. Y. Express, advertising.....	120 06
" " Daily News, ".....	78 00
" " Sun, ".....	3 38
David H. Hart, incidental expenses, office,..	37 11
John P. Cummings, gravel.....	1180 80
Tupper & Wilcox, lumber.....	186 36
Richard Dudgeon, hydraulic jack.....	85 50
Stokes & Brother, zinc.....	19 17
A. G. Lawson, bricks.....	579 13
W. A. McSpedon, services of ox-team.....	78 00
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	\$4290 59

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day, as correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH presented the bill of Peter Hayes for tin-smith and other work, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay the bill of Peter Hayes for \$51 $\frac{1}{10}$ ordered by the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

Mr. GRAY offered a series of resolutions as follows :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be, and is authorized to engage the services of a number of especially skilled gardeners and workmen not exceeding fifty, at wages not exceeding one dollar and a quarter per day, and of an additional number of the same not exceeding ten, at wages not exceeding one dollar and a half per day.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be, and is authorized to employ men in trenching ground by the piece at such rates as shall be found just, provided they do not exceed one dollar per square rod.

Resolved, That when laborers are employed to work at night or on Sundays upon the Park the rate of payment shall be fifty per cent. higher than the rate provided for under ordinary circumstances.

Resolved, That the employment of ten trucks for moving large stone is hereby authorized, the same to be paid for at a rate not exceeding one dollar per day.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. STRONG offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay S. A. Hopkins, G. M. Van Nort and B. F. Crane for services rendered previous to September 9, 1858, at an average of not over fifteen days each.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Belmont—1.

Mr. GREEN presented the following :

Resolved—That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. STRONG offered the following resolutions :

Resolved—That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ three persons as engineers, at a salary not exceeding three dollars per day each.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Resolved—That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay Benjamin Duboyce, from Sept. 6th to the present time for services rendered on the Park with horse and wagon as lumber

carrier, and in removing tools and materials; the rate of pay not to exceed two dollars per day.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved—That the Architect-in-Chief be instructed not to take into consideration any applications for employment on the Park unless the same are endorsed by one of the Commissioners.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following:

Resolved—That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay James R. Morgan's bill of powder, amounting to one thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars, same having been ordered by the Board, and delivered.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GREEN moved that the Board reconsider the vote on Mr. Hogg's resolution as to the appointment of men.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken, it was lost, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Belmont—2.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Strong, Hogg—5.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Gray and Strong.

A quorum not being present, the members present adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

The Board was called together “for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, and motions and resolutions.”

Present—The PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Fields,
“ Butterworth, “ Strong,
“ Gray, “ Elliott.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the regular order of business was suspended, to allow the motion by Mr. RUSSELL that the third of the resolutions offered by Mr. Gray at last meeting, found on page 144 of the minutes, be re-considered, which being carried,

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the same be amended, so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That when laborers are employed to work at night, or at *unusual times* upon the Park, the rate of payment shall be fifty per cent. higher than the rate provided for under ordinary circumstances.

The question being taken on the adoption of the amendment, it was adopted.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a report and estimate for widening Fifty-ninth street; announcing the sale of certain buildings on the Park on the 18th October, and enclosing account of such sale; recommending that the proposals for supplying trees from W. R. Prince & Co., received at the last meeting, be declined; submitting a preliminary study for an iron girder bridge for connecting the Ramble and Promenade-terrace, stating that the excavation and dam for the skating pond will be sufficiently complete to permit it to be filled before the next meeting of the Board, and suggesting that application be made to the Croton Board to supply water for the purpose of filling it rapidly when the proper time shall arrive.

The Architect-in-Chief also reported that a communication purporting to be from James Body, received at the last meeting of the Board, proved to be a forgery.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a document containing a complete history of the *Bois de Boulogne*, compiled by M. Alphand; also, a communication in reference to the same, from James Phalen, Esq., dated Paris, October 7, 1858.

The PRESIDENT submitted, in connection with the above, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to Mons. Alphand for the useful and interesting history of the *Bois de Boulogne*, which he has prepared at the cost of so much time and labor.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause the history to be carefully translated for consultation and use in the construction of the Central Park; and that he also communicate these resolutions to M. Alphand.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be also communicated by the President to James Phalen, Esq., of Paris, for the kind interest he has exhibited in procuring for the use of the Board the treatise of M. Alphand, and other information relative to public parks.

The question being put, on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

A communication from Wm. R. Prince & Co., as to their offer of trees, was received and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

A communication from E. Van Aken, having reference to the construction of the lake in the Park, was read and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

The PRESIDENT presented a number of documents received from the directors of various European Parks, in answer to letters of inquiry addressed to them by him.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, they were referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

A letter from Horace Webster, Esq., President of the Free Academy, requesting that the decision of the Board in reference to a site for an observatory, be delayed until the Board of Education can communicate with this Board on the subject, was received and read.

On motion of Mr. GRAY it was referred to the Special Committee heretofore appointed to confer with a Committee of the Trustees of Columbia College upon the same subject.

A communication from Mrs. Susan M. Parish, acknowledging the receipt of a resolution of this Board in reference to the acceptance of her plan, and her pleasure in acceding to the same, was received and read.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Henry Clayton, Esq., of London, in reply to inquiries addressed to him in reference to manufacturing tile.

On motion it was referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

The Treasurer reported that he had investigated the applications of Patrick Henry and John Delany for indemnity for alleged losses, and was not yet ready to report in full.

A requisition for materials was received from the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. STRONG moved its reference to the PRESIDENT and Architect-in-Chief, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

The Executive Committee presented a report on the petition of Joseph King, referred to them at the last meeting, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to Joseph King the amount of money which it appears on investigation was paid by him for buildings on the Park, and which buildings have not been delivered to him.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—6.

The Auditing Committee presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills, examined by them and found correct :

Bills of E. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees.....	\$14 75
“ “ Michael Miller, freight expenses.....	22 11
“ “ G. P. McLachlan, expenses.....	2 04
“ “ Gustin & Fielder, gravel.....	83 75
“ “ R. Biggart, derricks.....	198 41
“ “ Robert Thompson, crane.....	20 38
“ “ Peck, Gedney & Co., cement.....	3813 01
“ “ “ “ “ “ and lime.....	1288 50
“ “ Daniel Gallagher, carting manure	490 00
“ “ “ “ “ sand.....	157 30
“ “ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	99 00
“ “ W. N. Seymour & Co., hardware... ..	49 01
“ “ “ “ “	40 10
“ “ Proprietors N. Y. Times, advertising	3 30
“ “ Adam Kremer, handles	27 96
“ “ Bank of Commerce, rent	250 00
“ “ “ “ janitor's services	21 00
“ “ J. & A. J. Howell, carting stone	256 87
“ “ C. D. Clarke, derrick	149 77
“ “ Henry Nelson, tools	690 57

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Bills of G. S. Mott, lumber	406 56
“ “ Slote & Janes, stationery	100 60
“ “ Parsons & Co., trees	275 30
“ “ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	20 90
“ “ Proprietors N. Y. Times, subscription	6 50
“ “ Jesse Ryder, trees	400 00
“ “ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	61 88
“ “ Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel.....	63 58
“ “ H. A. Millard, sand.....	767 31
“ “ J. J. Bloomfield, stationery....	19 18
“ “ Watson Webb, levelling instrument.....	80 00
“ “ James R. Morgan, ensigns.....	30 00
“ “ “ “ “ powder.....	750 00
“ “ James Prentice, surveying instruments....	22 50
“ “ “ “ “ “	50 50
“ “ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	3 22
“ “ R. L. Allen, ploughs.....	51 10
“ “ “ “ “ barrows, &c.....	289 53
“ “ J. L. Mott Iron Works, stoves.....	65 26
“ “ John Osborn, sashes, arsenal.....	76 50
“ “ Campbell & Moody, pine log.....	16 50
“ “ J. C. Nelson & Co., rope, &c.....	52 40
“ “ Coffin & Kenworthy, bellows, &c.....	50 25
“ “ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	35 28
“ “ Tupper & Wilcox, lumber.....	607 04
“ “ Nicholas Leonard, sand.....	36 00
“ “ D. W. Quimby, freighting manure.....	100 00
	\$12,115 72

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct, in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH from the Auditing Committee presented

the following bills for the action of the Board, the same having been purchased without direct authority of the Board, but being otherwise correct.

Bills of Judd Linseed and Sperm Oil Co., candles....	\$18 75
“ “ J. J. Bloomfield, stationery.....	84 13
“ “ Ed. H. Quinn, tile.....	497 88
“ “ P. Brennan, removing safe.....	35 00
“ “ Jervis McIntie, landscape painting.....	95 00
“ “ Herman Krause, services as draughtsman....	26 00

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of Herman Krause, if found correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

On motion of Mr. GREEN the bill of Jervis McIntie was laid on the table.

Mr. GRAY moved that the bills of the Judd Oil Company, J. J. Bloomfield, and Ed. H. Quinn be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. RUSSELL then moved that the bill of Jervis McIntie be taken from the table and ordered paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of P. Brennan, if the same is found to be correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. GRAY presented the bill of Mary Giorghetti, for meals furnished the clerks, amounting to \$29 06.

Mr. STRONG moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Green, Elliott—3.

Mr. GRAY rose to a question of privilege, and desired to state to the Board that he had been served with a copy of the complaint in a suit brought against him by Egbert L. Viele, late Chief Engineer of the Park, for words alleged to have been spoken at a meeting of this Board, and in his capacity as a Commissioner.

Mr. STRONG submitted the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, a suit at law has been commenced by Egbert L. Viele, against John A. C. Gray, a member of this Board, to recover damages on account of words alleged to have been spoken by said Commissioner Gray, in the discussion of said Viele's qualifications, on a motion made requesting his re-appointment as Engineer :

And whereas, the said alleged words are charged in the complaint of said Viele to have been addressed to Messrs. Commissioners Belmont and Fields :

And whereas, it is important that members of this Board should at all times be protected in the discharge of their duties, and especially that they should be free to express their opinions of the character of the persons seeking appointment by the Board; therefore

Resolved, That this Board will watch with interest the defence of the suit brought by said Viele against Mr. Commissioner Gray, and in his repelling an attempt to invade the rights, independence, and usefulness of this Commission.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the whole matter be laid over.

Mr. GRAY called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Elliott—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Green, Strong—3.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, Mr. Fields called for the ayes and nays, which being taken, the resolution was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Fields—2.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

Mr. RUSSELL moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "*one hundred*," and inserting in place thereof the word "*fifty*," which was accepted.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following:—

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief is authorized and directed to advertise fourteen days in three daily papers, for proposals for the widening of Fifty-ninth street, in accordance with the plan proposed by him. The work to be completed within six months.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Mr. GRAY moved that the resolution requiring the giving of bonds by the Disbursing clerk, adopted by the Board, September 9, 1858, be rescinded.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to employ Mr. Miller, temporarily, to assist in the payments, of money to

the laborers, &c., and to employ Mr. B. F. Crane to assist in the Property Clerk's office during Mr. Miller's temporary employment by the Treasurer.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried—and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING.—1 P. M.

Being set apart as a day of general thanksgiving, no Meeting was held.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING.—1 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Russell, Hogg. No quorum being present, adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING,—1 P. M.

The Board were called together “for the consideration of communications, reports of Committees, and motions and resolutions.”

Present—the PRESIDENT, and			
Commissioner Russell,		Commissioner Fields,	
“ Butterworth,		“ Strong,	
“ Gray,		“ Elliott,	
		“ Hogg.	

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Alfred Austin, Secretary to the First Commissioner of Works, relative to the management of the Public Parks of the city of London, England.

The same being referred, with similar documents received at the last meeting, to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances,

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to Mr. Alfred Austin, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, the thanks of this Board for his valuable communication, enclosing a copy of the laws and ordinances, rules and regulations of the Parks of the city of London.

A communication from Committees of the *Knickerbocker*, *Eagle* and *Empire* Base Ball Clubs of the city of New York, in

regard to the appropriation of ground for the purposes of the game of Base Ball, was received, and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

Two requisitions from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, dated December 1st and 9th, 1858, were read and referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a report, stating that owing to the late heavy rains, work on the Park had been prosecuted very irregularly, and but little accomplished; that no more progress can be made upon the excavation of the skating pond, during the winter, and that it is now filling with water from the natural drainage; also, that two vacancies had occurred in the police force by dismissal, and nominating Edward Roach and William Rutherford Nairn, to fill said vacancies.

Mr. STRONG moved that the nominations be confirmed.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, they were taken up separately.

The question being then put on the confirmation of the nomination of Edward Roach, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—5.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Hogg,—2.

The question being put on the confirmation of the nomination of William Rutherford Nairn, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong,—4.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Hogg,—2.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the Architect-in-Chief was authorized to retain the services of said Roach and Nairn for the present, he having temporarily employed them as policemen.

A communication from Jacob Harsen, relative to the grade of the streets and avenues on the west side of the Park, was read and referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication and plans received by him from the Architect-in-Chief, in answer to enquiries, addressed by him, in regard to the construction of transverse roads across the Park.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to commence the construction of the transverse roads at Sixty-fifth street and Seventy-ninth street, and to prepare specifications for such portions of them as may, in his judgment, be advantageously executed by contract, together with a form of advertising for the same, to be submitted for the consideration of the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

The PRESIDENT also submitted a copy of the ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor, November 12, 1858, authorizing the further issue of stock of the "Central Park Improvement Fund" to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the same be printed as one of the documents of this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

(See Doc., No. 13.)

A communication from Hoffman & Wehle, requesting the return of their plan, was received.

The Executive Committee submitted a report of articles purchased by them during the recess since the last meeting of the Board.

The Auditing Committee presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bills of Tupper & Wilcox, lumber,	\$679 69
" J. C. Johnson, hardware,	178 68
" C. W. Copeland, wire rope,	230 50
" Third Avenue Railroad Co., manure	296 25
" " " " "	323 12
" D. B. Morrell, carting manure	247 75
" " " " sand,	165 55

Bills of Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware,.....	58 62
“ Stewart & Howell, derricks, &c.,	231 42
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees,	14 88
“ McClave & Pettit, lumber,.....	262 45
“ J. & A. J. Howell, trucking stone.....	435 50
“ George H. Gardner, trucking stone.....	144 56
“ E. Chamberlin & Co., sand	74 90
“ Ottaviano Gori, discharging stone.....	130 30
“ “ stone and sawing.....	90 97
“ Brown & Valentine, stone.....	1061 33
“ Colgate & Co., soap, &c.....	30 55
“ Reynolds, Devoe & Pratt, paint, &c.....	29 11
“ Wetmore & Co., iron and steel.....	328 92
“ New York Gas Light Co., gas, Board office	1 00
“ W. R. Prince & Co., trees	131 20
“ New York Herald, subscription.....	6 00
“ Frederick Banfield, carriage of specie....	42 50
“ “ “	2 50
“ Journal Commerce, advertising.....	7 26
“ D. W. Quimby, freighting manure.....	367 75
“ Michael Miller, freight expenses.....	31 13
“ G. W. Smith, expressing.....	4 50
	\$5608 89

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. GRAY presented two bills of Peter Hayes, for tinsmith work at the Park, amounting together to \$84 65, one of which was rejected at the last meeting of the Board, and moved that the same be paid, they having been certified by the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY also presented several bills of F. B. Ball for painting and glazing on the Park.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, they were referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief to report to the Board.

The Treasurer submitted a report showing the total amount of cash in the Bank of Commerce to the credit of the Commission to be \$61,214 69.

Mr. GRAY, from the Special Committee appointed to confer with the Croton Aqueduct Board, reported verbally, that he had held a conference with Messrs. Van Schaick and De Forest of said Board, and that they expressed a willingness to allow this Commission the surplus water from the Reservoir, requisite to fill the skating pond, and were ready to perfect a plan for its proper drainage with the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of forty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong—7.

Nay—Mr. Hogg—1.

Mr. RUSSELL also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief cause to be lithographed a topographical map of the lower park, with a transparent "rider," showing the plan and indicating the progress of the work. Also a similar plan of the upper Park with the proposed extension, on the same scale as exhibited to day.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Henry Winter \$9 50, to John Weger \$2 50, to Frederick Engelhardt \$5, for services as laborers on the Park, provided he finds their claims for those amounts to be just.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT it was

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to report to the Board at the next meeting what experiments in road-making have been made, what are in progress, with the respective costs of each, and such other particulars as may be of use to the members of the Board.

Mr. ELLIOTT also offered the following :

Resolved, That the title of the Chief Executive Officer of the Park, be changed from its present title of Architect-in-Chief to Superintendent of the Park, and that Calvert Vaux, be appointed Architect of the Park, with a salary of _____ dollars per year.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the resolution was referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, to report at the next meeting.

Mr. STRONG, presented the following,

Resolved, That the Board approve of the design for an iron foot-bridge, this day submitted by the Architect-in-Chief, and that he be directed to advertise for proposals for the iron-work of the same, and present the same to the Board.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the resolution was amended by striking out all after the words, "*Architect-in-Chief*."

Mr. GRAY moved to further amend, by adding the words, "*and that he prepare working drawings of the same*."

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following as a substitute for the resolution and amendments.

Resolved, That the Board approve of an iron foot-bridge over the skating pond, and that the Architect-in-Chief be directed to present one or more plans with working drawings for the same, with estimates of weight of iron, cost, &c.

The question being put on the adoption of the substitute it was adopted.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board adopt the design No. 54, this day presented, for a bridge for the Drive near Eighth avenue, at Sixty-fourth street.

Mr. RUSSELL moved to amend the resolution by adding the words "*provided that stone be substituted for brick in the exterior construction of the bridge.*"

The amendment was accepted, and the resolution adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Gray—1.

Mr. GRAY presented the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay L. H. McIntosh his salary for the last month.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following :

Resolved, That Michael Miller be appointed Disbursing Clerk, at a salary of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars per annum, to date from September 1st, 1858 ; said appointment to take effect from the resignation of Mr. McIntosh.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On the further motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That no employee on this Commission be allowed to furnish any article required for the Park, nor shall he be owner of any team or cart except that which he actually drives himself.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to see this resolution enforced.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to D. McCauley the additional sum of

thirty dollars, the said amount being in excess of appropriation made August 5th, 1858, for the purchase of a horse, wagon and harness.

On motion, referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. GRAY moved the appointment of a Special Committee, together with the Architect-in-Chief, to confer with a Committee of the Lyceum of Natural History, in relation to establishing a museum in the Park, and report to the Board.

Which being assented to,

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Gray, Butterworth and Strong.

On motion of Mr. HOGG, the reference of the communication from the Base Ball Clubs to the Architect-in-Chief was reconsidered, and it was referred to a special committee to confer with committees of said clubs.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Hogg, Strong and Gray.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the President was added to the committee.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1858.

REGULAR MEETING,—1 P. M.

Present—the PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Butterworth,
“ Gray,	“ Strong.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1858.

SPECIAL MEETING,—1 P. M.

The Board were called together “for the consideration of communications, reports of Committees, and motions and resolutions.”

	Present—the PRESIDENT, and	
Commissioner Russell,		Commissioner Fields,
“ Butterworth,		“ Strong,
“ Gray,		“ Elliott,
		“ Hogg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT presented further communications from Europe relative to the management of parks, &c.

On motion, they were referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

A communication from the St. Nicholas Base Ball Club, asking the appropriation of a space for their club in the Park grounds.

On motion, it was referred to the Special Committee appointed at last meeting, having charge of similar applications.

A communication from Elias Loomis, Willard Parker and Gorham D. Abbot, committee, in reference to obtaining a site for the establishment of an astronomical Observatory on the Park, was received and referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief.

A communication from William M. Slocum, desiring to with-

draw his proposal for widening Fifty-ninth street, was read and referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from Lachlan H. McIntosh, resigning his appointment as Disbursing Clerk, and calling the attention of the Board to injurious reports in connection with his duties as such officer, with the request that the Board will take some action thereon.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the matter be referred to a Special Committee.

Mr. GRAY moved as an amendment that it be referred to the Treasurer, to report at the next meeting.

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, it was adopted.

A petition was received from Peter Kenney, praying that the Board will direct the payment to him of the sum of five dollars, due him for board by James Campbell, formerly a laborer in the Park.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the petition was denied.

The Treasurer laid before the Board a claim of Francis Degez, for services.

On motion, it was referred to the Acting Property Clerk, to report thereon.

The Treasurer presented his report, showing the total amount in bank to the credit of the Commissioners to be \$24,278 87.

The Treasurer also reported, that in accordance with the direction of the Board, he had settled the claims of Patrick Henry for damage caused by blasting, and of Joseph King for money paid for buildings not received; also that he had obtained evidence in regard to a similar claim of John Delaney, and would report at the next meeting.

A requisition for materials, &c., from the Architect-in-Chief, dated this day, was received and read.

A motion to refer the same to the Executive Committee, with power, was adopted, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. Russell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be requested to prepare the Annual Report to the Common Council, and that he be authorized to have such maps, and plans, and lithographic sketches, executed as may illustrate the progress and design of the Commissioners.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. GREEN nominated the following gentlemen as candidates to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Dillon :

William F. Havemeyer,
Mark Spencer,
Henry S. Stebbins,
Jacob Harsen.

Mr. STRONG presented :

R. B. Minturn,
W. H. Aspinwall,
R. M. Blatchford.

Mr. GRAY presented—

Arthur Leary.

Mr. GRAY moved that the subject of manures be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hogg and Elliott, and the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted.

The Auditing Committee presented a report recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bills of John P. Cummings, gravel.....	\$909 27
“ J. B. & W. W. Cornell, iron (on account)..	7,000 00
“ Daniel Gallagher, carting manure.....	560 00
“ D. W. Quimby, freighting	186 25
“ E. C. Warner, lime, &c.....	337 17
“ “ use of dock.....	100 00
“ Judd Oil Company, candles	13 02
“ J. G. Lightbody, oil casks.....	6 00
“ J. F. Trow, printing.....	1 25
“ The Proprietors N. Y. Times, advertising..	35 36
“ Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel	279 74
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware	52 61
“ Jesse Ryder, trees.....	400 00
“ McClave & Pettit, lumber.....	115 11
“ Peck, Gedney & Co., lime, cement, &c....	1,876 69
“ Ed. Robinson, Jr., commissioner’s fees....	11 00
“ C. H. Mulligan, asphaltum.....	173 60
“ J. G. Lightbody, oil casks.....	5 00
“ H. A. Millard, sand.....	377 00
“ Allen & Stevens, lumber.....	174 31
“ Tupper & Wilcox, “	417 88
“ Arnold & Miller, ladders.....	8 50
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, stoves, &c.....	154 93
“ P. Brennan, coal.....	450 00
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	\$13,644 69

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg.

Mr. FIELDS gave notice of motion to amend the by-laws, as follows :

Add to Rules of Order Article 5.

If any member of a committee shall absent himself from three successive meetings of such committee, after having due notice of such meeting, his place on such committee shall be deemed vacant.

On motion, the amendment was referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

Mr. RUSSELL presented the following report:

The Finance Committee respectfully report—

That by the Treasurer's statement now presented, the amount of cash in Bank on 22d inst., was as follows:

At the credit of the Commission.....	\$17,296 50
At the credit of the Treasurer.....	6,982 37
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	\$24,278 87

The further appropriation of \$300,000 asked for by a resolution of this Board of 16th September last, having been granted by the Common Council, the Comptroller advertised for proposals for a 6 per cent. stock for this amount, which resulted on 20th inst. in the loan being taken by different parties at rates as follows:

5000 at 101.25
30,000 at 101.05
10,000 at 101
255,000 at 100.76
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\$300,000 being an average rate of 100.80½ for each \$100, and resulting in a premium of 2415.50.

There being the same restriction on this appropriation by the terms of the Comptroller's advertisement as was imposed upon the last appropriation, the Commission will be limited again to only \$50,000 a month for the purposes of the Central Park improvements.

New York, 22d December, 1858.

C. H. RUSSELL, } Committee.
W. K. STRONG. }

Mr. GRAY moved that the report be approved and entered on the minutes.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—8.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH presented the bill of W. R. Prince & Co., for trees, amounting to \$97 25, and moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. GRAY presented the following bills incurred under orders for which no direct authority of the Board could be found, and therefore thrown out by the Auditing Committee, but otherwise correct, and moved that they be paid,

W. C. & J. S. Burnham, covering for silt basins, &c.	\$268 67
George Keller, feed for Park horse.....	48 35
S. Philbin, extra work gasfitting, Wagstaff house...	36 77
Gaylor & Carrington, lumber	55 42
John R. Higbie, hardware.....	53 22

Also C. Vaux, for drawings of entrance gate of Mall, in Boston, ordered by resolution of Board 16th Sept. last, (page 122.) \$25 00

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. RUSSELL presented the following resolution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

That the By-Laws be amended by providing for an additional Standing Committee to be called the Advisory Committee : All resolutions and propositions presented to the Board for altering in any manner the adopted design or plan of the Central Park improvement shall be referred to such Committee, who, together with the Architect-in-Chief, shall consider and report on the same before there be any further action thereon by the Board.

Mr. STRONG presented a bill of Fred. Law. Olmsted for incidental expenses of the Architect-in-Chief's office, amounting to \$99 37½, and moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to J. P. Cummings fifteen cents additional on each cubic yard of gravel delivered on the Park.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the resolution was referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the Board then proceeded to open the bids received for widening Fifty-ninth street.

The PRESIDENT announced that there were twenty-six bids in the box.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted four additional proposals, received by Commissioner HOGG, and Mr. Crane, acting Property Clerk, previous to the time of closing, but which had not arrived at the office of the Architect-in-Chief in season to be enclosed in the box with the others.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the four outside bids be received.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted.

The PRESIDENT announced that the total number of bids received was thirty.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, it was directed that the proposals, after being opened, be referred to the Executive Committee.

The following bids were then opened and registered :

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| No. 1. Wm. B. O'Brien, | No. 8. Thomas A. Dunn, |
| 2. Wm. V. Reynolds, | 9. W. A. McSpedon, |
| 3. Michael Casey, | 10. Daniel Gallagher, |
| 4. Justin Arnold, | 11. John P. Cummings, |
| 5. Jeremiah Crowley, | 12. Bartlett Smith, |
| 6. Nicholas McDonald, | 13. Fairchild, Walker & Co., |
| 7. John Kinsley, | 14. C. Smith, |

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| No. 15. Theodore Martine, | No. 24. Arthur Mooty, |
| 16. S. K. Wright, | 25. Liberty L. Lowell & C. |
| 17. John H. Davidson, | K. Gardner, |
| 18. Michael Tracy, | 26. James Hammond & |
| 19. David Babcock, | Philip McGovern, |
| 20. Charles H. Wheeler, | 27. Charles Guidet, |
| 21. William M. Slocum, | 28. Thomas O'Meara, |
| 22. Flint & Hassard, | 29. William A. Cummings, |
| 23. C. P. Durham, | 30. Patrick Brennan. |

Mr. FIELDS moved a reconsideration of the motion referring the proposals to the Executive Committee, which being carried,

Mr. FIELDS moved that they be referred to a Special Committee of three, in conjunction with the President, for examination and classification, and to report thereon to the Board.

The motion was adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Fields, Elliott & Hogg.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Clerk be authorized to purchase cushions for the chairs of those members who desire them.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. HOGG offered the following :

Resolved, That this Board approve of the design for an iron bridge for crossing the skating pond, submitted this day by the Architect-in-Chief, and that he be authorized to contract for the same, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. HOGG also offered the following :

Resolved, That James Grady, a man injured on the Park, in discharge of his duty, on September 6th last, be paid half-pay since that time up to January 1st, 1859.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the matter was referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That the plans for altering the Arsenal be referred to a Special Committee to examine the Arsenal, and report at the next meeting as to the strength of the building, the propriety of the alterations, and the plans.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Elliott, Gray and Fields.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING.—1 P. M.

Present,—The PRESIDENT, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth, “ Elliott,
“ Gray, “ Hogg,
“ Fields, “ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An application from Lawrence Hayes and other laborers on the Park to be paid one day's wages claimed as due them, was referred to the Treasurer.

A similar application from James Clifford was also referred to the Treasurer.

A communication from Samuel I. Gustin, requesting the purchase by the Board of a model and map of the Park, and also of maps of European parks, was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from William M. Slocum, withdrawing a former letter to the Board, received at last meeting, declining to execute his proposal for widening Fifty-ninth street.

The Treasurer submitted the annual account of interest due from the Bank of Commerce on the money deposits of this Board.

A communication from the Common Council being resolutions adopted by them, relative to the employment of men on the Park during the winter, was received and read.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the same be filed.

Mr. GRAY offered as an amendment the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolutions this day presented to the Board by the Common Council be referred to the President to make a suitable reply thereto.

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, it was adopted.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a report in relation to the progress of the work and number of men employed, suggesting the passage of annexed resolutions regarding a proposed Astronomical Observatory ; recommending an appropriation of fifty dollars for the assistance of James Grady, a man injured on the Park, and urging the passage of a resolution, establishing the rate of pay of engineers, &c. ; also, presenting a diagram showing plan for an extension of the Park drives upon the proposed addition to the Park above 106th street.

The Architect-in-Chief also reported in answer to resolutions of the last meeting, what experiments had been undertaken in road making, and submitted diagrams illustrating same.

An application from the Manhattan Base Ball club for permission to occupy ground on the Park during certain days for the practice of their game, was referred to the Special Committee heretofore appointed on similar applications.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c., was read and referred to the Executive Committee with power, by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Treasurer presented his regular report, showing amount cash in Bank as follows :

To Credit of the Commissioners.....	\$55,206 47
“ “ Treasurer.....	11,126 65
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	\$66,333 12

The Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances presented a report on matters referred to them at the last and previous

meetings, recommending the adoption of the following amendments to the By-Laws :

1. That the title of Architect-in-chief be abolished, and that the title of Superintendent of the Park be adopted for the chief Executive officer of the Park, and that the words "Superintendent of the Park," be inserted in the By-Laws and other documents and papers, in place of "Architect-in-Chief."

2. That if any member of a Standing Committee shall absent himself from three successive meetings of such committee, after having due notice of such meetings, his place on said committee shall be deemed vacant.

4. That all resolutions and propositions presented to the Board for altering in any manner the adopted design or plan of the Central Park Improvement, shall be referred to a Special Committee, who shall examine and report upon the same before any further action thereon is had by the Board.

The report also recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux, one of the designers of the plan adopted for the improvement of the Central Park, be appointed Architect of the Park for one year, from December 1st, 1858, at a salary of — per year.

The report being taken up for consideration, the first proposition to amend, was read as follows :

1. "That the title of Architect-in-Chief be abolished, and that the title of Superintendent of the Park, be adopted for the chief Executive officer of the Park; and that the words 'Superintendent of the Park,' be inserted in the By-Laws, and other documents, and papers, in place of 'Architect-in-Chief.'"

Mr. GREEN moved to amend the first proposition as follows :

"Page 3, § 2, second line, insert after the words '*Architect-in-Chief*,' the words, '*and Superintendent*.'"

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and nays upon the adoption of the amendment, which being taken, the amendment was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Belmont—4.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved as an amendment to the first proposition, to strike out the words "*and other documents and papers.*"

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. RUSSELL moved as a further amendment to the proposition, to insert before the word "*Superintendent,*" the word "*General,*" so as to read "General Superintendent of the Park."

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, it was lost.

The question recurring on the adoption of the proposition as amended,

Mr. GRAY moved a reconsideration of the vote on Mr. GREEN'S amendment, to insert after the words "*Architect-in-Chief,*" the words "*and Superintendent.*"

Mr. FIELD called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which being taken, it was lost; a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Belmont—3.

The question being then put on the adoption of the first proposition as amended, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Elliott, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Hogg, Belmont—5.

The second proposition being read as follows :

2. "That if any member of a Standing Committee shall absent himself from three successive meetings of such committee, after having due notice of such meetings, his place on said committee shall be deemed vacant."

Mr. GREEN moved to amend the same by prefixing the words "Page 5, § 7," which amendment was adopted.

The question being then taken on the adoption of the second proposition as amended, it was adopted.

The third proposition being read as follows :

3. That all resolutions and propositions presented to the Board for altering in any manner the adopted design or plan of the Central Park Improvement, shall be referred to a Special Com-

mittee who shall examine and report upon the same before any further action thereon is had by the Board.

Mr. GREEN moved that the same be placed as one of the rules of order on page 6 of the printed by-laws, which being acceded to, the third proposition was adopted.

The resolution accompanying the Report was then read as follows :

Resolved,—That Calvert Vaux, one of the designers of the plan adopted for the improvement of the Central Park, be appointed Architect of the Park, for one year from December 1st, 1858, at a salary of _____ per year.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved to amend the same by inserting the word “*Consulting*” before “*Architect*,” which amendment was accepted.

Mr. ELLIOTT also moved to amend by striking out the words “*of the Park*,” which was accepted.

Mr. GREEN moved as a further amendment to the resolution, to strike out the words “*December 1st, 1858*,” and insert in place thereof, the words “*January 1st, 1859*,” which amendment was also accepted.

The question being then put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. ELLIOTT moved that the blank in the resolution be filled by inserting “two thousand dollars.”

Mr. GRAY moved as an amendment, to insert “twenty-five hundred dollars.”

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott, Hogg—3.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Green, Strong, Belmont—5.

The question being put on the adoption of Mr. Elliott’s motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Auditing Committee submitted a report recommending payment of the following bills :

Bills of James Inglis, stone.....	\$55 00
“ C. D. Clark, rigging derricks.....	49 98
“ N. Y. Staats Zeitung, printing.....	16 00
“ J. W. Southack, desk.....	30 00
“ D. W. Quimby, freighting manure.....	46 88
“ B. Hafnagel, photographic views.....	239 00
“ Luke Manning, manure.....	14 40
“ Wtmore & Co., iron.....	65 38
“ J. Smith, stone, boat, plank.....	349 35
“ R. L. Allen, wheelbarrows.....	132 50
“ Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel.....	459 34
“ Bonton & Smith, hardware.....	4 20
“ Barge “Bachelor,” straw.....	5 04
“ Randolph & Skidmores, coal.....	45 50
“ R. L. Allen, salt.....	16 00
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioner’s fees..	7 50
“ James R. Morgan, powder.....	1467 85
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	59 68
“ Wetmore & Co., zinc, &c.....	112 94
“ W. L. Ferris, trees.....	16 20
“ Parsons & Co., do.....	216 45
“ King & Ripley, do.....	228 50
“ Raynolds, Devoe & Pratt, paint.....	8 50
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	\$3,646 15

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Auditing Committee also presented a report recommending payment of the following bills, incurred without direct authority of the Board, but otherwise correct :

Bills of S. C. Nelson & Co., rope, &c.....	\$52 40
“ Ayeres & Taylor, iron work.....	4 00
“ J. A. Francis, repairing harness.....	5 50
“ N. A. McSpedon, removing roller.....	31 00
“ James Slattery, hauling sand.....	327 00
“ B. F. Crane, incidental expenses.....	12 88
“ David H. Hart, “ “	23 27
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	\$446 05

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the bills so reported.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The report also submitted to the Board for their action the following bills :

W. N. Seymour & Co , hardware.....	\$83 21
W. A. McSpedon, tinker.....	469 45
E. & G. W. Blunt, stationery, &c.,.....	112 22
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	\$664 88

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the above bills.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Hogg—3.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Elliott, Belmont—4.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of E. & G. W. Blunt, amounting to \$112 22.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Green, Belmont—3.

Mr. GRAY then moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of W. A. McSpedon, amounting to \$469 45.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Belmont—6.

Nays—Messrs. Strong, Hogg—2.

Mr. GRAY also moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills of W. N. Seymour & Co., amounting to \$83 21.

Mr. RUSSELL moved as an amendment, that they be referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon.

The question being taken on the adoption of the amendment, it was adopted.

Mr. STRONG renewed Mr. Gray's motion to pay the bill of E. & G. W. Blunt.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the articles in the bill of E. & G. W. Blunt appear to have been purchased without authority of the Board.

Mr. STRONG offered the following as an amendment to the resolution, and moved that it be added thereto :

“but the same have been used in the work on the Central Park, as appears by the certificate appended thereto of the Architect-in-Chief.”

The question being on Mr. STRONG's amendment—

Mr. BELMONT called for the ayes and nays, which being taken the amendment was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Belmont—2.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Elliott, Belmont—6.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Strong, Hogg—3.

Mr. GRAY presented a bill of Thomas McKeon for carriage hire, amounting to \$50 50, and moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Special Committee appointed at last meeting to arrange the proposals received for widening Fifty-ninth street, presented a report and calculation showing the totals of the various bids received.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That the Special Committee on letting Fifty-ninth street, report to the Board, at the next meeting, as to the standing and responsibility of the bidders and of their securities, and as to whether such bidders based their bids upon getting earth from Hamilton square.

Mr. ELLIOTT, from the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate the Arsenal, and report as to the propriety of its alteration and the plans therefor, presented a report, with estimates of the cost, &c.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was laid over, and made the special order for the next meeting.

Mr. ELLIOTT from the Special Committee on Manures, appointed at last meeting also reported progress.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the bill of Messrs. E. & G. W. Blunt, this day presented by the Auditing Committee be paid by the Treasurer.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted as follows ;

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. GRAY presented the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to purchase two of Hayward's new maps of the New York city and harbor for the use of the Commissioners, at six dollars each.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

On motion of Mr. GREEN the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this Board regards with interest the project of establishing an Observatory in the city of New York, which shall be commensurate with the magnitude of its commercial interests and the complement of its other enterprises and facilities for the advancement of science.

Resolved, That the Board is favorably inclined to the proposition to establish such an Observatory upon the Central Park, provided that such a site can be selected and a plan of building proposed as shall harmonize entirely with the primary purposes to which the Park is devoted.

The PRESIDENT presented the following resolutions recommended by the Architect-in-Chief :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to James Grady, whose leg was broken while at work on the Park, the sum of fifty dollars.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Resolved, That the engineers, draughtsmen and office assistants, of the Architect-in-Chief, shall hereafter be paid without deduction for Sundays, holidays, or of days or parts of days, in which they are prevented from duty by illness, or when they have obtained written leave of absence from the Architect-in-Chief, provided that the length of the time of absence, whether occasioned by illness or by leave, shall not exceed one week.

Mr. HOGG moved to amend the resolution by adding the words, "*and provided that they shall not be detailed to any duty in the Park, except that to which they are specially appointed.*"

The question being put on the adoption of the amendment, it was lost.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, it was directed that the resolution take effect from January 1st, 1859.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the _____ be requested to communicate to the Croton Aqueduct Board, the desire of this Board to proceed at an early day with the construction of a ride or drive around the new Reservoir, similar to that contemplated in the plan of the Park, and to obtain the views of the Croton Aqueduct Board with respect thereto, so that in the construction and maintenance of such ride or drive, every regard shall be had to the safety of the Reservoir, and the purity of the waters thereof, and that the President also submit to this Board, at its next meeting, the basis of an agreement to be entered into with said Croton Board, for approval.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted, and, on motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, the blank in said resolution was filled by inserting "President."

THE PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication and plans received by him from John J. Serrell, City Surveyor, having reference to the sewerage of the Park.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to have prepared at the expense of the Board, proper papers and ordinances, with respect to the sewerage of the Park, and submit the same to the Common Council.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions reported by the President and Architect-in-Chief, to whom was referred the communications from Columbia College, the Free Academy, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Loomis, Parker and Abbott, and which were adopted this day, be communicated to said institutions and to said committee.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following ;

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay L. H. McIntosh \$104 34 for services as clerk for the month of December, and that the resignation of said McIntosh, offered at last meeting, be accepted.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. GRAY also offered the following:

Resolved, That it is expedient for the good management and improvement of the Park to appoint a Deputy Superintendent, who shall be a practical gardener.

Resolved, That Thomas Hogg be appointed Deputy Superintendent, at a salary of _____ dollars per annum.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved, as an amendment, to substitute the name of Samuel I. Gustin in place of Thomas Hogg.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, a statement of all the debts and liabilities of the Board up to January 1st, instant.

Mr. ELLIOTT submitted the following names in nomination to fill the vacancy in the Board:

Stephen P. Russell,
David Dudley Field,
William C. Bryant.

Mr. GRAY submitted the names of
J. W. Edmonds,
Dudley Field.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President be authorized to have a memorial prepared and presented to the Legislature for a law to authorize the enlargement of the Central Park, extending the bounds from the south side of One hundred-and-sixth street to the south side of One hundred-and-tenth street, and taking all the land within these bounds and between the Fifth and Eighth avenues, and to grant to this Commission the necessary authority and means to carry out and complete the work on this enlarged area, and for such other improvements as are contemplated and have been presented to the notice of the Common Council in our memorial of 24th August last.

Resolved, That the President be requested in said memorial to the Legislature to also apply for amendments of the law creating the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, first submitting such for the approval of the Board.

Resolved, That a committee of three including the President, be appointed to take all necessary means for carrying the above into effect.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, it was

Resolved, That the President be authorized to have an application made to the Common Council for leave to use the surplus dirt on Hamilton square

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved,* That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by his Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-chief be authorized to import for planting the next spring, such additional trees as may be more advantageously obtained from abroad than at home, and that an appropriation of one thousand dollars be made for this object.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—6.

Nay—Mr. Hogg—1.

Mr. RUSSELL moved a reconsideration of that portion of the

report of the Committee on By Laws and Ordinances relative to the title of the Architect-in-chief, which, being carried,

Mr. RUSSELL moved to amend the proposition of the Committee by altering the designation to "*Chief Architect and Superintendent.*"

Mr. GRAY called for the ayes and nays upon the motion, which, being taken, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green—4.

Nays—Messrs. Elliott, Strong, Hogg—3.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1859.

SPECIAL MEETING.—1 P. M.

The BOARD were called together “for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, and motions and resolutions.”

	Present,—The PRESIDENT, and	
Commissioner Russell,		Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth,		“ Hogg,
“ Gray,		“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that they be amended on page 175, so as to read :

The Treasurer submitted the annual account of interest *credited to the Commission by the Bank of Commerce, amounting to \$2,909 97*; also, to insert after the word ‘*filed*’ on the last line of the same page, the words ‘*which was adopted*’ and to strike out in the succeeding line, the words ‘*as an amendment.*’

The amendments were adopted, and the minutes as so amended approved.

Mr. BELMONT requested the attention of the Board to a personal explanation in regard to a reference to him in a resolution offered by Mr. Strong on the 16th November last.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief, stating that very little work had been done on the Park the past week on account of the severity of the weather, that the wages of the foremen had been reduced, and the assistant foremen entirely suspended; that the skating-pond had been visited by numerous persons, and suggesting the employment of more efficient means for flooding it; submitting a proposal from Messrs. Fairchild, Walker & Co. for executing the earthwork for the proposed Ride around the new Reservoir, and requesting the appointment of a Committee for the consideration of proposals from the inventor of the steam stone-breaker, and other matters connected with road construction.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c. was received.

Mr. GRAY moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power, with the exception of the item of "pumps and hose."

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The Treasurer submitted a report from the Acting Property Clerk, stating that he had examined the bill of F. B. Ball, for painting, received by the Board, December 9, 1858, and referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief to report thereon, and that he believed the bill to be just.

The Acting Property Clerk also submitted a communication received by him from C. P. Durham, desiring to withdraw his proposal for widening Fifty-ninth street.

On motion, it was referred to the Special Committee having the matter in charge.

A further report from the Acting Property Clerk relative to the claim of Francis De Gez, for services to the amount of \$20, and stating that in his belief the same is just, was received.

Mr. HOGG moved that the Treasurer be authorised to pay the claim of De Gez.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorised to procure suitable pumps or an engine, with hose, for flooding the ice upon the ponds upon the Park and other purposes—expense not to exceed \$

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GRAY moved to fill the blank in the resolution by inserting “\$300.”

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication and resolution from the Croton Aqueduct Board, having reference to the proposed Ride around the New Reservoir, which was read ; as was also the proposal of Fairchild, Walker & Co., referred to by the Architect-in-Chief in his report.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the communication of the Croton Board to this Board, be referred to a Special Committee to consist of Mr. Elliott, Mr. Green and Mr. Belmont, and that they be authorized to perfect the proposed agreement with that board for a road around the Reservoir and report to the Board for its confirmation.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the last part of the report of the Architect-in-Chief received this day was referred to the same committee.

The Executive Committee presented a report on a resolution in regard to the payment to Mr. Cummings of fifteen cents additional on each cubic yard of gravel delivered by him on the Park, referred to them on the 23d December, 1858, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to J. P. Cummings, fifteen cents additional on each cubic yard of gravel delivered on the Park, being 2282 yards, and that the purchase of an additional quantity of gravel so as not to exceed 2500 yards in all, be authorized by the Board.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the report and resolution were adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The Executive Committee also presented a report on an application of Samuel I. Gustin, referred to them at the last meeting, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and requested to purchase of Mr. S. I. Gustin his model of the Central Park, representing it in its original condition, and including the proposed extension, and to pay therefor the sum of \$

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the report and resolution were laid on the table.

Mr. GRAY offered the following:

Resolved, That B. F. Crane be appointed Property Clerk at a salary of \$ per annum, to date from his appointment, as Assistant Property Clerk.

On motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, the resolution was laid over.

Mr. GREEN offered the following:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission, as have been or have hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The question being put at the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. HOGG moved the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the men numbering 170, or more, discharged by the Architect-in-Chief on Monday, the 10th inst., be restored to the roll of men employed on the Park.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to expend an additional sum of five hundred dollars in moving rocks.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

A communication was received from a Committee of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College, submitting a draft of an Act of the Legislature, for the purpose of legalizing the appropriation of a portion of the Park, for the purpose of an Observatory.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, it was referred to the President and Architect-in-Chief.

The PRESIDENT reported that, in accordance with the order of the Board, he had addressed the Common Council on the subjects of the sewerage of the Park, and of procuring earth from Hamilton Square.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the communications, and also the memorial to the Legislature, authorized at the last meeting, be printed as documents of this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

(See Documents Nos. 14, 15, 16.)

The PRESIDENT also submitted drafts for Acts of the Legislature for the widening of the Seventh avenue, extending the area of the Park, and amending the Act creating this Board.

The same being read and amended were then adopted, and the President authorized to present the same to the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. STRONG, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Gray,	Commissioner Elliott,
“ Fields,	“ Hogg,
“ Strong,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from W. A. McSpedon and John Callahan proposing to supply top soil for the Park, was read, and referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon.

A communication was received from Ro. H. Gallaher, in reference to procuring for the Park the “Colossal Equestrian Statue of Jackson,” which was read and ordered filed.

A sealed package, marked “Estimate for bridges,” was received, and referred to the Executive Committee.

The PRESIDENT submitted a memorial to the Legislature, prepared by him in accordance with a resolution of the Board, passed at the meeting of the 6th inst., which being read,

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the President was requested to transmit the memorial, together with the drafts of Acts submitted at the last meeting, to the Legislature.

The PRESIDENT presented a map showing grades of lots on the Eighth avenue as at present established, and also as desired by owners of said lots adjacent to the Park.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon at the next meeting.

A communication was received from the Architect-in-Chief,

enclosing forms of notices and specifications for the construction of transverse roads.

On motion of Mr. HOGG, it was laid over.

Mr. GRAY moved that the vacancy in the Auditing Committee, caused by the resignation of Mr. Dillon, be filled, which being acceded to,

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Elliott as a member of the Auditing Committee, to fill said vacancy.

Mr. HOGG offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bill of F. B. Ball for painting, amounting to five hundred and twenty-five dollars and ninety-four cents (525 94.)

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Special Committee on Proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street, presented a report recommending that the work be not given out for the present.

Mr. GREEN presented the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, it was

Resolved, That C. P. Durham's proposition for widening Fifty-ninth street and the accompanying papers be returned to him, he having withdrawn his bid.

The Special Order was then taken up, being the Report of the Special Committee on the alterations of the Arsenal. The Report being read—

Mr. FIELDS desired to state that he had not signed the report, as, although entirely agreeing with the other members of the Committee as to the facts stated, he had doubted the propriety of the expenditure recommended by them.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the Report was referred back to the Committee, to procure specifications for altering the building in the simplest manner possible.

Mr. GRAY, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported, that Mr. Hutchins had not attended three meetings of said Committee since the amendment to the By Laws in reference thereto, passed January 6th, instant, although duly notified, and moved that in accordance with Section 7 of the Amended By Laws, his place on such Committee be declared vacant, and that the President appoint a member to fill such vacancy.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Russell a member of the Executive Committee, to fill such vacancy.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposed Ride around the New Reservoir be referred to a Committee to report what, if any, modifications can be made to it.

Mr. BELMONT offered as an amendment :

Resolved, That it is not desirable to construct the Ride around the New Reservoir, as laid down on the plan.

Pending the consideration of the resolution and amendment,

On motion of Mr. BELMONT, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1859.

SPECIAL MEETING.—1 P. M.

The Board were called together for the consideration of the Annual Report to the Common Council.

Present,—The **PRESIDENT**, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Hogg,
“ Gray,	“ Belmont.

The draft of the Report, as prepared by the President in accordance with a resolution of the Board of December 23, 1858, being read,

Mr. **RUSSELL** moved that the same be adopted as the report of this Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. **GRAY** moved that the Annual Report and the report and statement of the Treasurer thereto annexed be printed as one of the documents of this Board,

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Green, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7 (See Doc. No. 17.)

The **ARCHITECT-IN-CHIEF** submitted a report having reference to proposed alterations of grades of the Eighth avenue, as specified on a profile map received and referred to the Architect-in-Chief at the last meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. **GRAY** the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HAET,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING.—1 P. M.

Present,—The PRESIDENT and
 Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Elliott,
 “ Butterworth, “ Strong,
 “ Gray, “ Hogg,
 “ Belmont.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The following communications were received :

From James C. S. Sinclair, enclosing bill for services as engineer, second division of Central Park, from October 31st to November 13, 1857.

Referred to the President.

From W. H. Van Cott, chairman of a committee of the Base Ball Clubs of the city of New York, in relation to obtaining play-grounds in the Park.

Referred to the Special Committee, having similar applications in charge.

From J. H. Brown, soliciting permission to erect a temporary building for supplying refreshments to persons frequenting the skating pond.

Laid on the table.

From Norman Ewen, requesting attention to an application previously submitted, to be paid for services as engineer, third division, in 1857.

Referred to the President.

From Samuel I. Gustin, proposing to furnish gravel for the Park.

Laid on the table.

From James Rhodes, proposing to enter into a contract for breaking stones by machine.

Mr. GRAY moved that it be referred to the Architect-in-Chief, with power to contract, for not exceeding fifteen thousand yards, at not exceeding fifty cents per square yard.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

From W. E. Russell, applying for lease of building for the supplying of refreshments to visitors at the Park, should such a building be erected.

Laid on the table.

A requisition for materials, &c., dated this day, was received from the Architect-in-Chief.

On motion, it was referred to the Executive Committee, with power as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the usual order of business was suspended to allow of the receiving of reports of committees.

The Executive Committee submitted a report in answer to a resolution of the Board of January 6th, 1859, showing the liabilities of the Board up to January 1st, 1859, to be \$46,124 16.

On motion, the same was accepted, and ordered printed, as one of the documents of the Board. (See Document No. 18.)

The Auditing Committee presented the following report:

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK:
The Auditing Committee respectfully report—

That in accordance with the fourth section of Article IV. of the By-Laws, they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer

and the employees of the Board, up to January 1st, 1859, and that they find the same to be correct.

Dated New York, January 24th, 1859.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH,	} Auditing Committee.
JNO. A. C. GRAY,	
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT,	

On motion, the same was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Auditing Committee submitted a report recommending the payment of the following bills :

Bill of C. D. Clark, derrick gearing.....	\$35 00
“ Mathew Betts levelling instrument	105 00
“ Henry Bieringer, plane table.....	125 00
“ Cobb, Howell & Fields, derrick gearing....	37 77
“ Adam Kremer, handles.....	12 72
“ H. A. Millard, sand.....	382 25
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	113 50
“ “ “	91 47
“ “ “ and steel.....	129 90
“ “ “	48 42
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioner’s fees...	6 50
“ “ “	7 25
“ R. L. Allen, wheelbarrows.....	232 50
“ Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel.....	285 00
“ “ “	119 94
“ “ “	129 10
“ Truman B. Brown, moving rocks.....	500 00
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	43 50
“ Charles W. Copeland, wire rope.....	359 50
“ George Hayward, maps.....	12 00
“ James R. Morgan, powder.....	800 00
“ Third avenue R. R. Co., manure.....	336 25
“ Bank of Commerce, janitor’s services	21 00
“ “ “ “ rent.....	250 00
“ J. W. Southack, furniture.....	16 75
“ J. J. Bloomfield, stationery.....	27 30
“ W. N. Seymour & Co., hardware.....	19 77

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Bill of Dannat & Brother, lumber.....	21 50
“ Wetmore & Co., iron,.....	106 91
“ Coffin & Kenworthy.....	103 16
“ Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	1,887 50
“ Francis Fagan, freighting manure.....	20 00
“ Daniel Gallagher, carting “	350 00
“ “ “ “ “	140 00
	\$6,876 46

The report was accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct in their report of this day.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The Auditing Committee also presented a report of bills, which appeared to have been incurred without direct authority of the Board, but being in every respect otherwise correct, were recommended for payment, as follows :

Bills of Coffin & Kenworthy, files, &c.,.....	\$40 83
“ “ D. B. Morrell, carting sand.....	119 35
“ “ “ “ manure.....	134 50
“ “ Henry Nelson, tools,.....	811 13
“ “ W. C. & J. S. Burnham, castings.....	61 07
“ “ James A. Bradley, brooms.....	15 20
“ “ “ “ “	19 00
“ “ Haden P. Smith, expenses.....	3 40
“ “ William Gordon, travelling expenses.....	23 12
“ “ William Curr, “ “	22 09
“ “ Charles Corser, timber	21 25
“ “ Joseph Sadgebury, canvas.....	7 50
“ “ William Bramwell, drawing.....	10 00
“ “ Peter Hayes, tinsmith work.....	52 44
“ “ Wetmore & Co., door springs and saws....	7 83
“ “ R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., stationery..	374 63
“ “ James Slattery, carting sand,.....	343 60
	\$2,066 94

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Bills of Judd Linseed and Sperm oil Co., candles..	13 02
“ “ Adam Kremer, handles,.....	18 25
“ “ Manhattan Gas Light Co., gas	61 69
“ “ A. J. Howell, use of truck.....	45 00
“ “ A Tower, pump and hose.....	42 90
“ “ John C. Parker, sawing.....	4 00
“ “ “ “	40 64
“ “ Bouton & Smith, cloth, spokes, &c.....	10 39
“ “ N. M. Freeman, medical services to men injured on the Park.....	14 00
	\$2,316 83

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills so reported.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief, stating that the skating pond had been visited by multitudes of persons, and the means that had been adopted for the preservation of order and safety ; that numerous applications had been made for the privilege of erecting buildings for the sale of refreshments ; alluding also to the efficiency of the police force, the necessity for an increase in the number of patrolmen, and their proper drilling and training, in order that the ordinances of the Board may be fully carried into effect.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board consider it of the first importance that strict sobriety, good manners, punctuality and exactness in the execution of orders, neatness and uniformity of appearance, should be rigidly required of the police force of the Park, and that for this purpose the Board recommend frequent and thorough drills, careful inspection and constant discipline to be observed.

Mr. HOGG moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word “*recommend*” and inserting in place thereof the word “*order*,” which was accepted, and the resolution as amended adopted.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to fill the vacancies existing in the police of the Park, and to increase the number of patrolmen to thirty-two ; that he select men for this service as soon as practicable, and that when each has had a sufficient trial and has proved himself well adapted to the duties required in the police of the Park he shall be nominated to this Board, and that until appointed by this Board the remuneration to such candidates shall not exceed \$1 50 per diem.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. ELLIOTT also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to procure suitable uniform apparel for the keepers of the Park, such apparel to be the property of this Board, and to be used only in the service of this Board, and that from the wages otherwise to be paid such keepers, such a sum not to exceed one dollar a week shall be withheld as shall compensate for the use of said apparel.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a further report, detailing the amount of material necessary for the construction of the proposed Ride around the New Reservoir ; recommending that contracts be made for one thousand tons of New Brunswick stone : stating the necessity for determining on a plan for the distribution of water to all parts of the Park, and suggesting an appropriation of three hundred dollars for instruments of water conveyance, for the purpose of certain necessary experiments. Also, returning the bill of W. N. Seymour & Co., referred at the meeting of the Board, January 6th, 1859, and recommending its payment

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of W. N. Seymour & Co., recommended by the Architect-in-Chief, amounting to \$83 21.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont
—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be directed to contract, on behalf of the Board, for one thousand tons New Brunswick stone.

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to immediately procure such materials as will hereafter be required for permanent use upon the Park, for the conveyance and distribution of water, and to expend a sum for this purpose not exceeding \$250.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont
—6.

A report from the Architect-in-Chief, received informally at the last (special) meeting of the Board, in relation to the application of certain owners of property on the Eighth avenue, for a change of grades of lots bordering on the Park, was taken up and read.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the report was accepted, and the President authorized on behalf of the Board, to assent to the proposed alterations, with the modifications suggested in the report of the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont
—6.

The Treasurer reported verbally in relation to the bill of D. McCauley, for a horse, referred to him at the meeting of December 9th, 1858, that the original appropriation, authorized

August 5th, 1858, for a horse, wagon and harness, was reduced by the purchase of wagon and harness, to \$145, and recommending the payment of that amount to Mr. McCauley, on his giving his receipt, in full.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Treasurer be authorized to settle the bill of D. McCauley, for a sum not exceeding \$145.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The PRESIDENT presented to the Board the Memoir of the *Bois de Boulogne*, by M. Alphaud, referred to him at the meeting of November 16th, 1858, to have translated, accompanied by the translation.

The PRESIDENT also laid before the Board for their action, the bill of P. Arpin, for translating the documents referring to the *Bois de Boulogne*, amounting to \$50, and a communication from Mr. Arpin, stating that the amount charged was that agreed upon, but that it did not cover the value of the work.

Mr. HOGG moved that the amount of the bill be increased to \$75, and that it be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

The Treasurer reported the amount of funds in bank as follows:

At the credit of the Commission.....	\$3,206	47
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	4,447	36
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	\$7,653	83

Mr. GRAY moved that the Clerk be authorized to subscribe to the “*Albany Evening Journal*,” for three months.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

On motion of Mr. BELMONT, it was—

Resolved, That as it may be expedient to widen the whole or portion of the Drive, a Committee be appointed to report to this Board, on this point, at the next regular meeting.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such Committee, Messrs. Belmont, Gray and Russell.

Mr. BELMONT offered the following, as an amendment to the seventh section of Article IV. of the By-Laws.

That if any Member of a Standing Committee shall absent himself from three successive regular meetings of such committee, after having due notice of such meetings, *and without having communicated satisfactory reasons for such absence to the President of this Board, or the Chairman of the said Committee*, his place on said Committee shall be deemed vacant.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, it was referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

Messrs. Elliott and Hogg, from the Special Committee on Proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street, presented a report stating that they had further investigated as to the responsibility of the bidders, and recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the contract for widening Fifty-ninth street be awarded to William M. Slocum, according to the terms of his bid, upon his giving security to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, it was laid on the table till the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, it was—

Resolved, That the Committee which has in charge the presentation of the Memorial of this Board to the Legislature, be authorized to acquiesce in such modifications of the reported Bills as in their judgment may be judicious.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to purchase, not to exceed one hundred and fifty yards of surface soil, at a cost of fifty cents per yard, delivered on the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay L. H. McIntosh, the sum of \$104 $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{8}$ dollars, for services during the month of January.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Hogg, Belmont—6.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Gray to fill the vacancy in the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, caused by the resignation of Mr. Dillon.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Butterworth,	“ Elliott,
“ Gray,	“ Hogg,
“ Fields,	“ Belmont.

The minutes of the previous meetings of January 29th and February 3d, were read.

Mr. GRAY moved that they be amended by striking out the word “*square*” in the 7th line of page 202, and inserting in place thereof the word “*cubic*,” which was carried.

Mr. RUSSELL moved, that hereafter in the minutes the names of the Auditing Committee be appended to the reports submitted by them ; which was carried, and the minutes, as amended, approved.

The following communications were received :

From George P. Hopkins, claiming pay for services rendered in the office of the Disbursing Clerk.

Mr. Hogg moved that it be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg.
—6.

From a Committee of Conference in regard to the proposed Astronomical Observatory, especially in reference to its location within the Central Park.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the matter be referred to a special committee of three, of which the President shall be one—which was carried.

From Theo. R. DeForest, Secretary of the Croton Aqueduct Board, enclosing a resolution of said Board, rescinding a resolution of said Board passed January 12th, 1859, in relation to the proposed Ride around the new Reservoir.

From Theodore Martine, in reference to his proposal for regulating and grading Fifty-ninth street.

Referred to the Special Committee on Proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street.

From Stewart and Howell, Superintendents of Bridges, enclosing check for \$13 20, amount received by them from sale of empty barrels.

The amount was ordered to be deposited in the Treasury.

From the same, enclosing check for \$25, and stating that they had been overpaid that amount on February 1st, 1859.

The Treasurer returned the bill of H. A. Millard for sand, amounting to \$382 25, referred to him with others reported by the Auditing Committee at the last meeting, stating that he had not paid the same in consequence of a resolution adopted by the Board December 9th, 1858, prohibiting employees of the Park from furnishing materials for the Park.

Mr. STRONG moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the said bill.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

The Treasurer submitted a statement in reference to claims referred to him of Thomas McKeon, John Delaney, J. C. S. Sinclair and Norman Ewen.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the bill of Thomas McKeon, for carriage hire, amounting to \$50 50, be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the claim of John Delaney, for remuneration for alleged losses sustained from purchase of buildings on the Park, be denied.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the claim of James C. S. Sinclair, for services as engineer, amounting to \$43 33, be referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same if found correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the claim of Norman Ewen, for services as engineer, be referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same if found correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—8.

Mr. GRAY moved that the claim of J. B. Bacon, for services as engineer, be taken from the Auditing Committee, and referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same if found correct.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Treasurer presented his regular report, showing the amount of funds in bank, as follows :

At the credit of the Commission.....	\$28,206 47
“ “ Treasurer.....	2,934 67
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	\$31,141 14
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The Treasurer reported verbally that he had paid most of the bills reported at the last meeting by the Auditing Committee, as having been incurred without authority, and referred to him, with power to settle same.

The Executive Committee presented a report recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be empowered to make purchases to an amount not exceeding **200** — dollars, during the interval occurring between regular meetings of the Board: said purchases to be reported weekly to the Executive Committee.

Mr. BELMONT moved that the blank in the resolution be filled by inserting "*two hundred*," which was carried, and the resolution adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Green—2.

The Executive Committee in the same report submitted the following resolution adopted by them, and asked that the same be confirmed by the Board.

Resolved, That hereafter no individual member of this Committee shall make any purchases unless under power delegated to him by the vote of a majority of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the resolution was confirmed.

The Executive Committee also presented a report of articles purchased by them during the interval between meetings of the Board.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be in every respect correct and just, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

Bill of William Dykes, freighting and carting manure	\$1,507 62
“ John P. Cummings, gravel.....	1,925 00
“ Third Avenue Railroad Company, manure	500 00
“ Charles W. Copeland, wire rope	96 00
“ Patent Water and Gas Pipe Company, pipe	239 54
“ E. Brown & Son, engineers' instruments ..	27 00
“ H. Homer, door spring.....	1 00
“ Proprietors <i>New York Tribune</i> , advertising	44 70
“ Stephen Philbin, gas-fitting.....	46 26
“ Rutter, Bro. & Moss, manure.....	60 00
“ James Slattery, carting sand	120 00
“ D. B. Morrell, “ manure.....	200 00
“ Field & Brother, sashes.....	8 25
“ Michael Miller, incidental expenses.....	16 66
“ Allen, Stevens & Co., lumber	134 21
“ Hell Gate Ferry Company, use of wharf ..	20 00
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	13 50
“ George H. Webb, blasting instruments ...	30 00
“ Ed. Robinson, Jr., commissioner's fees	6 50
“ S. C. Nelson & Co., rope.....	82 83
“ David H. Hart, incidental expenses Board office.....	18 13
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, stove.....	22 06
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The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct in their report of this day.

New York, Feb. 16, 1859.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH,	} Auditing Committee.
JNO. A. C. GRAY,	
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT,	

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, the bill of D. B. Morrell, for carting manure, amounting to \$200, was referred back to the Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of the remainder of the report and the resolution, they were adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

The Auditing Committee also presented the following report:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be correct, but which having been incurred without any direct authority of the Board, they submit to the Board for their action:

Bill of Charles L. Young & Co., coal.....	\$44 00
“ Damascus Steel and Iron Co., steel.....	108 95
“ Henry Homer, wire cloth.....	148 50

February 16, 1859.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } Auditing
Jno. A. C. GRAY, } Committee.

Mr. GRAY moved that the bills so reported be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—6.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Fields, Green—3.

Mr. ELLIOTT, of the Special Committee on the proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street, made a verbal statement of the investigation of the Committee as to the character and responsibility of the bidders and their securities, &c.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in consequence of a misunderstanding existing with some of the bidders for the contract for widening Fifty-ninth street, in regard to their expectation that dirt could be

procured from Hamilton Square, which this Board are not prepared to agree be given: Therefore, for the purpose of giving all bidders an opportunity of sending in new bids, with the express understanding that the Board will in no event agree to furnish earth, it is

Resolved, That all the bids heretofore received, in regard to widening Fifty-ninth street, are hereby rejected.

Resolved, That new proposals for widening Fifty-ninth street be advertised five days, in three papers; and, also, that special notice be sent to each of the bidders, under the last proposals, by the clerk.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolutions, they were adopted as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—9.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following:

Resolved, That it is desirable to modify the Arsenal building so as to render it suitable for offices for the use of the Commission, and for other purposes in harmony with the landscape design of the Park.

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto the words "*at an expense not exceeding ten thousand dollars.*"

Mr. GRAY moved as a substitute for the amendment to add to the resolution the words, "*Provided the expense of the alteration on the plan submitted by the Consulting Architect shall not exceed forty thousand dollars.*"

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the whole matter be laid on the table.

The question being put, the motion was lost.

The amendments to the resolution being withdrawn, it was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, Mr. Russell was appointed as one of the committee on the Arsenal alteration, in addition to those already appointed.

Messrs. BELMONT and GRAY, of the Special Committee appointed to report as to the expediency of widening the Drive, presented a majority report recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commission direct the Drive, beginning at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and passing around the Parade Ground to Seventy-second street, and from thence to the Seventh avenue entrance, to be made at least sixty feet in width.

Mr. RUSSELL, of the same committee, made a verbal minority report, stating his non-concurrence in the views of the other members of the committee, and offered the following as a substitute for their resolution :

Resolved, That wherever it shall be deemed expedient by the Architect-in-Chief to vary from the established width of roads, such variation be authorized, provided that no carriage-road shall be made less than thirty, nor more than sixty feet wide.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the plan submitted this day by the Architect-in-Chief, for widening the Drive at certain points, be adopted as a substitute for the resolution and substitute.

Mr. FIELDS called for the previous question.

Mr. RUSSELL, by unanimous consent, withdrew his substitute in order that the question should be first taken on the resolution offered by the majority of the committee.

Mr. FIELDS withdrew his call for the previous question.

Mr. FIELDS then moved that the plan this day submitted by the Architect-in-Chief, for widening the Drive at certain points, be adopted as a substitute for the resolution offered by the majority of the committee, and called for the previous question.

The question being put on the call for the previous question, it was carried.

The question being put on the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Fields, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Belmont—4.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution offered by the majority of the committee, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Hogg, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Green, Elliott, Strong—4.

Mr. RUSSELL then again offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That wherever it shall be deemed expedient by the Architect-in-Chief to vary from the established width of roads, such variation be authorized provided that no carriage-road shall be made less than thirty, nor more than sixty feet wide.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Green, Elliott, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Hogg, Belmont—3.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. GRAY then offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Russell's resolution :

Resolved, That the roadway, commencing at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and passing around the Parade Ground by Seventy-second street, and returning to the Seventh and Eighth avenues, be made as near as practicable sixty feet wide.

The question being put on the adoption of the substitute, it was lost, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—5.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Green—2.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following as a substitute for his former resolution :

Resolved, That wherever it shall be deemed expedient by the Architect-in-Chief to increase the established width of roads, such variation be authorized, provided that no carriage-road shall be made more than sixty feet wide ; and that the Architect-in-Chief may make the Drive beginning at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and passing around the Parade Ground to Seventy-second street, and from thence to the Seventh avenue entrance, of a width of sixty feet, unless he deems such change inexpedient.

The question being put on the adoption of the substitute, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of eight thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to advise with the Architect-in-Chief with regard to the nomenclature of the Park, and report to the Board.

The PRESIDENT appointed as such committee Messrs. Russell, Elliott and Belmont.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief, for materials, &c., was received, and referred to the Executive Committee, with power, by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg, Belmont—7.

Mr. BELMONT announced his intention to leave the city for a time, and asked that leave of absence be granted him by the Board.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, such leave of absence was granted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Russell and Gray, who, with the President, are the Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Committee of Conference regarding the proposed Astronomical Observatory.

The PRESIDENT also appointed Messrs. Russell and Strong, as the committee, in conjunction with the President, having charge of the Memorial of this Board now before the Legislature.

The Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—The PRESIDENT, and
Commissioners Gray, Fields, Elliott and Hogg.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1859.

SPECIAL MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Butterworth,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Gray,	“ Elliott,
“ Fields,	“ Hogg.

The minutes of the last meeting being read,

Mr. ELLIOTT moved to amend the same by striking out the word “*hereafter*” in his resolution as to modifying the Arsenal building, found on page 217.

The amendment was accepted, and, on motion, the minutes as so amended, approved.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief in relation to the proposal of Messrs. W. A. McSpedon and John Callahan for supplying top-soil, stating that he considered the price demanded much too high.

A requisition from the Architect-in-Chief for materials, &c., was received, and referred to the Executive Committee with power by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

The Architect-in-Chief also presented a report of a new system for taking account of the time of the men employed on the Park, and recommending the appointment of timekeepers : also that authority be given for an advance of wages of employees when deemed expedient.

The following communications were received :

From Robert L. Pell, proposing to supply gravel for the Park.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From W. R. Prince & Co. renewing a former offer for supplying trees for the Park.

Referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report to the Board.

From A. M. Coffin enclosing and asking payment of a bill of articles alleged to have been purchased by Commissioner Hogg for the Park.

Laid on the table.

From Calvin Tomkins & Co., proposing to supply unslacked lime for the Park.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From P. Casey, asking payment of money due him as alleged, for work on the Park.

On motion of Mr. STRONG the same was referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same.

The Treasurer returned to the Board, for their action, a number of bills referred to him at the meeting of February 3d, 1859, with authority to pay the same, stating his reasons for declining to pay them.

On motion the bills were taken up separately for disposal.

The Treasurer presented the bill of D. B. Morrell for carting manure, amounting to \$134 50.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the same.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Also the bill of William Bramwell for drawings of sluice gate, amounting to \$10.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Also the bill of Bouton and Smith for repairs to the express wagon, amounting to \$10 39.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Elliott—1.

Also, the bill of N. M. Freeman, M.D., for medical services to men injured on the Park, amounting to \$14 00.

Mr. STRONG moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay.—Mr. Green—1.

Also the bill of Peter Hayes for tinsmith work, amounting to \$52 44.

Mr. STRONG moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Also the bill of John C. Parker for sawing, amounting to \$40 64.

Mr. STRONG moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Also the bill of A. J. Howell, for use of truck, amounting to \$45 00.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the Treasurer be authorised and directed to pay the same, if it shall appear that a contract was entered into by the Architect-in-Chief, for the use of said truck, at the price charged.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Also the bill of R. C. Root Anthony & Co., for stationery, amounting to \$374 63.

Mr. GRAY moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green —1.

The Treasurer also reported verbally, in relation to sundry bills referred to him, of which those of Messrs. Sinclair and Arpin had been paid, and those of Messrs. Ewen and Bacon have been partially arranged ; also that he had been served with a summons in a suit brought by J. R. Golden against the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Hogg, the matter was referred to the President, with power to appear on behalf of the Board.

The Architect-in-Chief reported that bids for the contract for widening Fifty-ninth street had been received, in accordance with the advertisement ordered by the Board, until February 24th at 12 M., and that one bid had been received a moment after the box was closed, which had been handed the President.

The PRESIDENT presented the said bid, being that of Thomas A. Duin.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the same be accepted, no bids having as yet been opened.

The motion was carried.

The PRESIDENT also presented a proposal, received from W. B. Reynolds, by Commissioner Hogg, after the time of closing.

On motion of Mr. BUTTERWORTH, the same was also accepted.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them and found to be in every respect correct and just, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of James R. Morgan, powder, &c.....	\$265 75
“ “ “ “ bell and hanging.....	150 26
“ W. C. & J. S. Burnham, castings.....	42 11
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	165 22
“ John Boyce, chairs.....	12 50
“ Daniel Gallagher, carting manure.....	8 75
“ Damascus Steel & Iron Co., steel.....	468 05
“ G. E. Winants, carting manure.....	16 00
“ Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Co., candles....	15 75
“ Edward Robinson Jr., commissioner's fees,	7 38
“ F. B. Ball, painting and glazing.....	77 97
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	\$1,229 74

The committee recommend for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported by the Auditing Committee as correct in their report of this day.

Dated New York, March 2d, 1859.

JNO. A. C. GRAY, } Auditing
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT, } Committee.

The Auditing Committee also presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following bills and find the same to have been incurred without any direct authority of the Board, but being in other respects correct they hereby recommend them for payment :

Bill of Michael Horn, manure.....	\$21 13
“ Second avenue Railroad Company, manure,	5 00
“ New York Gas Light Company, gas.....	2 75
“ L. J. Harvey, trees.....	10 87
“ Edward H. Quinn, tile.....	838 00

Dated New York, March 2d, 1859.

JNO. A. C. GRAY, } Auditing
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT, } Committee.

MR. GRAY moved that the resolution attached to the first report apply also to the bills enumerated in the second report, and that the same be adopted.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

The committee on By-Laws and Ordinances presented a report recommending the adoption of the following amendment to the seventh section of Article IV of the By-Laws,

“That if any member of a standing committee shall absent himself from three successive *regular* meetings of such committee after having due notice *thereof and without having communicated satisfactory reasons for such absence to the Committee*, his place on such Committee shall be deemed vacant.”

The question being put on the adoption of the report and amendment they were adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication received by him from Benj. Welch, Jr., Commissary General, stating that he was removing the State property from the Arsenal, and desiring to obtain permission to continue to use the magazine in the Park for the storage of powder belonging to the State.

On motion of Mr. GRAY, the request of the Commissary General was denied.

Mr. HOGG, of the Special Committee on Manures, submitted

a report recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be authorized to contract with the Sixth Avenue Railroad Company for all the manure made in their stables from the first of May, 1859, to the first of May, 1860, delivered at Fifty-ninth street and Sixth avenue, for a sum not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars per annum.

2. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be authorized to contract with the Eighth Avenue Railroad Company for twelve hundred cords of manure, at a price not exceeding two dollars and twenty-five cents per cord at the stables, or three dollars and twenty-five cents per cord delivered on the Park south of Seventy-ninth street.

3. *Resolved*, That the further use of street manure on the Park be discontinued.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the resolutions be adopted.

The question being put on the adoption of the first of the said resolutions, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend the second resolution by striking out the words "*three dollars and twenty-five cents*," and inserting in place thereof the words "*three dollars*," which was carried.

The question being put on the adoption of the second resolution as amended, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green Elliott, Strong—6.

Nay—Mr. Hogg—1.

The question being put on the adoption of the third resolution, it was lost.

Mr. HOGG also submitted a detailed statement of the different kinds of artificial manures which can be employed on the Park and their cost and quality.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the statement was referred to the Architect-in-Chief to report thereon.

Mr. STRONG offered a resolution regarding the wages of laborers, &c., which, by unanimous consent, he was allowed to

withdraw, and the same was ordered to be expunged from the minutes.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following resolution, and moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

Resolved, That the wages of foremen, and rockmen and gardeners be advanced, not to exceed _____ upon the present wages, whenever it shall be deemed necessary by the Architect-in-Chief.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was so referred as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. STRONG offered the following :

Resolved, That the employment of four time-keepers at compensation not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per day, and of four assistant time-keepers at compensation not exceeding two dollars per day, is hereby authorized.

Mr. GRAY moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto "*provided that the persons shall first be approved by the Executive Committee, and provided the Architect-in-Chief may dismiss the same at pleasure,*" and called for the ayes and nays upon his amendment, which being taken, it was lost as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Elliott, Hogg—4.

Nays—Messrs. Fields, Green—2.

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend the resolution, by adding the words : "*And that the Architect-in-Chief be directed to report the names of the persons so appointed to this Board.*"

Mr. FIELDS' amendment being accepted, the question being put on the adoption of the resolution as amended, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Green, Elliott—4.

Nays—Messrs. Gray, Hogg—2.

By unanimous consent Mr. Green was allowed to change his vote to the negative on the above resolution.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That an additional purchase of gravel of John P. Cumming be authorized, not to exceed five hundred cubic

yards, at one dollar and seventy-five cents per yard; the same to be delivered as under previous contract.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized and directed to pay L. H. McIntosh the sum of one hundred and four dollars and seventeen cents ($\$104\frac{17}{100}$), for services during the month of February.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH called up the matter of the appointment of a Property Clerk, and moved that B. F. Crane be so appointed.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was lost, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong—4.

Nays—Messrs. Butterworth, Fields, Hogg—3.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the communication in reference to the appointment of Time-keepers, received from the Architect-in-Chief this day, be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby specifically authorized by this Board, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commis-

mission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from the Architect-in-Chief, inclosing a [proposal] from [Jesse Ryder] to furnish trees for the Park.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized, under the direction of the Executive Committee, to purchase such trees and shrubs as may be required for spring planting.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. GRAY the Board then proceeded to open the proposals received for widening Fifty-ninth street.

The following proposals were opened and numbered :

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| 1. Charles Guidet. | 11. Arthur Mooty. |
| 2. W. B. Reynolds. | 12. Bartlett Smith. |
| 3. Thomas A. Dunn. | 13. James Gallagher. |
| 4. Daniel Gallagher. | 14. Cornelius Gardinier. |
| 5. Wm. B. O'Brien. | 15. Timothy Slatey. |
| 6. John Martine. | 16. J. Crowley. |
| 7. Michael Treacy. | 17. David Babcock. |
| 8. John Mullins. | 18. Michael Treacy. |
| 9. Thomas Cumming, Jr. | 19. Wm. M. Slocum. |
| 10. O. Bannan. | 20. Charles H. Wheeler. |

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to enter into a contract, under the approval of the Executive Committee, with O. Bannan, for widening Fifty-ninth street, according to his bid, upon his furnishing proper security to the Executive Committee, and that if such security be not approved, the Executive Committee be authorized to award the contract to the next lowest bidder whose securities shall be approved.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Gray, Fields, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—7.

On motion of Mr. STRONG the Board then adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1859.

REGULAR MEETING—1 P. M.

Present—THE PRESIDENT, and

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Strong,
“ Gray,	“ Hogg.
“ Elliott,	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A requisition for materials, &c., was received, and referred to the Executive Committee, with power, by the following vote :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg
—6.

A communication from Absalom Peters, having reference to the establishment of a Museum on the Park, was received and read ; and, on motion of Mr. Strong, referred to the Special Committee heretofore appointed to confer with the Lyceum of Natural History.

Mr. STRONG also moved that the clerk be authorized to have the communication published free of expense to the Board, and that the fact of its reception and reference be communicated to Mr. Peters.

The motion was adopted.

A report was received from the Architect-in-Chief, in answer to a resolution of the Executive Committee, enquiring as to the expediency of discontinuing stone-cutting on the Park, and recommending that the present system be continued. Also, in answer to an enquiry made at the last meeting of the Board, in reference to the sluice-gate at the skating pond, explaining the arrangement of the gate. Also, recommending that a proposal

of W. R. Prince & Co. for supplying trees, he declined, and suggesting a small appropriation for the purpose of purchasing stereoscopic views of gateways, and other features of Park ornamentation.

The Architect-in-Chief also reported that a contract had been arranged with Mr. Charles H. Wheeler, for the work of embankment and excavation on the Park, adjoining Fifty-ninth street, according to instructions from the Executive Committee, and that Mr. Wheeler had proposed to supply the filling required on the Eighth avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Seventy-first streets, and requested authority to accept such proposition.

Mr. GRAY moved that the portion of the report relative to filling on the Eighth avenue, be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

The Architect-in-Chief submitted a further report requesting authority to appoint one surveyor and three draughtsmen, and stating that the duties of the surveyors were much increased, a complete new survey of the Park being found necessary, in consequence of numerous errors in the old topographical survey.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT, it was

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be requested to report to this Board as soon as practicable such errors as may have been discovered in the topographical survey, made under direction of E. L. Viele, late Chief-Engineer.

Mr. ELLIOTT also offered the following

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to employ two additional persons as engineers and draughtsmen, at a rate of compensation not exceeding \$12 25 per week.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

The following communications were received :

From W. R. Prince & Co., in reference to their proposal to supply trees. Laid on the table.

From E. J. McCarthy, making enquiries in relation to supplying trees for the Park. Referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

From A. J. McClave, of Palmyra, N. Y., making similar proposals. Referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

From J. LaForge and Moses Drake, relative to hauling stone to the Park. Referred to the Executive Committee.

From H. J. Baker & Bro., proposing to supply "Castor Pum-mace" for manuring purposes for the Park. Referred to the Architect-in-Chief.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to make use of the title of "Superintendent" in carrying on operations on the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was lost.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the following bills, and find the same to be correct in every particular, and hereby recommend the same for payment :

Bill of John P. Cumming, gravel.....	\$718 20
" Menzies, Viele & Mather, timber.....	169 78
" Allen, Stevens & Co., lumber.....	161 83
" John C. Tucker & Co., hardware.....	350 34
" Coffin & Kenworthy, "	99 79
" Campbell & Moody, timber,.....	161 89
" Arthur Mooty, manure,.....	351 00
" D. B. Morrell, carting sand.....	71 40
" " " manure.....	200 00
" Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	48 20
" Wetmore & Co., iron &c.....	71 68
" James R. Morgan, fuse.....	40 00
" W. N. Seymour & Co., hardware.....	51 63
" Philbin & Quin, plumbing.....	37 57

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“ J. Post, crowbars.....	27 00
“ Randolph & Skidmores, coal.....	18 50
“ Raynolds, Devoe & Pratt, paint, &c.....	27 43
“ Horstman Brothers & Allien, flags.....	13 50
“ Cobb, Howell & Fields, iron.....	7 02
“ Conklin L. Martin, brooms.....	15 33
“ Leckie & Hunter, “	4 50
“ Edward Robinson, Jr., commissioner’s fees.	7 38
“ John J. Bloomfield, stationery.....	157 00
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	\$2,810 97

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day.

Dated New York, March 16, 1859.

JNO. A. C. GRAY, } Auditing
CHARLES W. ELLIOTT, } Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of the report and resolution, it was decided in the negative, a majority of the Board not voting in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—5.

Nay—Mr. Russell—1.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills as reported above by the Auditing Committee, to the amount of \$2,810 97.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY presented the bill of Truman B. Brown for moving rocks, amounting to \$500, and moved that the same be paid.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That B. F. Crane be and is hereby appointed Property Clerk, at a salary at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per year.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized by this Board to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission, at have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the President and Vice-President engage other rooms suitable for this Commission, at a rent not exceeding two thousand dollars per annum.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

On motion of Mr. HOGG, it was

Resolved, That the Lady Superior of the Convent of St. Vincent be notified by the President, that the building now occupied by the Sisters of Charity on the Park, will be required for the purposes of this Board on the first of October next, and that such building be vacated at that date.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOTT it was

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be directed to cause all houses on the Park, except those occupied by the Sisters of Charity, or required by the employees of the Board and by those of the Croton Board, to be vacated within thirty days.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That application be made to the Common Council for a further issue of three hundred thousand dollars of the Central Park Improvement Fund.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, laid over until next regular meeting.

Mr. ELLIOTT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars, for stereoscopic and photographic views desirable for Park purposes.

The question being put on the adoption of the resolution, it was adopted, as follows :

Ayes— Messrs. Russell, Gray, Green, Elliott, Strong, Hogg—6.

Mr. GRAY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Architect-in-Chief be authorized and requested to appoint Thomas Hogg to superintend the planting and landscape gardening of the Park, at a salary of five dollars per day.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, laid on the table.

Mr. GRAY, from the Executive Committee, reported, verbally, that the Committee had awarded the contract for filling in the Park adjacent to Fifty-ninth street, to Charles H. Wheeler,

Mr. GREEN, moved that the action of the Committee be approved, and that the contract for filling in the Park forty feet, adjacent to Fifty-ninth street be awarded to Charles H. Wheeler, according to the terms of his bid, his security being approved.

The question being put on the adoption of the motion, it was adopted.

Mr STRONG moved that the Board adjourn, which was carried, and the Board adjourned.

DAVID H. HART,
Clerk.

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