MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CENTRAL PARK,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1863.

NEW YORK:

WM. C. BRYANT & Co., PRINTERS, 41 NASSAU St., COR. LIBERTY.

1863.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1862.

SPECIAL MEETING-3 P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to the following call:

New York, April 29th, 1862.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Thursday, the first day of May, for the election of officers for the ensuing year—also, for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

R. M. BLATCHFORD,

President of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

Geo. M. Van Nort, Esq., Clerk.

Present:

R. M. Blatchford, Esq., President, and Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,

"Hutchins, "Stebbins,

"Fields, "Grinnell.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

The President, in accordance with § 1, Art. II. of the By-Laws, announced, as the order of business, the annual election of officers.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell,

Resolved, That the Board do now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Vice-President appointed Messrs. Grinnell and Green tellers.

On motion of Mr. Russell, the Board proceeded to ballot for President, with the following result:

Mr.	Blatchford Russell								votes.
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The VICE-PRESIDENT declared, that Mr. Blatchford, having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was duly elected President of the Board for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, the Board proceeded to ballot for Vice-President (the same tellers acting), with the following result:

Stebbins Grinnell						-		votes.
							6	

The President declared, that Mr. Stebbins, having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was duly elected Vice-President of the Board for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, the Board proceeded to ballot for Treasurer (Messrs, Hutchins and Grinnell acting as tellers), with the following result:

	Mr.	. Green receiv Russell "	ed	$\frac{5}{1}$	votes.
					

The President declared, that Mr. Green, having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was duly elected Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, the Board proceeded to ballot for Secretary (the same tellers acting), with the following result:

Mr. Fields received...... 6 votes.

The President declared, that Mr. Fields, having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was duly elected Secretary of the Board for the ensuing year.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of eighty-four thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New York, from time to time, 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 said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to have the minutes and documents of the Board for the year ending April 30th, 1862, bound in the usual manner.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it. was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINS,

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate with the Commissioners for taking the land between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, and ascertain at what time they will probably be ready to report.

The President announced the Standing Committees for the ensuing year, as follows:

Finance.—Messrs. Russell, Grinnell, Butterworth.

Executive.—Messrs. Grinnell, Stebbins, Green, Hutchins, Russell.

Auditing .- Messrs. Stebbins, Grinnell, Fields.

By-Laws and Ordinances.-Messrs. Hutchins, Fields, Green.

Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures.—Messrs. Stebbins, Russell, Butterworth.

Mr. Stebbins, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered on the minutes, as follows:

\$3,612 33

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment.

Fairchild, Walker & Co., masonry, Tr. Rds. Nos. 3 & 4.	\$1,451	52
Wm. Curnen, mould		20
D. Gallagher, top soil		00
W. A. Stone, incidental expenses		51
Geo. R. Rockwood, photographing		00
New Yorker Demokrat, advertising		60
Windle & Co., water-cooler		75
Robert Nutty, manure		00
Bank of Commerce, rent		50
Dominick Dóyle, manure	162	15
John Kinsley, manure	180	75
H. N. Swift, lawn mower		00
E. Greenleaf, cedar poles		75
Pinckney & Moulton, feed		32
J. C. Cary, pump and hose		5 0
Jas. M. Thorburn & Co		00
Bank of Commerce, janitor's services		5 0
B. F. Crane, incidental expenses		34
The Scovill Manfg. Co., buttons		00
T. C. Dwight, coal	23	14
Cooper & Hewitt, wire		05
Annin & Co., flag		00
N. Y. Belting & Packing Co., hose	15	00
Miss Clelan, dress and trimmings	. 9	00
C. Froment, signs	6	00
H. M. Whittemore, administering oaths	3	00
Wm. Nichols, night soil	1	75
Geo. M. Van Nort, incidental expenses	20	00
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The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Total.....

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, to the amount of thirty-six hundred and twelve $\frac{3}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, May 1st, 1862.

H. G. Stebbins, M. H. Grinnell, Thos. C. Fields,

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered on file:

New York, May 1st, 1862.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows:

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Commission, \$84,382 26

" Treasurer... 4,399 06

Total..... \$88,781 32

Andw. H. Green,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

A resolution adopted by the Board of Councilmen, April 28th, 1862, was received, as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Central Park be, and are hereby requested to inform this Board of the actual cost of the various bridges erected on the Central Park.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, That the information required by the Board of Councilmen, relative to the cost of bridges constructed on the Central Park, be given by the proper officers of the Board.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, That the officers of the Board be authorized to communicate with the Board of Education, on the subject of arrangements in the Park, for exercise for children.

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On motion of Mr. Hutchins, the minutes of the previous meetings of June 6th, 8th, 20th, 27th, July 4th, 18th, August 1st, 15th, September 5th, 19th, 27th, 30th, October 3d, 17th, November 7th, 21st, December 5th, 14th, 19th, 1861, January 2d, 6th, 16th, 25th, 28th, 30th, 31st, February 3d, 6th, 7th, 20th, March 13th, April 10th, 1862, were read, and approved.

On motion of Mr. Fields, at four o'clock and forty minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Clerk.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1862.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present—R. M. Blatchford, President, and Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1862.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present—R. M. Blatchford, Esq., President, and Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Fields, "Hutchins," Green.

The minutes of the previous meetings of May 1st and 8th, were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Green, the regular order of business was suspended, when

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered on file:

New York, June 12, 1862.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

In accordance with § 2, Article II, of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows:

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Commission. \$134,382 26 " " Treasurer.. 9,812 03

Liabilities about...... \$214,768 29

Andw. H. Green,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce, in New

York, from time to time, 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 said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase gravel, sand, mould, earth, and stone material for filling on the Park, required during this year, not exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars in amount.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay David McMaster, not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, on account of contract, dated October 25th, 1861, for New Brunswick stone work for northern end of Terrace, he having done more than that amount of work under said contract.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to prepare and publish a guide to the Central Park, with sketches, views, and plans thereof, the profits on the sale of which shall be applied towards the maintenance of the Park.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford, —5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract made with Messrs. Fairchild, Walker & Co., providing for the removing materials on to the bank of the reservoir, dated May 17th, 1862, supplementary to their contract, dated September 5th, 1860, and the contract made with the said Fairchild, Walker & Co. for furnishing stone for walls of Transverse Road No. 4, dated May 17, 1862, supplementary to their contract, dated December 14th, 1861, be and the same are hereby approved.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford —5.

On motion of Mr. Green,

Resolved, That the extension of the contract of Fairchild, Walker & Co., dated September 5th, 1860, to the first day of October next, is approved.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee is authorized to proceed with the construction of the Central Park, according to the plans approved by the Board, and to do all acts necessary for carrying out the said plans, subject to such instructions as may from time to time be given by the Board, the assent of a majority of the whole of the members of said Committee being required to make any of its acts binding and regular, the power hereby given to said Committee not to continue beyond the fifteenth day of October next; all expenditures, however, shall be made with direct reference to completing the Park, within the sum now at the disposal of the Board for that purpose.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford —5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to make such necessary arrangements for the playing on the Park of such athletic sports and games for physical exercises, as are consistent with the preservation of the grounds from injury, and in keeping with the objects for which the Park was established.

Debate was had thereon, when

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINS, said resolution was referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, That the subject of a central figure for the proposed fountain at the Terrace be referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, to report thereon to this Board.

Mr. Russell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to license not exceeding three persons, to sell light refreshments on the Park during the present year, and shall pay such sum for said license as said Comptroller may deem proper.

Mr. Fields, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

3 and 4	\$8,812	80
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" Fairchild, Walker & Co., do. do	4,924	80
" Fairchild, Walker & Co., grading adjacent		
to New Reservoir	2,702	40
" Jesse Ryder, gravel	2,652	00
" D. Gallagher, do	2,325	00
" Fairchild, Walker & Co., grading adjacent		
to New Reservoir	1,802	40
" Knight & Crawford, cement pipe	1,635	78
" Jesse Ryder, gravel	1,560	00
" Jesse Ryder, do	1,560	00
" D. Gallagher, do	893	37
" Prince & Co., trees	774	96
" Dunham & Brokaw, uniforms	744	25
" D. Gallagher, manure	661	4 0

		\$31,049	16
Bill of	Parsons & Co., trees	630	
"	S. P. Ayres, hydrants and cases	600	00
"	D. Gallagher, mould	550	00
"	Reuben Wiley, do	548	68
"	H. Himmelheber, plants		00
"	James Slattery, stone		15
"	Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware	421	96
66	Mott Iron Works, castings, &c	488	95
"	W. J. & J. S. Peck, brick, &c.,	411	75
"	Jaques & Mooney, finishing rail bridge No.		•
	13	398	00
"	Parmenter & Bramwell, stop-cocks	396	00
66	D. Gallagher, mould	350	00
46	J. W. Orr, engraving and printing	342	00
"	King & Murray, trees	318	66
"	H. E. Stevens & Co., lumber	313	7 5
44	The Newark Nursery, trees	276	4 0
"	W. L. Ferris, trees		20
66	Robert Nutty, manure	269	15
"	Mott Iron Works, castings	248	70
"	The Newark Nursery, trees	230	00
"	Robert Nutty, mould	220	5 0
"	Jesse Ryder, cobble stone		00
"	Thomas Cosgrove, earth filling		50
"	Thomas Cosgrove, stone and chips	184	42
**	Barnard McGuire, pointing Bridge 23	175	00
"	Thomas Cosgrove, muck	175	00
"	W. L. Ferris, trees	151	00
66	J. S. Smith, cap covers	140	00
"	D. Gallagher, muck	140	00
66	Thomas Cosgrove, mould, &c		56
46	W. C. Wilson, trees	137	75
66	Menzies, Viele & Mather	129	37
"	D. Gallagher, gravel		11
"	Holden, Hawley & Co	126	18
	D. B. Morrell, sand	125	88
"	Andrew Bridgeman, trees	120	00
"	Thomas Cosgrove, stone-chips		95
66	Baptist & Taylor, printing	106	75
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Wm. Lee, pails.....

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		\$43,653	22
Bill of	McKesson & Robbins, alcohol	12	
"	Union Adams, gloves	12	00
66	N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose	12	00
66	J. W. Orr, electrotyping	12	00
"	The Tribune Association, printing	11	70
"	Bradley & Smith, brushes	10	75
"	Baptist & Taylor, printing	9	00
"	Joseph Nason & Co., pipe, &c	8	78
"	Thomas Moore, cotton drilling	7	50
"	A. Whitlock & Co., rigging	7	40
"	N. Y. World, subscription	6	5 0
"	E. Gomez, patent fuse	7	00
"	Randolph & Skidmores, coal	6	00
"	Oscar Dittenhoffer, night-soil	5	60
"	Henry Dull, night-soil	5	6 0
"	Chas. Neidhardt, leather	5	00
"	The N. Y. Gas-Light Co., gas	5	00
66	John Denner, night-soil	4	20
. ".	John McGuire, Harness repairs	3	50
. "	Haines & Pell, castings	3	4 0
	John Montgomery, horse-shoeing	3	00
"	Geo. Hall, signs	2	80
"	J. Wotherspoon & Son, plaster	2	00
"	E. & G. W. Blunt, repairing level	2	00
"	Geo. W. Mann, salt	1	25
"	D. Gallagher, gravel	350	00
"	Oliver Van Courtlandt, trees	141	13
į.c.	Mann & Keeler, stone-boat plank	112	50
"	Thomas Cosgrove, mould	62 .	72
66	F. G. Richardson, wire-work	42	00
46	Geo. M. Van Nort, incidental expenses		67
"	E. Treadwell & Sons	8	00
"	Colgate & Co., soap	6	88
66	Masterton, Smith & Sinclair, Dorchester		
	stone Br., 17	3,937	73
	Total	\$48,503	23

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, to the amount of forty-eight thousand five hundred and three $\frac{2^3}{10^9}$ dollars.

Dated New York, June 12, 1862.

M. H. Grinnell,
Thos. C. Fields,
Auditing Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

On motion of Mr. Russell,

Resolved, That the following papers on the calendar of unfinished business before the Board May 8th, 1862, be taken therefrom, and are hereby ordered on file, to wit: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48.

On motion, the regular order of business was taken up, when the following communications were received:

From D. R. Jaques and others, recommending J. G. Haviland for appointment as a Park-keeper. Ordered on file.

From "Anonymous," relative to the foliage of the trees at the Park. Ordered on file.

From J. D. Bailey, military editor N. Y. Mercury, as to parade ground on the Park. Ordered on file.

From A. V. Stout and others, recommending Patrick Degan for appointment as a Park-keeper. Ordered on file.

From A. Vanderbeck and others, assistant foremen on the Park, desiring to be accorded the same time and privileges as foremen. Ordered on file.

From Dr. J. Leathe, desiring permission to sell root beer on the Park. Ordered on file.

From Henry E. Montgomery and others, recommending

Patrick Tigh for appointment as a Park-keeper. Ordered on file.

From L. Bradish, Chairman of the Commissioners of the Central Park Extension, stating that they hoped to complete their estimate and assessment roll early in the coming autumn. Ordered on file.

From Charles King, President Columbia College, requesting use of play-grounds for the students of said college. Ordered on file.

From A. R. Raymond, relative to a bill for board due Mrs. C. D. Brooks by Park-keeper Leonard. Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From D. Appleton & Co., proposing to publish, under the supervision of the Commission, a Central Park Guide; also a photographic album of Park views. Same reference.

From Patrick McTernan and Ann Murray, with affidavits relative to the death of John Murray.

Mr. Hutchins moved that said affidavits be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford —5.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, at four o'clock and fifteen minutes the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Clerk.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1862.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present:

Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Stebbins. Green,

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Clerk.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1862.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present—The President, and

Commissioner Russell,

Commissioner Green,

" Butterworth,

Stebbins.

" Hutchins,

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The President presented a communication received by him from John A. C. Gray, Esq., Geneva, Switzerland, presenting to the Board a gondola, complete in all its appointments, to be placed on the lake at the Park, whereupon—

Mr. Green offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board accept with pleasure the gondola so kindly presented by John A. C. Gray, Esq., and that the President of this Board be requested to return the thanks of this Board for the donation, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay the freight on the same.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered on file.

NEW YORK, August 14th, 1862.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows:

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Commission, \$160,871 26 " " Treasurer, ... 9,019 53

Total,.....\$169,890 79

Liabilities about,.....\$138,000 00

Andw. H. Green,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

The following communications were received:

From the Board of Education transmitting the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to the Commissioners of the Central Park, for the interest taken by them in providing facilities for the recreation and physical improvement of the children of the public schools of this city, and that the Clerk of this Board be directed to communicate this resolution to them, with the expression of a cordial concurrence in the sentiments of the communication presented by said Commissioners, and that the Clerk be authorized to notify the Trustees of the several wards of the privileges granted and of the rules and regulations prescribed by said Commissioners, under which they are to be enjoyed."

On motion of Mr. Green, ordered on file.

From Charles H. Haswell, relative to enclosing the Park with iron chain and wire rope.

On motion of Mr. Green, referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures.

From Wm. Henry Anthon, Judge Advocate General S. N. Y., and F. W. Willard, Major Commanding Anthon Battalion of Light Artillery, applying for the use of the building at Mt. St. Vincent, as quarters for said battalion.

Debate was had thereon, when,

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to allow the use of such part of the South wing of the building at Mt. St. Vincent, for quarters for volunteers, as in his judgment may be properly appropriated to that purpose. The said building to be kept in as good repair and condition as it now is in, at the expense of whatever authority applies for such use.

From W. H. Cornell, Peter Campbell, Chas. Smith and others, gate keepers at the Park, petitioning for a reduction of the hours of duty, or an increase of pay.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Green offered the following:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, from time to time, 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; and further, that the resolution of the Executive Committee, passed on the 2d inst., authorizing the withdrawal from the said bank of fifty thousand dollars, is hereby approved and ratified.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

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Mr. Stebbins, from the Auditing Committee, presented for the action of the Board a list of bills, as follows:

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	roads 3 and 4	\$15,120	00
44	Reuben Wiley, mould	703	58
"	Bernard McGuire, bridge No. 25	421	20
"	James Ladds, mould	377	00
"	Jones & Smith, pointing bridge E	262	00
"	Michael Casey, mould	201	10
64	Chas. F. Woodward, mould	200	00
46	Patrick Brennan, mould	200	00
44	Chas. F. Woodward, mould	160	00
"	Peter Hayes, tinsmithing	62	67
"	Pinckney & Moulton, feed	57	62
"	Manhattan Oil Co., oil	5 0	63
"	D. B. Monell, sand	50	00
44	R. H. Allen & Co., guano, &c	47	07
66	Walton Bros., hardware	38	34
"	W. H. Webb, guano, &c	37	78
"	Chas. Reiche & Bro., cranes, &c	35	00
"	John S. McLean, lumber	32	50
"	Bank of Commerce, janitor's services	30	00
44	Union Adams, gloves	24	60
"	Stiger, Randolph & Co., buckwheat	19	00
"	David Murray, repairing locks, &c	15	75
"	W. A. Stone, incidental expenses	11	42
"	F. G. Richardson, wire work	10	56
"	Fowler & Pearsall, geese	7	50
"	J. D. West & Co., hose couplings	6	00
"	McKesson & Robbins, alcohol, &c	5	58
"	C. Froment, sign painting	5	00
"	Holden, Hawley & Co., iron	4	92
"	William Lee, brooms, &c	2	75
	John Burns, sand		50
"	Knight & Crawford, pipe	1,110	00
"	Raynolds, Devoe & Pratt, paints, &c	104	97
"	B. F. Crane, incidental expenses	99	39

Mr. Green moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills, amounting to nineteen thousand five hundred and fifteen $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, when properly audited by the Auditing Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of said motion, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Mr. Green presented a bill from the Collectors of Assessments, for regulating and grading the Eighth avenue from 59th to 82d streets, amounting to \$34,138 03.

Debate was had thereon, when,

On motion of Mr. Stebbins, said bill was referred to Mr. Hutchins and the Comptroller of the Park to report thereon to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Stebbins, at three o'clock and fifty minutes, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER, Asst. to Clerk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1862.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present—R. M. Blatchford, Esq., President.
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green.
"Hutchins,

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Clerk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1862.

SPECIAL MEETING-3 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

New York, Sept. 29th, 1862.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk B. C. of C. P.:

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Thursday the 2d day of October, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

R. M. BLATCHFORD,

President of the Board of Commissioners

of the Central Park.

Present—R. M. Blatchford, Esq., President, and Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Stebbins,

" Fields,

" Grinnell.

" · Green,

The minutes of the previous meetings of August 14th, and September 11th, were read and approved.

The President called II. G. Stebbins, Esq., Vice-President, to the chair, whereupon—

The President stated verbally that he was going abroad, and asked that leave of absence be granted him.

On motion of Mr. Green, such leave of absence was granted. The President further stated, that in consequence of his intended absence abroad, he desired to resign his office as President of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Green said resignation was accepted, whereupon—

On further motion of Mr. Green, a preamble and resolutions were adopted, as follows:

Whereas, The Hon. R. M. Blatchford, intending soon to leave for Europe, to discharge the duties of Minister Resident of the United States, at Rome, has at its present meeting resigned the office of President of this Board; and

Whereas, The Members of this Board deem it due to their associate, the late President of the Board, to record on its minutes an expression of their appreciation of his official services, as well as of regard and interest for him in the distinguished position upon which he is about to enter: therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, be, and they are hereby presented to the Hon. R. M. Blatchford, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of the President of this Board, during nearly three years that they have devolved upon him.

Resolved, That the cordial good wishes of the Members of this Board will attend their late President during his absence on the important mission with which he has been intrusted.

On motion of Mr. GRINNELL, the Board proceeded to ballot for President, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Blatchford (the Vice President appointing Messrs. Grinnell and Green tellers), with the following result:

Mr. Stebbins	receive	l	 	5	votes.
Mr. Russell	"		 	1	"
Total.	• • • • • •		 	6	66

Whereupon, it was declared, that, Mr. Stebbins, having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was duly elected President of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Fields, the Board proceeded to vote for Vice-President, to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Mr. Stebbins as President (same tellers acting), with the following result:

	received		
Mr. Grinnell	"	1	"
Total.		6	"

The President declared that Mr. Russell, having received

the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was duly elected Vice-President of the Board.

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

On motion of Mr. Fields, the Board proceeded to a second ballot for Vice-President (the same tellers acting), with the following result:

Mr. Grinnell i	eceive	d		. 	5	votes
Mr. Russell	46	• • • • • •	. .	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	44

The President declared that Mr. Grinnell, having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was duly elected Vice-President of the Board.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered on file:

New York, October 2d, 1862.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows:

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Commission, \$71,031 26 " " Treasurer... 10,336 86

Total..... \$81,368 12

Liabilities about....... \$119,769 60 Andw. H. Green,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be correct

and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

P		
Bill	of Jesse Ryder, gravel	\$4,038 40
Ç	Fairchild, Walker & Co., grading	2,544 00
"	Jesse Ryder, gravel	1,654 40
	Jones & Smith, sewerage	630 85
"	C. H. Mulligan, asphalting	470 39
"	W. L. Ferris, trees and plants	448 00
"	D. B. Morrell, mould	418 40
"	Thomas Crimmins, mould	392 80
"	Jas. L. Jackson & Bro., iron work	358 21
66	Fairchild, Walker & Co., manure	298 - 50
"	C. F. Woodward, mould	278 55
"	Thomas Crimmins, mould	256 20
66	D. Gallagher, mould	$235 \ 00$
"	C. H. Mulligan, asphalting	231 82
"	Edmund Jones & Co., stationery	228 65
"	C. F. Woodward, mould	227 50
66	Jesse Ryder, gravel	219 30
"		196 00
44	Hudson River Cement Co., cement	170 00
"	Norris & Williams, plumbing	167 00
	Joseph W. Duryee, lumber	156 34
"	W. C. Wilson, trees and plants	150 70
"	Smith & Rand, powder	130 00
"	Robert Gibson, lumber	129 27
"	H. Himmelheber, plants	112 05
"	R. H. Allen & Co., seed, &c	109 55
"	D. B. Morrell, sand	96 00
"	O. B. Van Courtlandt, trees	81 97
46	D. Gallagher, coal	70 00
"	Pinckney & Moulton, feed	67 75
"	Robert Nutty, mould	66 85
"	William Lield, blees	60 00
"	Baptist & Taylor, printing	58 25
"	C. D. Doughty, sawing and turning	55 14
. "	Wetmore & Co., iron	44 06
66	James Prentice, metallic tapes	42 00

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		\$14,893	90
Bill	of Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware	37	27
"	John J. Bloomfield, ledgers	35	00
"	The Trenton Iron Co., wire		26
"	Albert S. Edsall, cedar poles	. 19	12
"	H. N. Swift, mower knives		00
"	Annin & Co., ensign	11	50
"	F. A. Jarvis, cartage		90
"	H. N. Whittemore, affidavits		64
"	W. Adams, night-soil	. 9	10
"	S. R. Budd & Bro., putty		10
"	J. & W. Osborn, lath screen		ŏ0
. "	C. Neidhart, leather		75
"	Patrick McPartland, mould	. 5	95
"	George Dumser, night-soil	5	60
"	C. Fromont, signs	5	00
"	E. Treadwell's sons, pilot bread	4	50
"	G. Pollock & Co., pump, axle, &c	6	66
"	C. B. Van Dyke, chairs		75

Total......\$15,124 50

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, to the amount of fifteen thousand one hundred and twenty-four $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, October 2d, 1862.

M. H. GRINNELL, Auditing H. G. STEBBINS, Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS,

Resolved, That the President be requested to fill the vacancies in the Standing Committees of this Board, occasioned by his election as President.

Mr. Green presented the following communications;

From A. B. Sands & Co., desiring to purchase Park grass.

On motion of Mr. Green, said communication was referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

From E. Mack, petitioning for employment of a Mr. Wunzerman.

Ordered filed.

From A. Asboth, asking for reimbursement of \$264 00 expended on the Park, in experimenting on an artificial gravel stone.

On motion of Mr. Green, said communication was referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

From Hon. Robert T. Haws, Comptroller, soliciting from the Heads of Departments and others, statements, in detail, of the probable expenses of conducting the branches of the public business with which they are severally charged, for and during the next fiscal year, commencing January 1st, 1863, which expenses are payable from the City Treasury, and required to be provided for in the annual appropriations by the Common Council for 1863; such statements to be rendered on or before the 20th of October, to enable him to arrange and submit the same to the Common Council for their action.

On motion, said communication was referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

Mr. Green offered the following:

Resolved, That the power conferred on the Excutive Committee, by a resolution adopted June 12th last, page 9 of the Journal, be, and the same is hereby extended to December 1st, next.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford —5.

From the Croton Aqueduct Board, relative to the removal of the fence and water-closet near the building occupied by the Superintendent of Reservoirs, and asking leave that they be left in their present condition, until a suitable spot for a permanent building be decided on. 30

On motion of Mr. Fields, said communication was referred to the Comptroller of the Park, who was authorized to request the immediate removal of the fence around the old reservoir.

On motion of Mr. Fields, at four o'clock, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Clerk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1862.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present—H. G. Stebbins, Esq., President, and Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

Geo. M. Van Nort, Clerk.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1862.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present-H. G. Stebbins, Esq, President, and

•	Commissioner	Russell,	Commissioner Fields,		
	46	Butterworth,	66	Green,	
	46	Hutchins,	66	Grinnell.	

The minutes of the previous meetings of October 2d and 9th were read and approved.

The following communications were received:

From Wm. Marsh, proposing to erect an observatory in the Park.

On motion of Mr. Russell, said communication was referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures.

From Thomas Bennett, petitioning for an appointment as a policeman on the Park.

On motion of Mr. Fields, said communication was ordered on file.

From Bayard Clark, presenting a pair of deer for the Park.

On motion of Mr. Fields, donation accepted, and communication ordered on file.

From G. Granville White, presenting a male gazelle.

On motion of Mr. Fields, donation accepted, and communication ordered on file.

From Bryan Lawrence, presenting the stuffed skins of the mammoth ox "Constitution," and of two large sheep.

On motion of Mr. Green, said donations were accepted, and

ordered that suitable acknowledgments be made therefor, and the communication placed on file.

From Charles Smith, petitioning for appointment as policeman.

On motion of Mr. Green, said communication was ordered on file.

From Andrew Warner, Recording Secretary of the New York Historical Society, transmitting resolutions adopted by said Society, recommending that the Croton Reservoir be named Lake Manhattan.

On motion of Mr. Green, said communication was ordered on file.

From Henry Koster, Sergeant Central Park Keepers, petitioning for appointment as Captain.

On motion of Mr. Green, said communication was ordered on file.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Executive Committee, presented a report in writing, of its acts relative to several reports of the Auditing Committee, which

On motion of Mr. Fields, was accepted, and ordered entered at length on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Executive Committee beg leave to report the several following reports of the Auditing Committee as having been received; and the Executive Committee have from time to time, adopted the resolutions recommended by the Auditing Committee, authorizing and directing the Treasurer to pay the said bills.

To the Executive Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment.

	·		
Bill o	of Fairchild, Walker & Co., masonry Tr. Rds.		
	Nos. 3 and 4		
"	E. B. Peet, bridge No. 6	2,712	
"	Oscar Taylor, filling	1,687	
"	Jesse Ryder, gravel	1,513	
"	Sarony, Major & Knapp, engraving, &c	800	00
"	James Hume, verandah	7 50	00
"	Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co., pipe	675	56
"	do. do. "	518	74
"	Prince & Co., trees	434	69
"	E. & D. Bigelow & Co., blue stone	456	72
. 66	Oscar Taylor, filling	357	96
"	Robt. Nutty, mould	351	79
"	John McGrane, mould	343	03
"	Robert Nutty, manure	272	25
66	George Hall, roof painting	208	47
"	Jeremiah Crowley, mould	181	68
66	Hudson River Cement Co., cement	175	00
66	C. H. Mulligan, asphalting bridges 13, 16 &		
	18	166	62
66	H. N. Swift, lawn mower	155	00
"	Tiffany & Co., bronze rings, cups, &c	131	00
46	Oliver Van Courtlandt, plants	122	4 0
66	Jas. L. Jackson & Br., railing bridge 16	109	83
66	E. B. Peet, bridge 16	99	16
ţ¢	E. & D. Bigelow & Co., base stone	50	75
	Pinckney & Moulton, feed	43	95
66	Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing and sub-		
	scription		00
"	T. C. Dwight, coal	40	00
66	Oscar Taylor, filling	31	72
1 66	Fowler & Pearsall, pea fowls	30	00
"	Albert S. Edsall, cedar posts	27	75
	Geo. M. Van Nort, incidental expenses		46
"	Wm. H. Webb, guano		58
"	Deitz & Co., oil		40
	The Hazard Powder Co., powder	14	25

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	\$28,1 56 52
Bill of George E. White, guano	
" N. Y. Commercial Advertiser, advertising.	
" Baptist & Taylor, printing	2 00
" Bradley & Smith, brushes	. 1 75
Total	\$28,175 07
The Committee recommend the adoption of tresolution:	he following
Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereband directed to pay the bills reported as correct bing Committee, in their report of this day, to the twenty-eight thousand one hundred and seventy-five	y the Audit- e amount of
Dated New York, July 10, 1862.	
H. G. STEBBINS, M. H. GRINNELL, C	Auditing ommittee.
To the Executive Committee of the Board of Committee Central Park:	nissioners of
The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the	ne following
bills as having been examined by them, and found	to be correct
and just in every particular, and which they hereby	recommend
for payment:	
Bill of Fairchild, Walker & Co., grading	. \$2,430 40
" Jesse Ryder, gravel	. 1,241 05
" W. Smith & Son, pipe	937 50
" Bank of Commerce, rent	. 437 50
" Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co., pipe	. 645 01
" Michael Casey, mould	
" H. N. Swift, lawn mowers	
" H. C. Peek, sewerage	. 290 70
" C. F. Woodworth, mould	. 264 37
" Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware	
" Drummond & Sherwood, boat landing	
" B. McGuire, sewerage	
" Hudson River Cement Co., cement	
" N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., packing	
" Raynolds, Devoe & Pratt, paints, &c	. 125 93

		\$8,055	31
Bill	of S. Lutz, night soil	80	
"	Holden, Hawley & Co., iron	115	17
"	P. Fox, night soil	70	37
66	Walton Bros., hardware	72	86
"	Baptist & Taylor, printing	61	25
"	John May, night soil	59	15
66	R. H. Allen, agricultural implements	45	47
66	Pinckney & Moulton, feed	45	33
66	John Pine, night soil	40	60
66	H. C. Peek, repairs Mt. St. Vincent	38	00
"	J. W. Orr, printing	25	00
46	Parsons & Co., trees	22	00
66	Wm. Lee, pails	19	00
"	A. Kremer, handles	18	00
"	Matteo Donadi, plants	18	00
66	John McGrane, mould	8	91
"	E. Treadwell's Sons, ship-bread	8	00
. 66	Tatham Bros., pipe	7	30
66	John Moser, night soil	7	00
"	— ,	5	00
"	C. B. Van Dyke, desk stool	4	00
"	Jas. Prentice, tape lines	3	00
. "	S. R. Budd & Bro., putty	1	75
"		1	25
66	James M. Thorburn & Co., seed	1	15
"	Windle & Co., faucets	- 1	00
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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 as correct by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day, to the amount of eighty-eight hundred and thirty-four $\frac{1}{1000}$ dollars.

Dated New York, August 2d, 1862.

M. H. GRINNELL, Auditing H. G. STEBBINS, Committee.

Total \$8,834 02

To the Executive Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

Bill	of Fairchild, Walker & Co., grading	\$3,704	00
"	D. Gallagher, mould	2,371	71
66	Jesse Ryder, gravel	1,746	14
"	D. Gallagher, excavating and filling	1,093	95
"	C. & W. McCammon, tile	456	52
"	W. J. & J. S. Peck, brick, &c	517	18
"	D. B. Morrell, mould	361	80
66	C. H. Mulligan, asphalting bridge J	295	89
"	J. L. Jackson & Bro., concourse railing	288	00
"	Reuben Wiley, mould	273	00
66	James Lee & Co., pipe	254	25
"	W. C. Wilson, trees and plants	238	94
66	P. Brennan, mould	200	00
"	Murphy, Nesbit & Co., bricks	192	00
66	D. Gallagher, excavating and filling	187	88
"	Hudson River Cement Co., cement	170	00
"	Chas. F. Woodward, mould	164	75
66	E. & D. Bigelow & Co., carb-stone	154	00
"	H. Nelson, iron work	115	00
"	Fairchild, Walker & Co., coal oil, &c	50	12
"	Wetmore & Co., iron	36	41
"	Corporation docks and slips, wharfage	10	00
"	C. Fromont, signs	5	00
"	F. Zeiter, night soil	1	7 5
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Total......\$12,888 29

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 Audit-

ing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of twelve thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight 1296 dollars.

Dated New York, August 28th, 1862.

H. G. Stebbins, Thos C. Fields, M. H. Grinnell,

To the Executive Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

Bill	of B. McGuire, Bridge 25	\$ 768	00
"		718	00
"	C. H. Mulligan, asphalting bridges Nos. 17,		
	23, H., and terrace	636	90
. "		407	36
" "	H. E. Stevens & Co., lumber and timber	399	84
"	Thomas Crimmins, mould	350	00
"		230	00
"	C. F. Woodward, mould	200	55
"		170	00
"		136	32
"		110	00
"	John May, night soil	70	35
"	R. H. Allen & Co., seed	65	15
"		63	56
64	Geo. M. Van Nort, incidental expenses	47	34
"	Dunham & Brokaw, police uniforms	45	55
"	Wm. H. Webb, guano	37	29
"	Sarony, Major & Knapp, lithographing	35	00
. "		23	4 5
. "	E. Gomez, fuse	21	00
"		15	60
	C. Gori, truckage and sand	15	00
"	Geo. W. Mann, salt	15	00
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\$5,620 42

	•	\$4,611	56
Bill	of F. G. Richardson, wire cloth	14	4 0
"	Colgate & Co., soap	11	04
"	A. Whitlock & Co., marline	9	54
66	E. Treadwell's Sons, pilot bread	9	00
"	The Tribune Association, subscription	6	50
"	Abram McBride, curb stone	505	28
"	Menzies, Viele & Mather, timber	244	91
"	S. Wilkins, Jr., lumber	63	13
"	Mann & Keeler, cedar wood	63	12
"	J. Wotherspoon, plaster	10	00
"	Tatham & Brothers, lead pipe	1	85
"	W. H. Trafton & Co., stationery	70	09
	m		40

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of fifty-six hundred and twenty $\frac{1}{2}\frac{2}{9}$ dollars.

Dated New York, September 11, 1862.

M. H. GRINNELL, Auditing H. G. STEBBINS, Committee.

The Committee respectfully request that their acts may be confirmed, by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the payment of such of the above-named bills as have been paid by the Treasurer, is hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed; and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay such of the above-mentioned bills as are unpaid.

Dated New York, November 11th, 1862.

H. G. STEBBINS,
M. H. GRINNELL,
AND. H. GREEN,
C. H. RUSSELL,

Executive
Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—6.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Executive Committee, presented a report in writing, of its acts and proceedings, under a resolution of the Board, passed June 12th, 1862, page 9 of the Journal, which

On motion of Mr. Fields, was accepted, and ordered entered at length on the minutes as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of its acts and proceedings under the resolution of the Board, passed June 12th, 1862, "Authorizing the Executive Committee to proceed with the construction of the Central Park, according to the plans approved by the Board, and to do all acts necessary for carrying out the said plans, subject to such instructions as may from time to time be given by the Board, etc."

At a meeting of your Committee, held July 12th, 1862, the communication of Messrs. J. B. & W. W. Cornell & Co., asking for additional compensation for work done on the iron bridge over the Lake, and for iron beams furnished for the Terrace Bridge, which was referred to the Executive Committee, was referred to the Comptroller of the Park, to report thereon to the Committee; the communication of Thomas C. Cumming, claiming additional compensation to contract price, for filling and grading the north side of Fifty-ninth street, which was referred by the Board to the Executive Committee, with power to adjust and pay, if deemed equitable, was referred to the Comptroller of the Park, to report thereon to the Committee; the communication of Hon. George Opdyke, Mayor, transmitting the proposition of Musard & Mortimer, to erect a Café or pavilion on the Park, upon consideration of a free lease for twelve years, which was referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon, was ordered on file; a resolution authorizing the Comptroller of the Park to make arrangements for the playing of athletic sports and games on the Park, which was referred to this Committee, with power, was referred to the Comptroller, with power; the affidavits of Patrick McTernan and Ann Murray, relative to the death of John Murray, husband of Ann Murray, and claiming compensation therefor, which were referred to the Committee, with power, were referred to the Comptroller of the Park, to report thereon; the communication of Charles King, Esq., President of Columbia College, desiring use of play-ground, referred to this Committee, was ordered on file; the Treasurer was authorized to purchase the whole or any part of five thousand cubic yards of gravel, and twenty thousand cubic yards of mould or topsoil; communications from L. Freuchtwanger, transmitting seed for planting on the Park, and from John S. Forman, soliciting an appointment as a Park-keeper, were ordered on file; a communication from Andreas Willman, desiring the privilege of erecting a house, and selling refreshments on the Park, was referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

At a meeting held August 2d, 1862, a resolution was adopted appropriating the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the payment of employees bills and claims against the Commission.

At a meeting held August 28th, 1862, a communication was received from Col. T. B. Thorpe, Surveyor of the Port of New Orleans, respecting a donation of pelicans, which Mr. Green stated, he had replied to, when the same was ordered on file; the Comptroller of the Park was authorized to construct three bridges of iron or iron and wood, over the Ride around the Reservoir, at a cost of not over five thousand dollars each; several bills were referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same, if he deems proper, as follows:

Wm. C. Bryant & Co., for printing and binding	\$722	59
H. B. Hertz, pens	36	00
Jno. J. Bloomfield, time ledgers	35	00

Total,..... \$793 59

At a meeting held September 13th, 1862, the Comptroller of the Park was authorized to proceed with the construction of Bridge No. 26, on such plan as he may approve, not exceeding ten thousand dollars in cost; the Treasurer was authorized to purchase not exceeding five thousand cubic yards of gravel, at not exceeding one dollar and seventy cents per cubic yard; a communication was received from C. W. R. Powell, proposing to stock a "Pigeon Cote" with a variety of fancy pigeons, was referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held November 1st, 1862, a list of bills was submitted for the action of the Committee, whereupon a resolution was adopted, in the words following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the following bills, amounting to nineteen thousand four hundred and ninety-nine $\frac{4}{100}$ dollars, when audited by a majority of the Auditing Committee:

В	ill of	Fairchild, Walker & Co., masonry work	\$5,832	00
	66	Co. do. "	3,224	00
	"	Jesse Ryder, gravel	1,689	60
	"	do. do	1,004	00
	"	D. Gallagher, excavation and filling	982	80
	66"	B. McGuire, Bridge No. 25	792	00
	"	Architectural Iron Works, sky-light, &c	732	75
	"	D. Gallagher, coal	650	00
	"	D. B. Morrell, mould	432	50
	6,6	Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware	302	34
	44	T. Crimmins, mould	238	00
	"	Willard Felt & Co., stationery	195	88
	"	C. F. Woodward, mould	195	30
	"	Reynolds, Devoe & Pratt, paints, &c	191	5 9
	"	Jones & Smith, sewerage	181	71
	66	Hudson River Cement Co., cement	170	00
	"	H. Wilson, gold-leaf	165	00
	"	R. N. Tinson & Co., oil cloth	125	50
	"	C. F. Woodward, mould	116	55
	"	Clark & Peloubet, tile	183	80
	66	Menzies, Viele & Mather, timber	168	84
	46	S. C. Pitman, trees	131	25
	"	P. Brennan, mould	123	20
	"	Robert Nutty, do	121	80
	"	Dunham & Brokaw, uniforms, &c	97	90
		Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware	94	64
	"	Pinckney & Moulton, feed	89	15
	"	Wetmore & Co., iron	60	5 9
	"	Manhattan Oil Co., oil	53	75
	66	C. H. Mulligan, asphalting bridge 6	47	6 0
	"	Goupil & Co., paints, &c	40	58

Your Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee, under the resolution of the Board, passed June 12th, 1862, page 9 of the Journal, and as reported in this their report of this day, be, and they are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Dated New York, November 11th, 1862.

H. G. STEBBINS,
M. H. GRINNELL,
Executive
AND. H. GREEN,
C. H. RUSSELL,

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

A petition, signed by the President, Vice-President, Faculty, and other instructors and students of the New York Free Academy, asking permission to occupy and use the Cricket and Base Ball Grounds on the Park, was received, when—

On motion of Mr. FIELDS,

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file, and proper acknowledgments of the receipt thereof be made.

Petitions for license for sale of refreshment, and hire and sale of skates, and for hire of ice-chairs on the Central Park, during the skating season of 1862-3, were received, as follows:

Refreshments—Michael C. Campbell, James McPyke, John H. Reilly, William Waterman, John Black.

Skates—Walton Brothers, J. M. Reid.

Chairs-August Brown.

On motion of Mr. Fields, said petitions were referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

On further motion of Mr. Fields,

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to license, for a period not beyond the first day of March next, not exceeding eight persons, to sell refreshments, and let and sell skating accourrements, and chairs, in the vicinity of the lake and pond on the Central Park, under such regulations and at such license fee as he may prescribe.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered on file:

New York, Nov. 13, 1862.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows:

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Commission, \$204,985 19
" " Treasurer... 2,197 31

Andw. H. Green,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

On motion of Mr. GREEN-

Resolved, That the time for the full completion of the contract of Fairchild, Walker, & Co., dated December 14th, 1861, for doing mason work on bridges over transverse roads three and four, and for furnishing stone, and doing mason work on transverse road walls, be, and the same is hereby extended to the 25th day of November, 1862.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred and seventy thousand dollars from the Bank of Commerce in New York, from time to time, 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 said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

Mr. Green offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, It is represented to this Board that the terms and provisions of the agreement with Frederick Banfield, dated April 9th, 1862, have not been kept and performed by the said Banfield, and that the rules and regulations of the Park applicable to its carriage service have not been kept and observed; therefore,

Resolved, That the said agreement, and the rights and privi-

leges therein conferred, be, and the same are hereby forfeited, and that notice of such forfeiture be given to the said Banfield.

The question being put on the adoption of said preamble and resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins —5.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS,

Resolved, That the subject of the licensing of carriages on the Park, and the transportation of passengers thereon, be referred to the Comptroller, to report to this Board such regulations in relation thereto as he may deem proper.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That three thousand copies of the Annual Report of the Board for the year 1862 be published with the proper illustrations, not exceeding eight in number.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—6.

Mr. Green presented a letter of resignation from Michael Miller, Disbursing Clerk of the Central Park.

Debate was had thereon, when-

On motion of Mr. Fields, said resignation was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes, as follows:

New York, Nov. 13th, 1862.

H. G. Stebbins, Esq.,

President of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Central Park:

Sir,—I beg leave through you to present to the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, my resignation as Disbursing Clerk of said Board.

Very respectfully, &c.,
Michl. Miller.

Mr. Fields moved that the accounts of the Disbursing Clerk be referred to the Treasurer of the Board, with power to adjust and settle the same, and report to the Board the result of such adjustment.

The question being put on the adoption of said motion, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

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Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—6.

On motion of Mr. Russell,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to appoint, temporarily, a Disbursing Clerk, if the necessities of the Commission, in his judgment, require it.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, That § 2, Art. II, of the By-Laws, be referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, with the view of striking therefrom all relating to the Disbursing Clerk.

The President announced the following appointments on the Standing Committees of the Board, to fill the vacancies therein caused by his election as President:

Executive—Mr. Fields.

Auditing-Mr. Butterworth.

Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures—Mr. Green.

On motion of Mr. Russell, at four o'clock and five minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1862.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present-H. G. Stebbins, Esq., President, and

Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,

" Butterworth,

" Grinnell.

" Hutchins,

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following communications were received:

From W. R. Nairn and thirty five others, Park-keepers on the Central Park, petitioning for an increase of pay.

Mr. Russell moved that said communication be referred to the President and Comptroller of the Park with power.

The question being put on the adoption of said motion, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

From Horace Webster, President of the Free Academy, acknowledging the receipt of a communication from this Board, relative to appropriating grounds in the Park, for the use of students of said Academy. Ordered on file.

From Jonathan Davis, offering to dispose of three elk. Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From James Fogg, desiring copy of act of incorporation of Central Park Commission. Answer having been made, ordered on file.

From B. C. Gale, offering wheelbarrows for sale. Ordered on file.

From G. Granville White, presenting a pair of musk deer to the Commission. Accepted and ordered on file.

From Wm. Stryker, relative to the nomenclature of the gates of the Park. Ordered on file.

From Wm. M. Marshall, with respect to lighting the Park and Skating Pond. Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From the Gate-keepers and Laborers on the Park, petitioning for an increase of pay.

Mr. Russell moved that said communication be referred to the Comptroller of the Park, with power to increase the pay of Gate-keepers and Laborers to not exceeding twenty per cent. above the September prices.

The question being put on the adoption of said motion, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to publish in the city papers, such as are important, of the directions and regulations for skating.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins—5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Stephen C. Williams, Esq., the amount due to Oscar Taylor for earth or stone filling or mould deposited on the Park under his contract with the Board, the said Taylor having assigned the said amount to said Williams, provided that the said Williams shall execute and deliver to said Treasurer a bond with proper conditions to indemnify and hold harmless the said Board, against all claims that may be made to the extent of said amount, for or by reason of said contract, or work done, or materials furnished thereunder.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins—5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to extend the time for the full completion of the contract of Fairchild, Walker & Co., dated December 14th, 1861, for doing mason-work on Bridges over Transverse Roads three and four, and for furnishing stone, and doing mason-work on Transverse Road walls, to April 15th, 1863.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins—5..

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time for the full completion of the contract of Fairchild, Walker & Co., dated September 5th, 1860, for the removal of materials on the bank of the new Reservoir, be and the same is hereby extended to the first day of March next.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins—5.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINS,

Resolved, That the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, be authorized to ascertain and report to the Board, at what price, a statue, emblematical of each of the four seasons, can be obtained, to be placed on the pedestals already provided for them at the Terrace.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be, and he is hereby authorized to license not exceeding carriages and sleighs to run through the Park to the Lake during the skating season at a moderate rate of fare.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, said resolution was referred to the Comptroller of the Park, with power.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered on file:

New York, Dec. 11th, 1862.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows:

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Commission. \$184,985 19
" " Treasurer... 10,794 29

Total......\$195,779 48

Andw. H. Green,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINS,

Whereas, It is the earnest wish of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, that the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, on the extension of the Park, be made at as early a day as is practicable, therefore:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate with the Commissioners for taking the land between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, and ascertain at what time they will probably be ready to report.

Mr. Hutchins presented a communication from Ex-Commissioner Jno. A. C. Gray, Esq., having reference to his re-election as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

Debate was had thereon, when

Mr. HUTCHINS proposed the names of Ex-Commissioners Jno. A. C. Gray and August Belmont, for re-election as members of the Board.

Debate was had thereon, when

On motion of Mr. Hurchins the whole subject was laid over.

Mr. Hutchins, from the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred by the Board the following resolution: "Resolved, That § 2, art. II., of the By-Laws be referred to the Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances, with the view of striking therefrom all relating to the Disbursing Clerk," respectfully report the following resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Resolved, That § 2, of Art. 2, of the By-Laws be stricken out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, "There shall be a Clerk to the Board, and a Property Clerk, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board, and shall perform such duties as shall from time to time be required by the Board. The Property Clerk shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Board may require."

Dated New York, November 25th, 1862.

W. Hutchins, And. H. Green, Committee on By-Laws and Ordinances.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins—5.

Mr. Stebbins, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee respectfully report—

That they have examined and audited the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, up to the 1st day of October, 1862, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts; that they find the said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory; and that the balance to the credit of said Board on the 1st day of October, 1862, is \$93,407 $_{106}^{0.4}$.

Dated New York, December 11, 1862.

Henry G. Stebbins, Auditing M. H. Grinnell, Committee.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered on the minutes, as follows:

...\$28,078 40

To the Board of Commissioners of Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

Bill of	Fairchild, Walker & Co., masonry Trans. R.		
	Nos. 3 and 4	\$9,084	96
"	David McMaster, termination of Terrace	5,000	00
"	Fairchild, Walker & Co., grading	3,784	00
"	Jesse Ryder, gravel	1,616	00
"	Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co., pipe	1,403	84
"	E. & D. Bigelow & Co., bridge No. 25	1,334	79
"	Fairchild, Walker & Co., masonry	1,058	40
"	Bernard McGuire, bridge No. 25	501	22
	Daniel Gallagher, excavating and filling	494	73
	H. Himmelheber, plants	485	50
"	Thomas Crimmins, mould	454	40
"	D. B. Morrell, mould and sand	319	60
"	Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co., pipe	. 259	32
"	Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, bricks	$^{\cdot}258$	00
"	Daniel Gallagher, excavating	228	51
"	E. B. Peet, granite steps	250	63
"	D. B. Morrell, mould	217	60
"	Hudson River Cement Co., cement	170	00
"	u u u	170	00
"	C. H. Mulligan, asphalting bridge No. 25	162	17
6	Raynolds, Devoe & Pratt, paints, &c	134	45
"	Bryan Lawrence, sheep	100	00
"	C. & W. McCammon, tile	85	00
"	Smith & Rand, powder and fuse	80	80
"	Pinckney & Moulton, feed	76	48
"	E. A. Bauman, plants	73	5 0
"	William C. Wilson, plants	62	00
"	William Reid, plants	57	50
"	John Kinsley, manure	57	00
. 66	J. W. Goodwin, truckage	50	00
"	Architectural Iron Works, pipe	48	00
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Carried forward.....

	Brought forward		
	f Randolph & Skidmore, coal	48	
46	John May, night-soil	47	
"	R. H. Allen & Co., seed, &c	47	
"	C. F. Woodward, mould	40	49
"	Trenton Iron Co., iron	39	00
"	Willard Felt & Co., stationery	39	00
66	Clark, Peloubet & Co., tile collars	36	00
"	O. Van Courtlandt, trees	33	34
"	Daniel Gallagher, manure	32	00
	Pinckney & Moulton, straw	29	56
"	Jacob Boehm, bread	21	50
"	Phelps, Dodge & Co., copper and zinc	20	20
46	John Pine, night-soil	16	4 5
"	McKesson & Robbins, borax, &c	15	4 0
tc	Menzies, Viele & Mather, timber	13	92
. "	Annin & Co., ensign	13	00
"	W. A. Stone, incidental expenses	11	37
66	Wood Bro's, freight on cab	11	
66	Seward & Boswell, straw		84
"	John McMurray, wire cage	10	,
66	Edward Robinson, Jr., legal services	10	
"	A. Whitlock & Co., rope		68
. 66	J. Cosgriff, wood		50
"	N. Y. Transcript Association, subscription	-	00
"	Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware		88
66	Charles Fellman, expenses		33
"	Peter Hey, night-soil		10
66	Louis F. Ludlow, night-soil		50
64	Wm. Lee, blacking, &c		25
"	Fairchild, Walker & Co., grading	1,856	
"	Jesse Ryder, cobble stone	391	
66	Geo. M. Van Nort, incidental expenses		51

Total......\$30,928 87

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, to the amount of thirty thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight $\frac{8}{100}$ dollars.

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Dated New York, December 11, 1862.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH, Auditing M. H. GRINNELL, Committee.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins—5.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, at four o'clock and twenty-five minutes the Board adjourned.

Geo. M. Van Nort, Clerk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1862.

SPECIAL MEETING-3 P. M.

Present-H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., and

Commissioner Russell,

Commissioner FIELDS.

" BUTTERWORTH.

" GREEN.

" HUTCHINS.

On motion of Mr. Russell, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

Mr. Green submitted a draft of a communication to the Honorable the Common Council, having reference to the prosecution of the work on the Park, and requesting the appropriation of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars therefor, which was read, when,

On motion of Mr. FIELDS,

Resolved, That said communication be and is hereby adopted by this Board, and that the same be signed by the officers and members of the Commission, and transmitted to the Common Council.

Mr. Russell moved that said communication be printed as a document of this Board.

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend said motion by adding at the end thereof the words, "and that it be published in the city papers."

Mr. Russell accepted said motion to amend.

The question being put on the adoption of said motion as amended, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Steb-bins—5.

(See Document No. 4.)

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Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to employ counsel to protect the interests of the Commission.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be, and he is hereby authorized to license carriages and sleighs to take and carry passengers within the Central Park during the skating season, at such license fee as he may determine.

Mr. Russell, from the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, to which was referred the subject of an enclosure around the Park, and to examine estimates and plans and report thereon to the Board, with their opinion, reported thereon in writing, which was accepted.

Debate was had thereon, when,

On motion of Mr. Russell, said report was laid on the table.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the salaries of Geo. M. Van Nort, Clerk to the Board, and B. F. Crane, Property clerk of the Board, be, and the same are hereby, fixed at twenty-five hundred dollars each, from and after the 1st day of January, 1863.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

Geo. M. VAN NORT, Clerk.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1863.

SPECIAL MEETING-3 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following:

Office of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park,
Bank of Commerce Building, 31 Nassau street,
New York, Jan'y ed, 1863.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Monday, 5th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. Stebbins,

President of the Board

of Commissioners of the

Central Park.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq., Clerk.

Present—H. G. Stebbins, Esq., President, and Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green.

Butterworth,

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1863.

Special Meeting— $1\frac{1}{2}$ P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following:

Office of the Board of Commissioners

of the Central Park,

Bank of Commerce Building, 31 Nassau street,

New York, Jan'y 5th, 1863.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Wednesday, 7th inst., at $1\frac{1}{2}$ P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,

President of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq., Clerk.

Present-

Commissioner Hutchins,

Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1863.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present—H. G. Stebbins, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green,
"Hutchins, "Grinnell.

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

On motion of Mr. Butterworth—

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and they are hereby authorized to transact any business necessary, until the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINS the Board adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1863.

SPECIAL MEETING-3 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following:

New York, January 22d, 1863.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Saturday, 24th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

Henry G. Stebbins,
President of the Board of
Commissioners of the Central Park.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq., Clerk.

Present—H. G. Stebbins, Esq., President, and Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Hutchins. "Green,

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1863.

SPECIAL MEETING-4 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

New York, January 24th, 1863.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Monday, 26th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,

President of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

Geo. M. Van Nort, Esq., Clerk.

Present-H. G. Stebbins, Esq., President, and

Commissioner Russell,

Commissioner Green,

"Butterworth,

Grinnell,

· Hutchins.

The minutes of the previous meetings of November 13th, December 11th, 23d, January 5th, 7th, 8th, and 24th were read and approved.

In accordance with section 2, article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer presented a report on the condition of the finances, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes as follows:

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission..\$188,073 67 " " Treasurer... 2,407 50

Total......\$190,481 17

Mr. Russell moved that the report of the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, on the subject of an enclosure around the Park, be printed as a document of the Board.

The question being put on the adoption of said motion, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

(See Document No. 5).

Mr. Russell moved, that said report be taken from the table, and that the same be adopted.

The question being put on the adoption of said motion, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the enclosing wall of the Park, on Fifth and Eighth avenues, south of transverse road No. 1, be proceeded with, of stone native to the vicinity, and on the plan of the vertical wall now erected at the east end of transverse road No. 1, not exceeding eight feet in heighth; and, also, that the retaining-wall, from transverse road No. 3 to transverse road No. 4, on the Fifth avenue, be constructed of stone of the same character.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

Mr. Green reported verbally, that he had had an interview with Mr. Miller, the late Disbursing Clerk, and in compliance with the action of the Board of November 13, 1862, p. 45, had adjusted and settled all the accounts of said Disbursing Clerk, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the allowance by the Treasurer of certain accounts of the late Disbursing Clerk of the Board, and his payment to him of his salary for the month of October, be, and the same is hereby approved.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

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Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

Mr. Green submitted a draft of the annual report, whereupon it was-

Resolved, That the said report properly signed by the officers of the Board, be transmitted to the Common Council of the city of New York, as the report of this Board for the year 1862.

Mr. Green submitted several plans of gate way entrances to the Park on 59th street.

Debate was had thereon, when

Mr. HUTCHINS moved that said plans be referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, to report further thereon, and that said Committee have power to consult such architects in relation thereto, as they may deem proper.

The question being put on the adoption of said motion, it was determined in the affirmative as follows:

- Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

Mr. Green presented a communication from Hiram Pond, proposing to erect an observatory on the Park, and submitted a specimen of marble to be used in the erection of said building.

On motion of Mr. Green, referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, at five o'clock and thirty-five minutes, the Board adjourned.

Geo. M. VAN NORT, Clerk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1863.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present-Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Clerk.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1863.

SPECIAL MEETING-3 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following:

New York, February 19th, 1863.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Saturday, 21st inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

Henry G. Stebbins,
President of the Board of
Commissioners of the Central Park.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq., Clerk.

> Present—H. G. Stebbins, Esq., President, and Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green, "Hutchins," Grinnell.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be cor-

		\$23,959	15
Bill of	John McGuire, repairing harness	6	32
66	Colgate & Co., soap	6	3 0
"	Herring & Co., repairing safe	6	00
44	N. Y. Herald, advertising and sub	5	42
66	R. H. Allen & Co., plowshares	. 5	00
"	Phillip Wolfe, night-soil	4	90
"	Y. Y. Times, advertising and sub	4	38
"	Walton Brothers, boring-machine	3	50
44	World and Courier & Enquirer, advertising,	, 1	5 0
46	J. Wotherspoon & Son, plaster	1	50
"	John Moser, night soil	1	05
"	E. & G. W. Blunt, repairing tripod	0	50
46	Walton Brothers, hardware	194	85
"	Robert Gibson, hardwood	166	70
66	Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware	80	5 8
"	Drummond & Sherwood, carving and saw-		
/	ing	886	76

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, to the amount of twenty-five thousand two hundred and eighty four 14 1 0 dollars.

Dated New York, February 12th, 1863.

M. H. GRINNELL, Auditing J. F. BUTTERWORTH, Committee.

... \$25,284 41

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Executive Committee, presented a report, in writing, of its acts and proceedings, under resolution of the Board, passed January 8th, 1863, p. 50 of the Journal; which,

On motion of Mr. Hutchins, was accepted, and ordered entered at length on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of its acts and proceedings under the resolution of the Board, passed January 8th, 1863, authorizing the Executive Committee to transact any business necessary, until the next meeting of the Board.

At a meeting of your Committee, held January 10th, 1863, the following resolutions were adopted:

- "Resolved, That the President and Comptroller of the Park be authorized to communicate with the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, and with the Legislature of the State, on behalf of this Board, from time to time, as may be necessary, on any subject connected with the business of the Board."
- "Resolved, That the foundations up to grade line of the sidewalk, be constructed in accordance with the plan recommended by the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, along the northerly line of the broad walk along the north side of Fifty-ninth street, from Fifth to Eighth avenues."
- "Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the balance due to Dodworth's Band, for music provided on the Park by said band, one of the railroads running to the Park declining to pay a proportion of said music."
- "Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to make arrangements with the Bank of Commerce, or with any other bank, for the advance of money for the maintenance of the Park, until the same is deposited by the Comptroller of the city, as required by law."

Your Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the acts and proceeding of the Executive Committee, under the resolution of the Board, passed January 8th, 1863, page 59 of the Journal, and as reported in this, their report of this day, be, and they are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Dated New York, February 11th, 1863.

M. H. GRINNELL, AND. H. GREEN, W. HUTCHINS, Executive Committee. The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee respectfully report:

That they have examined and audited the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, up to the 1st day of January, 1863, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts; that they find the said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory; and that the balance to the credit of said Board, on the 1st day of January, 1863, is $\$212,459_{\frac{5}{16}\frac{3}{6}}$.

Dated New York, January 5th, 1863.

M. H. GRINNELL, J. F. BUTTERWORTH, Committee.

Mr. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase not exceeding five thousand cubic yards of gravel, at not exceeding one dollar and seventy five cents per cubic yard.

The question being put on the adoption of said resolution, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

In accordance with section 2, article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reported the condition of the finances, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes as follows:

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission..\$158,073 67
" " Treasurer... 7,831 48

Total.....\$165,905 15

The following communications were received:

From Charles D. Heiser and others, petitioning for the construction of a walk from Eighth avenue and Eighty-ninth street, into the Park.

On motion referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From E. P. Fabbri desiring employment for Enrico Stefani.

On motion referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, the subject of the purchase of a bronze eagle, for the Park, was referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, to report thereon to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, at three o'clock and thirty-five minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Clerk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1863.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present-Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green.

 Λ quorum not being present, adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1863.

SPECIAL MEETING--3 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following:

New York, March 28, 1863.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Monday, 30th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. Stebbins,

President of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

Geo. M. Van Nort, Esq., Clerk.

Present—Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
Butterwoth.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1863.

REGULAR MEETING-3 P. M.

Present—Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Butterworth, Grinnell.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.