

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CENTRAL PARK,

FOR THE

Year Ending April 30th, 1866.



NEW YORK:

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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1865.

SPECIAL MEETING—3 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

NEW YORK, May 2d, 1865.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Saturday next, the 6th inst. 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. } Commissioners
C. H. RUSSELL. } Central Park.
ANDW. H. GREEN. }

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P.

Present—M. H. GRINNELL, Vice-president, and
Commissioner BUTTERWORTH, Commissioner FIELDS,
“ HUTCHINS, “ GREEN.

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

The VICE 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. FIELDS :

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

The VICE-PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Hutchins and Fields tellers.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, whereupon the Tellers announced the result, as follows :

✓	For President, H. G. Stebbins received.....	5	votes.
✓	“ Vice-President, M. H. Grinnell “	5	“
✓	“ Treasurer, Andw. H. Green “	5	“
✓	“ Secretary, Thos. O. Fields. “	5	“

The VICE-PRESIDENT declared that said persons, having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, were duly elected officers of the Board for the ensuing year.

On motion, the regular order of business down to resolutions was laid on the table.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount is at the credit of this Board in said bank, 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. Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Grinnell—5.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park deem the creation and issue of the amount of \$300,000 of the public fund or stock denominated the “Central Park Improvement Fund,” authorized by an act entitled “An act for the improvement, maintenance, regulation and government of the Central Park in the city of New York, and to provide additional means thereof,” passed February 10th, 1865, to be now requisite to carry out the object of said act, and that the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty be and they are hereby requested to create and issue the said amount, in accordance with the provisions of said act.

Resolved, That the above resolution be transmitted to the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York.

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

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

MR. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to apply, on behalf of this Board, to the Supreme Court, under the provisions of an act entitled "An Act for the improvement of part of the city of New York, between One hundred and tenth street and the Harlem River," passed April 24, 1865, for the appointment of Commissioners of estimated assessment for the opening of Sixth avenue as widened by said act, or so much thereof as has not already been opened from the southerly side of One hundred and tenth street to the Harlem River.

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

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

MR. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to apply to, and receive from the Comptroller of the city of New York, all moneys raised for the use of the Commissioners appointed to lay out the city of New York, north of One hundred and fifty-fifth street, and out of the same to pay all claims accrued, for said work when audited by a majority of the said Commissioners, as provided by law.

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

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

MR. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to take on behalf of this Board, all proceedings that this Board is empowered by law to take, for the grading, regulating, sewerage paving and improving the Seventh avenue from 110th street to the Harlem River—as provided by Chap. 275 of the laws of 1864, the plan of the improvement to be first approved by this Board.

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

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

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to receive on behalf of this Board, from the Commissioners appointed by or pursuant to Chapter 201 of the Laws of 1860, and from the surveyors, engineers, and all other persons employed by said Commissioners, all or any of the records, maps, surveys, books, papers, and property of the said Commissioners, or in their possession, and all field notes, surveys, and memoranda thereof taken or made by authority or direction of said Commissioners.

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

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

Mr. GREEN submitted, for the consideration of the Board, the following ordinances :

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

No fire-engine, hook and ladder, cart, hose, truck or other machine on wheels, commonly used for the extinguishing of fire, shall be allowed on any part of the Central Park, except the Transverse roads, without the previous consent of the Comptroller of the Park.

No funeral procession, or hearse, or other vehicle or person carrying the body of a deceased person, shall be allowed on any part of the Central Park, except upon the Transverse roads.

No person, except in the employ of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, shall light, make, or use any fire upon the Central Park.

No person on foot shall go upon the grass, lawn, or turf of the Central Park, except when and where the word "Common" is posted, indicating that persons are at liberty at that time and place to go on the grass.

Whereupon, Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the above ordinances be, and they are hereby adopted, and that the same be published for ten days in the New York Daily Times, The New York Herald, and The New York Daily Tribune, three daily newspapers published in the city of New York, and the said newspapers are hereby selected by the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for that purpose.

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

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

On motion of Mr. GREEN :

Resolved, That hereafter the meetings of the Board be called at two o'clock, instead of at three o'clock.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee respectfully report—

That they have examined the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, up to the 1st day of April, 1865, 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 April, 1865, is \$38,719.⁴/₁₀₀.

Dated New York, May 6th, 1865.

M. H. GRINNELL, } Auditing
THOS. C. FIELDS, } Committee.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered 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 :

Bill of The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and dies.	\$2,467 15
“ Crombie & Silliman, lumber.....	1,340 83
“ I. V. Brokaw, police uniforms.....	1,270 00
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	1,202 50
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	1,092 20
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	826 79
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	612 38
“ The Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	555 00

Bill of The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone....	\$486 80
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel and apples.....	483 50
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	376 29
“ W. L. Ferris, trees.....	430 00
“ Nelson J. Waterbury, services.....	400 00
“ S. P. Ayers, hydrants, &c.....	302 25
“ Fairchild, Walker & Co., manure.....	265 50
“ Walton Bros., hardware.....	251 01
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	228 00
“ Pinkney & Moulton, feed.....	178 95
“ J. H. James, police caps.....	175 00
“ Chas. Reiche & Bro., black swans.....	150 00
“ E. & D. Bigelow & Co., 59th st. base stone..	149 51
“ Raynold, Pratt & Co., paints and oil.....	248 10
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	109 95
“ D. Gallagher, coal.....	100 00
“ Wm. Menzies, timber.....	75 20
“ E. & D. Bigelow & Co., stone.....	74 52
“ James Barber, fish.....	74 50
“ Bridges & Lane, jack-screws.....	70 00
“ Samuel Mulliken & Co., hammering steel..	62 80
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	56 17
“ F. W. Christern, books (gold).....	53 50
“ C. D. Doughty, mouldings.....	50 00
“ John Gray, brooms.....	46 50
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	45 00
“ Thos. Moore, haberdashery.....	39 79
“ Willard Felt & Co., stationery.....	39 50
“ Todd & Co., salt.....	33 50
“ Adam Kremer, handles.....	30 00
“ The Trenton Iron Co., wire.....	25 98
“ Colgate & Co., soap.....	20 50
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	17 98
“ McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	15 79
“ W. J. Hayes, trimming.....	13 85
“ D. D. Miller, repairs lanterns.....	13 40
“ John Mason, subscription <i>N. Y. Express</i> ...	12 50
“ C. Neidhart, leather.....	7 77
“ The N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	7 50

Bill of Dietz & Co., lamp-wick.....	\$7 00
“ Vernam & Co., salt.....	5 04
“ E. & G. W. Blunt, repairs level.....	5 00
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, stove polish....	1 80
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	41 40
	\$14,608 20

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 fourteen thousand and six hundred and eight $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, March 21st, 1865.

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

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

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

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, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	\$2,818 75
“ The Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	698 00
“ National Bank of Commerce in N. Y., rent.	467 50
“ Willard Trull, cedar poles.....	450 00
“ Pinkney & Moulton, feed.....	414 55
“ S. Purdy, cabbages.....	264 00
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	174 80
“ Louis Pflug, meat.....	168 75
“ Willard Felt & Co., stationery.....	160 00



Bill of Daniel Gallagher, coal.....	\$140 00
“ N. Y. Belting & Packing Co., hose.....	83 50
“ Randolph & Skidmores, coal.....	60 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	57 43
“ E. Ketcham & Co., trimming.....	54 00
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	50 00
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	49 18
“ A. T. Stewart & Co., muslin.....	48 50
“ Phelps, Dodge & Co., tin.....	33 00
“ John McMurray, screws.....	33 00
“ Joseph Nason & Co., pipe.....	31 60
“ J. P. Jube & Co., hardware.....	29 15
“ Jas. M. Thorburn and Co., seed.....	26 25
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	23 77
“ Raynolds, Pratt and Co., paints.....	23 75
“ Bradley and Smith, brooms.....	22 25
“ A. Whitlock & Co., rope.....	20 46
“ E. S. Pardee, chickens.....	17 00
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	15 00
“ Wm. P. Lyon & Whittemore, envelopes....	13 40
“ F. C. Gunther, cage.....	10 00
“ The New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	4 90
“ Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....	2 27
“ James H. Roome, preserving animals.....	377 00
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, incidental expenses.....	296 68

\$7,138 44

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 seventy-one hundred and thirty-eight $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, May 6, 1865.

M. H. GRINNELL, } Auditing
THOS. C. FIELDS, } Committee.

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

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

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

New York, May 6th, 1865.

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..	\$36,157	22
“ “ “ Treasurer....	3,651	33
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Total.....	\$39,808	55

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Mr. Hutchins stated, for the information of the Board, that the act, entitled “ An Act to authorize the Metropolitan Railway Company to tunnel Broadway, and for other purposes,” passed by the late Legislature, and now awaiting the approval of his Excellency the Governor, contained provisions adverse to the interests of the Park.

Debate was had thereon, when

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to take such steps as they may deem necessary, with regard to the “ Act of the Metropolitan Railway Company to tunnel Broadway, and for other purposes,” and to confer with his Excellency the Governor in relation thereto.

On motion, at three o'clock and fifteen minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1865.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—

Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Fields,
“ Butterworth,	“ Green,
“ Hutchins,	“ Blatchford.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, on motion of Mr. GREEN, Mr. BLATCHFORD was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meetings, commencing with May 14th, 1863, were being read, when,

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, the further reading of the minutes was suspended.

The following communications were received :

From John C. Wilson and others, for permission to play ball on the Park. Referred to the Comptroller of the Park. ✓

From E. A. Wendell, for appointment as superintendent of poultry. Same reference. ✓

From gardeners and laborers, asking for increase of pay. Same reference. ✓

From F. E. Graef, for appointment as engineer or architect. Same reference. ✓

From ununiformed gate-keepers, desiring increase of pay. Same reference. ✓

From Calvert Vaux, architect, relative to the southerly gates of the Park. ✓

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, ordered on file.

Several communications having been answered by the Comptroller of the Park, were received and ordered on file, as follows:

- ✓ From D. B. Young, Jr., presenting a red fox.
- ✓ " James Broadmeadow, presenting a deer.
- ✓ " Washington Market Social Club, presenting an eagle.
- ✓ " Wm. Skidmore, Jr., donating a fox.
- ✓ " Mr. Jones, donating a pair of Guinea fowl.
- ✓ " Josephine V. Garbrecht, donating a grey squirrel.
- ✓ " Capt. Thomas Smythe, donating an ant bear.
- ✓ " James Pierson, donating a hawk.
- ✓ " Mrs. Goubits, donating a dove.
- ✓ " Wm. Parks, donating a pair of parrots.
- ✓ " P. G. Monroe, donating a monkey.
- ✓ " " Anonymous," donating parts of a negro's skeleton and skin of an inchneumon.
- ✓ " Mr. Jones, donating a Guinea hen.
- ✓ " Joseph C. Howell, donating three S. A. tortoise turtle.
- ✓ " John Sutherland, donating a pair of English black-birds.

✓ Mr. GREEN submitted certified copies of acts entitled respectively, " An act for the improvement of part of the city of New York, between One hundred and tenth street and the Harlem River," and " An act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct in the city of New York, and certain streets in the said city," and moved that they be printed as documents of the Board.

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

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

(See Documents Nos. 1 and 2.)

✓ On motion of Mr. FIELDS, the act entitled " An act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct in the city of New York and certain streets in the said city," was referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon.

✓ Mr. GREEN submitted petitions of E. & D. Bigelow & Co., for increase of price of Fifty-ninth street base course, and of R. Kermit Stewart, for reimbursement of funds advanced to R. Nutty, contractor for constructing portion of Park wall, and moved that said petitions be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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

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

Mr. GREEN submitted a copy of an act entitled "An act to provide for the laying out of a plot of ground in the Central Park, in the city of New York, and for the erection thereon of a monument to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States."

On motion of Mr. GREEN, said act was referred to the executive committee to report thereon.

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

New York, May 11, 1865.

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...	\$26,157	22
" " " " Treasurer.....		374 46
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Total.....	\$26,531	68
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ANDREW H. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Mr. GREEN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay such sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, as the Executive Committee may approve, in full settlement of the claims of Messrs. J. B. & W. W. Cornell & Co., for constructing bridge No. 5.

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

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

Mr. FIELDS offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board approve of laying out a zoological garden on Manhattan Square.

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

By unanimous consent,

Mr. RUSSELL read from a letter addressed to him by H. G. Stebbins, Esq., asking permission of the Board for a short leave of absence to Europe, and placing his resignation as President of the Board at their disposition, which, in consequence of his intended absence, he deemed to be courteous to the Board.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINS, the resignation of Mr. Stebbins, as President of the Board, was unanimously declined.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL,

Resolved, That leave of absence be and is hereby granted to Commissioner H. G. Stebbins.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That all work on the gateways of the Park be deferred till the further order of the Board.

Debate was had thereon, when,

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

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

Nays—Mr. Russell—1.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the subject of compensating R. M. Hunt, architect, for plans of 59th street gateways, be referred to the Auditing Committee to adjust, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay said Hunt such amount as the said Committee deem proper.

Debate was had thereon, when,

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, said resolution was amended by

inserting after the word "gateways," the words "and plans for the alteration of the old arsenal building."

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, Blatchford—6.

MR. RUSSELL, from the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, to which was referred the subject of the appropriation of the old Arsenal building, and adjacent lands, for the use of the New York Historical Society, submitted a report thereon which was accepted, and recommended the adoption of a preamble and resolutions, which were read for the information of the Board, as follows :

Whereas, By an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act to improve the Central Park, in the city of New York," passed March 25th, 1862; it was, among other things, enacted as follows, to wit :

"SEC. 1. The Commissioners of the Central Park, in the city of New York, are hereby authorized to set apart and appropriate to the New York Historical Society the building within said Park, heretofore known as the New York State Arsenal, together with such grounds adjoining the same, as the said Commissioners may determine to be necessary and proper, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining therein by the said Society a Museum of Antiquities and Science, and a Gallery of Art." Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Commissioners of the Central Park do hereby determine that portion of the said grounds hereinafter mentioned and particularly described, upon which said Historical Society shall erect buildings for the purposes and on the conditions specified in said act, and on the conditions and within the times hereinafter specified, "to be necessary and proper for the purpose of establishing and maintaining therein by the said Society a Museum of Antiquities and Science, and a Gallery of Art;" be it, therefore,

Resolved, That by virtue and in pursuance of the power and authority conferred by said act, the Commissioners of the Central Park do hereby set apart and appropriate to the New York Historical Society, for the purposes and on the conditions declared in the said act, and on the conditions hereinafter mentioned, so much and such portions of the premises hereinafter mentioned

and particularly described as shall from time to time be actually covered by one or more buildings to be constructed thereon by the said Historical Society, to wit:

P R E M I S E S .

The building within said Park, heretofore known as The New York State Arsenal, together with the grounds under, around, and adjoining the same, bounded as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point where the northerly line of Sixty-third street, if continued in the same line northwesterly, would intersect the westerly line of Fifth avenue; thence northwesterly on a line at right angles with the Fifth avenue two hundred and sixty feet; thence northeasterly on a line parallel with the Fifth avenue two hundred feet; thence northwesterly in a line at right angles with said avenue one hundred and ninety feet; thence northeasterly in a line parallel with the said avenue two hundred and sixty feet; thence southeasterly in a line at right angles with the said avenue four hundred and fifty feet to the westerly line of said avenue; and thence along the westerly line of said avenue four hundred and sixty feet to the place of beginning. To be occupied and enjoyed by the said Society for the purposes and on the conditions declared in the said act, and on the further conditions hereinafter set forth.

Resolved, further, That the above resolution or act of appropriation, and all powers and advantages that the said Historical Society may derive therefrom, are subject to the conditions mentioned in said act, and to the following further conditions, to wit:

First.—That the said Society acquires by or under these resolutions or act of appropriation, no right, title, jurisdiction, or control, over any portion of said premises, except such as shall be actually covered by buildings hereafter to be erected thereon by said Society, and over those portions only while such buildings are being erected, and after they are erected for the purposes and in accordance with the conditions of said act of the Legislature, nor over any portion of said premises until the plan of such buildings and the proposed location thereof shall have been submitted to and approved by the said Commissioners of the Central Park.

Second.—That in case the said Society shall not within two years from this date commence a building on said premises, and complete the same within five years from this date, and maintain the same for the purposes contemplated by said act of the Legislature, then the foregoing resolutions or act of appropriation shall be utterly void, and the said premises shall constitute a portion of said Central Park, free from any claim of right, interest or jurisdiction of said Society, in all respects as though the foregoing preamble and resolutions, or act of appropriation, had not been adopted.

Third.—Nothing in the foregoing preamble and resolutions or act of appropriation contained shall be construed or taken to prevent the said Commissioners of the Central Park from making such use of any building now on said premises as they may deem fit and proper, nor to permit the said Society to take down, alter, use, or in any respect control said Arsenal building until said Society shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the Commissioners of the Central Park of its ability to erect another building on some portion of the premises aforesaid, of equal dimensions, and suitable for the purposes contemplated by said Act of the Legislature.

The general object and intent of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, or act of appropriation, being to assure within the boundaries aforesaid to the New York Historical Society ample room to construct buildings for the purposes contemplated in the said Act of the Legislature, and at the same time to retain in the exclusive keeping, control, and management of the said Commissioners of the Central Park, all grounds within said boundaries not actually covered by such buildings.

“The Museum and gallery contemplated in the first section of said act, when so established, shall be accessible to the public, under proper regulations to be adopted by the said Society and approved by the said Commissioners, and not inconsistent with the proper administration and management of the said Park.”

Resolved, That the above preamble and resolutions being “the evidence of the setting apart and appropriation of the said

Arsenal buildings and grounds within the said Park to the said New York Historical Society for the purpose aforesaid," be adopted by this Board, duly acknowledged by its President, and attested by the Comptroller of the Park, and recorded in the office of the Register of the city and county of New York.

Mr. RUSSELL moved the adoption of said preamble and resolutions, and that the report of said Committee, together with the said preamble and resolutions, 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, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5. (See Document No. 3.)

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to cause the skin of the elephant Hannibal to be preserved and mounted.

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

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was continued.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, the further reading of the minutes was suspended.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the yearly salary of the following named persons be increased to the following named amounts, to date from January 1st, 1864, viz. :

✓ Geo. M. Van Nort, clerk commission.....	\$3,500 00
✓ B. F. Crane, property clerk.....	3,500 00
✓ E. P. Barker, assistant clerk to commission....	1,800 00

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

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

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the Committee appointed at a meeting of the Board, February 21, 1865, page 57, to consider the subject of a suitable compensation to the Treasurer for past services, was discharged.

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Mr. FIELDS moved that the consideration of a suitable compensation to the Treasurer for his past services, be referred, with power, to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Russell, Butterworth, Blatchford. ✓

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

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

On motion of Mr. FIELDS the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings, from May 14th, 1863, up to and including May 6th, 1865, was proceeded with and were approved. ✓

Mr. RUSSELL, from the Special Committee, to which was referred, with power, the consideration of a suitable compensation to the Treasurer, for his past services; reported that said Committee unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,500 additional salary to the Treasurer for the past two years, beginning with January 1st, 1863, and ending with December 31st, 1864, which report was accepted. ✓

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1865.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

NEW YORK, May 31st, 1865.

GEO. M. VAN NOET, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Friday next, the 2d inst., at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

R. M. BLATCHFORD, }
M. H. GRINNELL, } Commissioners
C. H. RUSSELL, } Central Park.

Present—

M. H. GRINNELL, Esq., Vice-President, and
Commissioner RUSSELL, Commissioner GREEN,
" FIELDS, " BLATCHFORD.

The journal of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Several communications having been answered, were received and ordered on file, as follows:

- From A. N. Lambert, donating a Mexican coatamundi. ✓
- " D. C. Farragut, Vice-Admiral U. S. N., donating a deer. ✓
- " Henry Easton, donating cedars of Lebanon. ✓
- " F. G., donating a canary bird. ✓
- " Ernest Friedrick, donating a goat. ✓

- ✓ From Eugene Plunkett, donating a pair of rabbits.
- ✓ " Wm. Morris, donating a S. A. bird.
- ✓ " Chas. J. Innes, donating two plaster busts.
- ✓ " Hon. Caleb Lyon, donating a beaver.
- ✓ " Mr. Dodge, donating a cockatoo.
- ✓ " "A Lady," donating an opossum.
- ✓ " J. C. Woods, donating a monkey.
- ✓ " Mr. Hamilton, donating a curraso.
- ✓ " J. B. Hildreth, donating an alligator.

Mr. GREEN presented a certified copy of an act, entitled "An act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the city and county of New York," and moved that it be laid on the table and printed in document form.

The VICE-PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Russell, Fields, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell
—5. (*See Loc. No. 4*)

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1865.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

NEW YORK, June 3rd, 1865.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,

Clerk, B. C. C. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Tuesday next, 6th inst., at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

M. H. GRINNELL, }
C. H. RUSSELL, } Commissioners
THOS. C. FIELDS, } Central Park.

Present—M. H. GRINNELL, Esq., Vice-President, and

Commissioner RUSSELL,

Commissioner GREEN,

Commissioner FIELDS.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1865.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH,
“ HUTCHINS,
“ FIELDS.

Commissioner GREEN,
“ BLATCHFORD,

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, on motion of Mr. FIELDS, Mr. BLATCHFORD was called to the chair.

The journals of the previous meetings were read and approved.

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

New York, June 8th, 1865.

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...	\$3,245 22
“ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	8,636 24
Total.....	<u>\$11,881 46</u>

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Mr. GREEN offered the following ;

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to purchase by contract, or otherwise, not exceeding ten thousand cubic yards of gravel, at not exceeding two dollars and sixty cents per cubic yard, delivered on the Park.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount is at the credit of this Board in said bank, 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 Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park is hereby authorized to apply for and to take all necessary measures to obtain from the Commissioners appointed by, or pursuant to chap. 201 of the Laws of 1860, and from the surveyors, engineers, and all other persons employed by said Commissioners, all or any of the records, maps, surveys, books, papers, and property of the said Commissioners, or in their possession, or in the possession of such surveyors, engineers, and other persons, and all field notes, surveys and memoranda thereof taken or made by authority or direction of said Commissioners.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to take all steps necessary to provide moneys to meet the expenses of grading, paving, regulating, draining and improving the Seventh Avenue, in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled, "An act to amend an act, entitled, 'An act to

alter the map or plan of the city of New York,' passed April 15, 1859"—passed April 21, 1864.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to have the necessary surveys made to ascertain the proper route for the road, or public drive, specified in sec. 1 of an act entitled, "An act to provide for the laying out and improving certain portions of the city and county of New York," passed April 24, 1865 ; that plans and profiles of said road be (from time to time) reported to this Board for approval, (in whole or in sections, as completed) ; and, upon approval thereof by this Board, said Comptroller is authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to acquire title for the use of the public, for the land required for the said road, or any portion thereof, approved by this Board, in accordance with the provisions of said act.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to consult with the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the duties and power of the Board in laying out the drive authorized by the act of the Legislature passed April 24, 1865.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

A communication from the Comptroller of the Park, having reference to the prosecution of certain classes of work at the Park, was received and read, whereupon

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to proceed with the following work during the present year, to wit :

- 1st.—The completion of the surface of the Park, including the drive, walk, and lakes.
- 2d.—The completion of the planting.
- 3d.—The completion of the Terrace and the Fountain on the Esplanade.
- 4th.—The enclosing wall, in parcels, as circumstances favor.
- 5th.—The great Refreshment House.
- 6th.—The Zoological Garden.
- 7th.—The Dairy House. ✓
- 8th.—The Arboretum.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the payment of the following classes of workmen on the Park, at the following rates of wages, since March 13th, 1865, be approved, viz. :

Foreman of masons.....	\$4 00	per day,
Foremen of mechanics.....	3 50	“
Stonecutters and masons.....	35c.	per hour,

and the wages of said classes of workmen shall hereafter not exceed the following rates, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, to wit :

Foreman of masons.	\$4 00	per day,
Foremen of mechanics and stone workers.	3 50	“
Stonecutters.....	35c.	per hour,
Masons	30	“

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The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

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FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1865.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.,

The Board was called pursuant to the following :

NEW YORK, July 5th, 1865.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P. :

Sir,—Will you please call a meeting of the Board for Friday, 7th instant, at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,
AND. H. GREEN, } Commissioners
R. M. BLATCHFORD, } of the
J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } Central Park.

Present—

Commissioner Green, Commissioner Blatchford.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1865.

REGULAR MEETING—3 P. M.

Present—

Commissioner Fields,

Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1865.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

NEW YORK, July 10th, 1865.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,

Clerk B. C. C. P. :

Sir,—Will you please call a meeting of the Board for Friday next, the 14th inst., at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

THOS. C. FIELDS, }
R. M. BLATCHFORD, } Commissioners
W. HUTCHINS, } of the
Central Park.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Hutchins, Commissioner Blatchford,
“ Fields, “ Grinnell,
“ Green.

The journals of the previous meetings of June 8th, July 7th and 13th, were read and approved.

The following communications were received, and having been answered were ordered on file.

From Dr. E. J. Parmly, donating a Virginia rail.

“ Jas. B. Mingay, donating a monkey.

“ C. H. Lilienthal, donating eight pea fowl.

“ J. H. Roome, donating a horse skull.

“ J. D'Hervilly, donating a pair of game fowl.

“ Robert Gordon, donating a tiger cat.

“ T. S. Browning, donating an eagle.

“ E. S. Allen, donating an alligator.

“ A. C. Brady, donating a hawk.

“ Hon. Jno. Dalton, donating a peccary.

“ Capt. James Cathcart, donating a pair of turtles.

“ Mrs. Maj. Genl. D. E. Sickles, donating a monkey and two robins.

“ Alonzo Dayton, donating a grey squirrel.

“ Ambrose Andrews, donating two hawks.

“ Jno. P. Detschel, donating an owl.

“ Jas. B. Mingay, donating a raccoon.

“ Matthew Goldie, donating an alligator.

The following communications were also received:

From T. S. C. Lowe, desiring permission to make balloon ascensions from the Park.

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park, with power.

From Charles A. Randle, for appointment as Park-keeper.

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From “A Citizen,” relative to occupancy of Park seats.

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From Mallison & Scott, relative to publishing a guide book to the Park.

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From F. Coombs, asking permission to exhibit stereoscopic views in the Park.

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park, with power.

From H. T. Cole, for permit to play the flute on the Park lake.

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From H. O'Rielly, proposing to erect in the Park the edifice

authorized by Legislative enactment for preserving and exhibiting the military trophies and records of the rebellion.

Referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee respectfully report—

That they have examined the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, up to the 1st day of July, 1865, 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 July, 1865, is \$14,267 $\frac{2}{10}$ $\frac{3}{10}$.

Dated New York, July 12, 1865.

M. H. GRINNELL, } Auditing
THOS. C. FIELDS, } Committee.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted and ordered entered 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 :

Bill of Kingsley, Keeney & Co., wall.....	\$6,364 00
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,793 10
“ Crombie & Silliman, lumber	1,614 80
“ Meyer & Seidler, painting Casino.....	1,000 00
“ Thos. Crimmins, mould.....	509 60
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., wall	463 25
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel and apples.....	229 25
“ Smith & Williams, hardware	214 51
“ E. & D. Bigelow & Co., wall	202 25

Bill of Pinkney & Moulton, feed.....	\$198 84
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints.....	197 20
“ N. Y. Herald, advertising.....	162 80
“ A. W. Budlong, lumber.....	150 15
“ D. Gallagher, coal.....	125 00
“ A. Whitlock & Co.....	107 45
“ Willard Trull, poles.....	95 00
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	90 75
“ James Gillies, granite base.....	90 00
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	85 50
“ James Barber, fish.....	80 00
“ Thos. Crimmins, mould.....	78 40
“ R. Smith, agent, matting.....	75 00
“ J. Wrey Mould, architectural services.....	75 00
“ R. Smith, agent, carpet.....	67 10
“ Willard, Felt & Co., stationery.....	65 62
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	60 00
“ Annin & Co., flag.....	60 00
“ N. Y. Times, advertising.....	59 40
“ The Tribune Association, advertising.....	57 75
“ The World Co., advertising.....	55 50
“ J. F. Butterworth, photographs.....	54 40
“ W. L. Ferris, plants.....	38 00
“ Frank A. Pollard, plants.....	36 00
“ L. Waefelaer, fountain jets.....	34 00
“ John Brodie, slate.....	31 50
“ C. B. Van Dyke, chairs.....	26 00
“ Union Adams, gloves.....	27 00
“ W. H. Beeching, subscription.....	25 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	18 90
“ W. C. Wilson, trees.....	17 60
“ Lyon & Whittemore, envelopes.....	13 35
“ A. T. Stewart & Co., blankets.....	13 00
“ N. Y. Freeman's Journal, advertising.....	12 60
“ Metropolitan Record, advertising.....	11 10
“ The New Yorker, advertising.....	8 00
“ C. Neidhart, leather.....	7 98

Bill of S. R. Budd & Bro., putty.....	\$7 50
“ Windle & Co., water cooler.....	6 50
“ E. Treadwell’s Sons, bread.....	5 50
“ Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	5 50
“ H. Sinclair, plaster ornaments.....	4 50
“ H. P. Smith, nuts.....	3 50
“ The N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	3 15
“ “ “ “ “ “.....	2 10
“ Petersen & Co., awnings.....	191 20
“ W. L. Fisher, plants.....	98 80
“ W. C. Wilson, trees.....	34 00
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	33 95
Total	\$15,197 85

Your 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 date, to the amount of fifteen thousand one hundred and ninety-seven $\frac{85}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, June 29, 1865.

M. H. GRINNELL,
J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } Auditing
THOS. C. FIELDS, } Committee.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

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

New York, July 14, 1865.

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...	\$747 22
“ “ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	2,594 51
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	\$3,341 73

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of Central Park.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following:

Whereas, The Board now require money for immediate use before the Board can realize the moneys authorized by law to be raised for the construction of the Park, therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to obtain advances of money not exceeding \$100,000 in all, on the faith of the stock authorized by Chapter 26 of the Laws of 1865 or otherwise, at not exceeding seven per cent. interest per annum.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following:

Resolved, That the actual opening of Seventh avenue from One hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem River as confirmed by the Supreme Court, June 24th, 1865, take place forthwith.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following:

Resolved, That the withdrawal, from time to time, of the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount is at the credit of this Board in said bank, 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 President put the question whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

On motion of Commissioner HUTCHINS:

Resolved, That when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, 19th inst., at 10 o'clock, A.M.

On motion of Commissioner Blatchford, at three o'clock and forty-five minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1865.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 A. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and

Commissioner Butterworth,	Commissioner Green,
“ Hutchins,	“ Blatchford.
“ Fields,	

The journal of the previous meeting was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. BLATCHFORD, the regular order of business was laid on the table.

On motion of Commissioner HUTCHINS, the Executive Committee, to which was referred the subject of establishing the grade of the Eighth avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Ninety-third streets, authorized by Chap. 581 of the Laws of 1865, was discharged from the further consideration of said subject, whereupon

Commissioner GREEN offered the following:

Resolved—1st. That in pursuance of the power and authority conferred by an act entitled, “An act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct in the city of New York, and certain streets in the said city,” passed April 27th, 1865, this Board hereby approves of the grade of the Eighth avenue conditionally established by said act, between the point of intersection of the said grade and the present grade at Eighty-third street, and the point of intersection of said grades at Ninety-third street.

Resolved—2nd. That this Board, in pursuance of the power and authority conferred by said act, hereby approves, prescribes, and establishes the grade of the Eighth avenue, between the continuation of the centre line of Eighty-first street and the point where the grade conditionally established by said act and the present grade intersect at Eighty-third street, two points at which the said grades intersect, as follows, that is to say: com-

mencing at an elevation eighty-nine feet seven inches above the high-water line at the point where the centre line of the Eighth avenue intersects the continuation of the centre line of Eighty-first street; thence in a straight line, at such a rate of ascent as will intersect the present grade of said Eighth avenue, at the point where the grade conditionally established by said act and the present grade intersect at Eighty-third street; the owners of a majority of the lineal feet of the front of the lots, on the westerly line of the Eighth avenue, between Eighty-first street and Eighty-third street, two points at which the grade authorized by said act and the present grade intersect, having consented, in writing, thereto.

Debate was had thereon, when

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board hereby, in pursuance of the power and authority conferred by an act entitled "An Act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct in the city of New York, and certain streets in the said city," passed April 27th, 1865, hereby approves, prescribes, and establishes the grade of the Eighth avenue, between the continuation of the centre line of Seventy-second street and the continuation of the centre line of Eighty-first street, two points at which the present grade and the grade conditionally established by said act intersect, as follows, to wit: commencing at an elevation of ninety feet above the high-water line, at the point where a line in continuation of the centre line of Seventy-second street intersects the centre line of the Eighth avenue; and thence in a straight line, at such a rate of descent as to intersect a continuation of the centre line of Seventy-seventh street, at an elevation of seventy-five feet six inches above the high-water line; thence in a straight line, at such a rate of ascent as will intersect the centre line of Seventy-ninth street, if continued across the Eighth avenue, at an elevation of eighty-one feet above the high water line; thence in a straight line, by a regular rate of ascent, to the point where the centre line of said avenue intersects a continuation of the centre line of Eighty-first street, at an elevation of eighty-nine feet seven inches above the high-water line.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That this Board, in pursuance of the power and authority conferred by an Act entitled “An Act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct in the city of New York, and certain streets in the said city,” passed April 27th, 1865, hereby rejects all other parts of the grade of the Eighth avenue as conditionally established by said act, to wit: the conditional grade of said avenue from Fifty-ninth street to Seventy-second street.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee, or a majority of said committee, be, and are hereby authorized to appoint Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux as landscape architects to the Board, upon such terms and conditions as the Executive Committee, or a majority of said committee, may deem expedient.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

On motion of Commissioner Fields, at eleven o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1865.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green.
A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1865.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—
Commissioner Green, Commissioner Butterworth.
A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1865.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—

Commissioner Hutchins, Commissioner Green,
“ Fields.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1865.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following:

New York, Oct. 14, 1865.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P..

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Monday, 16th instant, at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions and miscellaneous business.

Yours respectfully,

H. G. STEBBINS,
President B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 1865.

SPECIAL MEETING--2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following:

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, 1865.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Wednesday next, the 18th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M. for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,
Presdt. B. C. C. P.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Hutchins, “ Blatchford,
“ Fields.

The journals of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following communications were received, and having been answered, were ordered on file:

- From Geo. W. Chambers, donating a pair of guinea-pigs. ✓
- “ Jno. G. Lightbody, donating a pair of eagles. ✓
- “ Elias Schilling, donating a fox. ✓
- “ Capt. E. E. Vaile, donating an alligator. ✓
- “ Levi Travis, donating a turtle. ✓
- “ Dr. E. J. Parmeley, donating an osprey. ✓
- “ Master L. M. Crane, donating a pair of turtles. ✓

- ✓ From "F. G.," donating a pair of bullfinches.
- ✓ " A. Chol, donating a deer.
- ✓ " Geo. Latimer, donating a macaw.
- ✓ " Hall & Whitman, donating a pair of owls.
- ✓ " Jno. P. Heiss, donating a pair of monkeys.
- ✓ " D. S. Wells, donating two badgers.
- ✓ " S. W. Geery, donating seven white mice, three ring-doves, and two rabbits.
- ✓ " E. & H. T. Anthony & Co., donating eight photographic views of the City of Richmond, Va.
- ✓ " W. R. Morgan, donating a fox.
- ✓ " J. C. Buckingham, donating a Caraccas sheep.
- ✓ " P. Chase Coffin, donating a specimen of petrified wood.
- ✓ " Jno. S. Stivers, donating a turtle.
- ✓ " Milton Fivikle, donating a raven.
- ✓ " Mrs. Lafayette Rape, donating two guinea-pigs.
- ✓ " P. McCabe, donating a wood-chuck.
- ✓ " Geo. B. Dixon, donating an alligator and one turtle.
- ✓ " J. L. Valentine, donating a coatimundi.
- ✓ " Major C. H. Boyd, donating two hawks.
- ✓ " Miss M. Grant, donating a guinea-pig.
- ✓ " Adolph Strauch, donating two trumpeter swans.
- ✓ " Jas. W. B. Rockwell, donating two rabbits.
- ✓ " G. Naphegyi, donating four orchis plants.
- ✓ " Mrs. W. H. Marshall, donating two guinea-pigs.
- ✓ " Richard Hastings, donating an osprey.
- ✓ " Chas. A. Whitney, donating a toucan.
- ✓ " A. G. Agnew, donating seven California quail.
- ✓ " J. C. Woods, donating two doves and one parrot.
- ✓ " S. Clark, proposing trials of public speaking at the Park.
- ✓ " Asboth, Brig.-Genl. Vols., donating two alligators, two squirrels, and a variety of turtle.
- ✓ " C. N. Riotte, relative to purchasing animals for the Park.

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From J. Fields, claiming \$30 $\frac{2}{10}$ $\frac{5}{10}$, for injury done his vehicle on the Park.

On motion of Commissioner Fields, said claim was rejected.

From John J. Milnan, Brevt. Lt.-Col, and Surg. U. S. A., relative to vacating Mt. St. Vincent Building, and tendering thanks of the Medical Department for the use of said building as an U. S. Hospital.

Ordered on file.

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

New York, Oct. 16, 1865.

* *To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :*

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

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission,	\$7,465.30
“ “ “ Treasurer.	1,271.53
	\$8,736.83
Total.....	\$8,736.83

ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer B. C. C. P.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted and ordered entered 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.

Bill of Kingsley, Keeney & Co., wall.....	\$7,049 60
“ “ “ “ “	4,106 40
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,743 00
“ “ “ “	2,545 00
“ Jones, Morgan & Anderson, 110th St., wall.	2,100 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	1,860 00
“ I. V. Brokaw, police uniforms.....	1,792 75
“ J. L. Mott Iron works, castings, &c.....	742 15
“ Bank of Commerce in N. Y., rent, &c.....	592 50
“ Allen, Stevens & Co., lumber.....	551 21
“ Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuze.....	688 20

Bill of John Boyle, awnings.....	\$373 00
“ Trenton Iron Co., wire.....	307 16
“ R. H. Allen & Co., seed.....	201 00
“ Pinkney & Moulton, feed.....	188 57
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paint, &c.....	174 12
“ Alfred West, horse.....	150 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron and steel.....	130 29
“ J. H. James, hats.....	128 50
“ Louis Pflug, meat.....	115 77
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints.....	107 58
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	73 48
“ N. Y. Herald, advertising.....	61 20
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	60 20
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	60 00
“ L. Waefelaer, fountain jets.....	58 25
“ Thomas Moore, haberdashery.....	52 37
“ Tatham & Bros., lead pipe.....	52 25
“ W. L. Ferris, trees.....	50 00
“ The N. Y. Dispatch, advertising.....	47 40
“ The N. Y. Leader, “.....	47 30
“ McKesson & Robbins, lime, &c.....	44 56
“ John McGrane, stone.....	41 25
“ A. Bridgeman, bulbs.....	35 35
“ T. G. Sellew, furniture.....	31 50
“ The N. Y. Daily News, advertising.....	30 60
“ The World Company, “.....	30 00
“ H. N. Swift, repairs of lawn mower.....	30 00
“ Phelps, Dodge & Co., zinc.....	28 58
“ Selover & Sauter, baskets.....	24 00
“ Horstman Bros. & Allen, badges.....	20 00
“ Chas. Reiche & Bro., robins.....	18 00
“ John McMurray, screens.....	16 50
“ S. M. Bixby, blacking.....	12 60
“ W. Felt & Co., stationery.....	12 50
“ The Tribune Association, subscription.....	12 50
“ A. Whitlock & Co., pitch.....	11 50
“ J. Treadwell's Sons, bread.....	11 00
“ A. Whitlock & Co., rope.....	9 46
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	8 78

Bill of S. Archer & Co., salt.....	\$8 64
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	8 25
“ F. W. Christern, books (gold).....	8 00
“ Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....	6 00
“ W. J. Hayes, oil cans.....	3 40
“ W. Felt & Co., envelopes.....	2 00
“ Walter Jones, 59th St. wall.....	5,087 86
“ Arnold, Martin & Co., brick and cement....	935 20
“ Charles Doran, trees.....	125 00
“ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	86 10
“ D. B. Morrell, gravel.....	76 16
“ W. L. Ferris, trees.....	66 00
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	51 70
“ Scovill Manufacturing Co., buttons.....	25 00
“ Kingsley, Keeney & Co., wall.....	5,040 00
“ Jones, Morgan & Anderson, wall.....	2,800 00
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,500 00
“ Walton Bros., hardware.....	1,343 55
“ W. J. Smith & Co., pipe.....	1,219 29
“ Walton Bros., hardware.....	760 76
“ Jones, Morgan & Anderson, wall.....	585 00
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	465 00
“ Crombie & Silliman, lumber.....	351 25
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	330 00
“ Henry Tone, wall.....	319 40
“ “ “ “	1,218 74
“ Parsons & Co., trees.....	310 00
“ Thos. H. Chalmers, hardware.....	178 47
“ Wm. Menzies, timber.....	174 77
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	156 70
“ Pinkney & Moulton, feed.....	156 09
“ The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., stone.....	110 28
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints.....	107 64
“ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	80 00
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	70 68
“ Bradley & Smith, brooms.....	62 50
“ J. Wrey Mould, services as architect.....	57 00
“ The N. Y. Belting & Packing Co., hose....	54 05
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	50 00

Bill of Annin & Co., ensign.....	45 00
“ B. Hufnagel, photographing.....	30 25
“ Union Adams, gloves.....	27 00
“ Colgate & Co., soap.....	25 77
“ N. Y. Times, advertising.....	25 50
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, postage stamps.....	25 00
“ John Allen, paper carrier.....	15 00
“ R. Smith, agent, mats.....	12 06
“ Chas. Scharbach, leather.....	11 02
“ J. C. Conroy, seine.....	11 00
“ Louis Waefelaer, copper baskets.....	7 00
“ Chas. Becker, passe-partout.....	6 00
“ Stephen Lutz, night soil.....	5 60
“ H. B. Smith, nuts.....	5 50
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	3 75
“ John Boyle, canvas.....	3 00
	\$52,886 86

Your 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 date, to the amount of fifty-two thousand eight hundred and eighty-six $\frac{3}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, September 14th, 1865.

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

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered 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 :

Bill of Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	\$2,818 80
“ “ “	2,716 20
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, iron work.....	1,428 41
“ Major & Knapp Lithographing Co., engrav'g.	1,083 00
“ Arnold, Martin & Co., brick and cement....	899 40
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	756 03
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	480 00
“ J. W. Orr & Co., engraving.....	478 71
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	465 00
“ D. B. Buchanan, trees.....	371 60
“ Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	327 23
“ John McMurray, wire work.....	321 35
“ B. F. Crane, incidental expenses.....	300 12
“ Hiram Hall, Jr., freight on granite.....	255 83
“ Mica Roofing Co., repairing roof.....	254 33
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	230 00
“ Chas F. Woodward, belgian blocks.....	195 00
“ Thos. Tone, mould, &c.....	188 90
“ Walton Bros.....	185 53
“ Pinkney & Moulton, feed	165 75
“ John Preston, coal	161 00
“ W. J. Smith & Co., pipe.....	159 45
“ The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., flagging.....	157 15
“ Ellwanger & Barry, plants	136 98
“ New York Lead Co., lead pipe.....	133 90
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints.....	104 78
“ Windle & Co., water coolers, &c.....	96 50
“ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	92 00
“ Randolph & Skidmores, coal	88 00
“ I. B. Guest, coal	85 00
“ Union Adams, gloves	72 00
“ Bridges & Lane, jackscrew	70 00
“ W. R. Osborn, sashes.....	67 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron	60 58

Bill of Andrew Schwartz, bread	60 00
“ N. Y. Belting & Packing Co., hose	59 22
“ Tatham & Bros., lead pipe.....	48 45
“ R. H. Allen & Co., seed	45 50
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	42 50
“ W. P. Lyon & Whittemore, envelopes.....	40 95
“ James Montgomery, painting	38 00
“ J. P. Jube & Co., hardware.....	37 48
“ Bradley & Smith, brooms	36 00
“ James Barber, carrots.....	31 63
“ John Hanson, turning	27 62
“ William Menzies, timber	25 00
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	22 00
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, incidental expenses.....	18 63
“ Andrew Little & Bros., haberdashery	18 58
“ N. Y. Transcript Asst., subscription.....	18 00
“ Selover & Sauter, brooms.....	14 00
“ A. Whitlock & Co., halyards.....	13 02
“ E. Treadwell's Sons, bread.....	11 25
“ McKesson & Robbins, borax, &c.....	10 30
“ Wm. Gibson, timber.....	6 71
“ F. C. Gunther, bird cage	6 50
“ A. Whitlock & Co., oakum.....	6 50
“ Wotherspoon Bros., plaster	5 50
“ J. H. James, hat	3 50
“ Louis Waefelaer & Co., fountain jet.....	1 75
“ F. W. Christern, books (gold).....	88

Total..... \$16,056 00

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 sixteen thousand and fifty-six dollars.

Dated New York, Oct. 16th, 1865.

M. H. GRINNELL, } Auditing
THOS. C. FIELDS, } Committee.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Commissioner Fields, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee respectfully report—

That they have examined the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, up to the 1st day of October, 1865, 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, 1865, is \$575 $\frac{65}{100}$.

Dated New York, Oct. 12th, 1865.

M. H. GRINNELL, } Auditing
THOS. C. FIELDS, } Committee.

Commissioner Fields offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal, from time to time, of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount is at the credit of this Board in said bank, 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.

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, said resolution was amended by inserting the word “fifty” in lieu of the words “one hundred,” and inserting after the word “amount” in the fourth line, the words “may be from time to time” in lieu of the word “is.”

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved,—That the estimate of \$150,000 transmitted to the Board of Supervisors, for the moneys for the maintenance and government of the Park during the current year, required by Sec. 4 of the Act entitled “An Act for the construction, regulation, maintenance, and government of the Central Park, in the city of New York, and to provide additional means therefor,” passed March 19, 1860, be, and the same is hereby approved.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Commissioner HUTCHINS presented a communication from Hon. M. T. Brennan, City Comptroller, asking for an estimate of amount of moneys required for the year 1866, which was ordered on file.

On motion of Commissioner HUTCHINS,

Resolved,—That an estimate of the amount of money required for carrying on the work of the maintenance of the Park for the year 1865, and for the work of laying out the north end of the island for the same year, be transmitted to the Comptroller of the City in answer to his circular.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following :

Resolved,—That the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars is in the judgment of the Commissioners of Central Park necessary to defray the expenses for carrying on the work contemplated by chapter 201 of the Laws of 1860, and that the Board of Supervisors of the city of New York be respectfully requested to raise the said sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars by tax, in manner specified in section 4 of said chapter, and for the purposes contemplated in and by said chapter, and that the estimate transmitted to the Comptroller of the city for the said amount be and is hereby approved.

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, said resolution was amended by inserting after the word “chapter,” in the eighth line thereof, the words “said work not being within the boundary of the Park.”

The President put the question whether the Board would

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agree to said resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, at three o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9, 1865.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Grinnell,
“ Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1865.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

NEW YORK, Nov. 29th, 1865.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Friday, December 1st, prox., at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,
President B. C. C. P.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth. “ Fields.

The journals of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following communications were received, and having been answered, were ordered on file :

- ✓ From Miss Mary R. Sandford, donating two turtles.
- ✓ " Mrs. E. Wesley, donating two guinea-pigs.
- ✓ " J. B. Andrews, donating a ground mole.
- ✓ " Samuel Churchill, donating a deer.
- ✓ " G. Naphegyi, donating a photograph of a zodiac.
- ✓ " W. N. Clark, Jr., donating three Muscovy ducks.
- ✓ " Alfred Coffin, donating a package of seed.
- ✓ " Daniel McIntosh, donating a grey eagle.
- ✓ " Fred. Berthoud, donating a large owl.
- ✓ " Andrew H. Pride, donating a fawn.
- ✓ " J. Jones, donating a wood duck.
- ✓ " Henry Arthur, donating a bittern.
- ✓ " Master Albert Gregory, donating a fox and a hawk.
- ✓ " C. H. Van Wyck, Brig.-Gen. U. S. Vols., donating three Fort Sumpter shell.
- ✓ " Edward R. Bell, donating a tortoise.
- ✓ " Samuel Moore, donating an opossum.
- ✓ " L. F. S. Foster, donating a black eagle.
- ✓ " Miss Mamy Garrison, donating a deer.
- ✓ " Chas. Hartland, donating eight anser cynoides.
- ✓ " Henry Mataran, donating a red fox.
- ✓ " A. Beekman, donating three quail.
- ✓ " Miss Libbie Ogden, donating two white rats.
- ✓ " F. L. Olmsted, donating three coati-mundi and one ocelot.
- ✓ " Jupiter Hesser, relative to the walk around the new Reservoir.

✓ " Henry W. Bellows, desiring the Board to accept in trust an ornamental brass six-pounder, presented by Gen. Lafayette to Gen. Cropper, the Hero of Accomac, in the Revolutionary War, which was seized by the rebels in the late war, recovered by our forces and returned to Gen. Cropper's grandson by order of President Johnson, and was fired in salute at the surrender of General Lee's army and the fall of Richmond, Va.

Commissioner RUSSELL moved that said communication be placed on file and the trust accepted, and that the Treasurer be authorized to prepare and place an inscription thereon. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

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

The PRESIDENT presented the communication of T. Ball proposing to donate plaster casts of Webster and Everett upon condition that the Board would have them cast in bronze. ✓

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, ordered, that for the present said communication be placed on file, and that the President make a suitable reply thereto.

Communications from the Croton Aqueduct Board, desiring that the use of water in the Central Park be reduced to the lowest possible limit, were received and ordered on file. ✓

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

New York, Dec. 1, 1865.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

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

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission . . . \$21,250 59

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer B. C. C. P.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted and ordered entered 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. ✓

✓ Bill of Kingsley, Keeney & Co., wall.....	\$5,940 00
✓ " " " "	3,260 00
✓ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,797 20
✓ " " "	2,754 00
✓ " " "	1,591 05
Dodworth's Band, music.....	400 00
" " "	460 00
✓ National Bank of Commerce, rent.....	592 50
✓ The Root Square Engine Co., iron work....	571 50
✓ Smith & Crane, tile model.....	250 60
✓ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	294 00
✓ Frank Hoekeran, meat.....	267 10
✓ The N. Y. Lead Co., lead pipe.....	239 22
R. Rosa, map.....	232 75
✓ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	189 35
✓ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	165 43
✓ Wm. Hatfield, ice.....	137 30
✓ Smith & Butler, electroplating.....	120 00
✓ Wheeler & Booth, paper hanging.....	90 00
✓ The Seovill Man'g Co., buttons.....	90 00
✓ Sloat & Janes, stationery.....	86 42
✓ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	86 00
✓ Walton & Bros., hardware.....	83 90
✓ C. F. Woodward, mould.....	70 00
✓ Reynolds, Pratt & Co., paint, &c.....	66 63
✓ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, boiler, &c.....	55 82
✓ R. H. Allen & Co., clover.....	47 30
✓ Willard Felt & Co., stationery.....	42 30
✓ Phelps, Dodge & Co, zinc.....	43 41
✓ James Shiel, saddlery.....	43 21
✓ The Major & Knapp Eng. & Lith. Co., maps	26 75
✓ The Harlem Gas-Light Co., gas.....	26 00
✓ Henry Nelson, plow repairs.....	25 00
✓ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	24 38
✓ Perkins & Grant, gas stove.....	23 25
✓ The N. Y. Herald, subscription.....	12 52
✓ J. G. Cosgriff, wood.....	11 00
✓ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	10 00
✓ John J. Budd, patty.....	7 50

Bill of Bridges & Lane, wrenches.....	\$6 75 ✓
Bradley & Smith, combs.....	5 25 ✓
The N. Y. Gas-Light Co., gas.....	2 80 ✓
Wm. Menzie, saw-dust.....	2 50 ✓
McKesson & Robbins, wintergreen.....	50 ✓
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	\$21,250 59

Your 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-one thousand two hundred and fifty $1\frac{5}{8}\%$ dollars.

Dated New York, Nov. 30, 1865.

THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } *Committee.*

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal, from time to time, of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount may be, from time to time, at the credit of this Board in said bank, 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.

Commissioner RUSSELL moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words "one hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty."

Commissioner GREEN accepted said amendment.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, by unanimous consent, the subject of establishing the grade of the Eighth Avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Ninety-third Streets, authorized by Chap. 581 of the Laws of 1865, was taken up, when

Commissioner GREEN submitted the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, together with the consents of the property owners in relation to the re-establishing of said grade.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said papers were ordered entered at length on the journal and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK, LAW DEPARTMENT, }
 Office of Counsel to the Corporation, }
 Oct. 19th, 1865. }

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN,

Comptroller of the Central Park :

Dear Sir,—Your communication of the 10th inst. called my attention to Chap. 581 of the Laws of 1865, establishing the grade of the 8th Avenue between 59th and 93d Streets, conditionally upon its approval by the Commissioners of the Central Park within three months of the passage of the act. The Commissioners, you inform me, did, within the appointed time, approve a part and reject a part of the proposed grade, which they were authorized to do under the provisions of the act cited.

My opinion is now desired as to whether or not, after the expiration of three months, it is competent for the Commissioners of the Park, with the consent of the owners of a majority of the lineal feet of the front of the lots on the westerly side of the 8th Avenue between two points at which the grade authorized by the act and the present grade intersect, to prescribe and establish another grade on part of the avenue, the grade of which was rejected before the expiration of the three months mentioned in the act.

The portion of the act of 1865, affecting this enquiry, is as follows :

“ The said Commissioners may, however, approve of such part
 “ of the grade hereby authorized as is between any two points
 “ at which the said grade and the present grade intersect, and
 “ reject the grade between any or all of the other intersecting

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“ points ; or the said Commissioners, with the consent of the
“ owners of a majority of the lineal feet of the front of the lots
“ on the westerly side of the 8th Avenue, between any two
“ points at which the grade hereby authorized and the present
“ grade intersect, prescribe and establish any other grade be-
“ tween such intersecting points.”

I have no doubt but that under the last part of this enact-
ment the Commissioners may, after the expiration of the three
months referred to in the act, prescribe and establish a grade
other than that fixed by the law between any two points where
such statutory grade has been rejected by them, provided the
consent to such change has been secured of the owners of a
majority of lineal feet of the front of the lots on the westerly
side of the said avenue, between two points.

Yours truly,

(Signed) JOHN E. DEVELIN.

*To the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park :*

The undersigned, owners of lots on the westerly side of the
Eighth Avenue, opposite the Central Park, between 59th and
69th Streets, and together owners of a majority of the lineal
feet of the front of the lots on the westerly side of the Eighth
Avenue between 59th and 69th Streets, hereby consent that the
Commissioners of the Central Park prescribe and establish any
other grade on said avenue, between 59th and 69th Streets, in-
stead of the grade established by an act entitled “ An Act in
“ relation to the Croton Aqueduct in the City of New York, and
“ certain streets in the said City,” passed April 27th, 1865, pur-
suant to the power given by said act to the said Commissioners
over the grade of said avenue : *Provided, however,* that the
grade to be prescribed and established by said Commissioners
shall not, at any point between 59th and 69th Streets, be at an
elevation less than 76 feet 4 inches above the high-water line at
any point between 59th and 69th Streets.

Dated New York, 12th July, 1865.

NAMES OF OWNERS.	NUMBER AND SITUATION OF LOTS.	LINEAL FEET OF FRONT.
D. W. Martin and Wm } R. Martin..... }	2 blocks between 59th and 61st Streets.	324.3
Charles Carow..... }	3 lots between 61st and 63d Streets....	200.10
Catherine A. Ferris..... }	5 " " 63d and 64th " and the } entire front between 64th and 65th Sts.. }	328.3
R. H. Van Valkenburgh... }	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 7 lots " 65th and 66th " }	87.11
William P. Earle..... }	" " " " " " " }	87.11
George W. Poillon..... }	4 lots between 61st and 62d Streets.... }	100.5
G. E. Winant..... }	4 " " 62d and 63d " }	100.5

To the Commissioners of the Central Park :

The undersigned, the owners of the real estate described below opposite to their respective names, being on the westerly side of the Eighth Avenue, between Seventy-second and Seventy-seventh Streets, hereby consent to and authorize the Commissioners of the Central Park to prescribe and establish any grade for the said avenue, between Seventy-second and Eighty-first Streets, the said Commissioners may deem best, provided that no part of the grade south of Seventy-seventh Street shall be at a lower elevation than the grade for the same part authorized by the act entitled "An Act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct, in the City of New York, and certain streets in the said City," passed April 27th, 1865.

Dated New York, July 18, 1865.

P. Callaghan.....	8th Ave.,	2 lots,	51 feet front,	between 76th and 77th Sts.
Mary J. Thomas.....	" "	1 " 25 "	" " " "	" " " "
J. Q. Jones.....	" "	3 " 200 "	" " " "	74th " 75th "
Catherine A. Ferris...	" "	6 " 150 "	" " " "	73d " 77th "
C. G. Havens.....	" "	4 " 100 "	" " " "	75th " 76th "

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Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner Fields offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution passed on the nineteenth day of July, 1865, authorizing, prescribing, and establishing the grade of the Eighth Avenue, between the following several points as follows, to wit., from the continuation of the centre line of Seventy-second Street, where it intersects the centre line of the Eighth Avenue, to a continuation of the centre line of Eighty-

first Street, where it intersects the centre line of the Eighth Avenue, be and the same is hereby repealed. ✓

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in pursuance of the power and authority conferred by an act entitled "An Act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct in the City of New York, and certain streets in the said City," passed April 27th, 1865, hereby prescribes and establishes the grade of the Eighth Avenue between a continuation of the centre line of Seventy-second Street, and a continuation of the centre line of Eighty-first Street, two points at which the present grade and the grade conditionally established by said act intersect, as follows, to wit: Commencing at an elevation of ninety feet above the high-water line, at a point where a line in continuation of the centre line of Seventy-second Street intersects the centre line of the Eighth Avenue; thence in a straight line, at such rate of descent as to intersect a continuation of the centre line of Seventy-fifth Street at an elevation of eighty-one feet two inches above the high-water line; thence in a straight line, at a regular rate of descent, (except such inclination, not exceeding eight inches in one hundred feet, as may be necessary for surface drainage,) so as to intersect the centre line of Seventy-ninth Street if continued across the Eighth Avenue, at an elevation of eighty-one feet above the high-water line, and thence in a straight line by a regular rate of ascent to the point where the centre line of said avenue intersects a continuation of the centre line of Eighty-first Street, at an elevation of eighty-nine feet seven inches above the high-water line, the owners of a majority of the lineal feet of the front of the lots on the westerly side of the Eighth Avenue, between Seventy-second and Seventy-seventh Streets, having consented in writing thereto. ✓

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

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

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in pursuance of the power and authority conferred by an act entitled "An Act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct in the City of New York, and certain streets in said City," passed April 27th, 1865, does hereby prescribe and establish the grade of the Eighth Avenue, between the continuation of the centre line of Fifty-ninth and the continuation of the centre line of Sixty-ninth Streets, two points at which the grade authorized by said act and the present grade intersect, as follows, to wit.: Commencing at an elevation seventy-six feet four inches above the high-water line, at the point where the centre line of Fifty-ninth Street intersects the centre line of the Eighth Avenue, and continuing thence on a level line, except such inclination not exceeding eight inches to one hundred feet as may be necessary for surface drainage, to a point where the continuation of the centre line of Sixty-sixth Street intersects the centre line of the Eighth Avenue; and thence in a straight line, on a regular ascent, to a point where the continuation of the centre line of Sixty-ninth Street intersects the centre line of the Eighth Avenue, at an elevation of ninety feet above the high-water line; the owners of a majority of the lineal feet of the front of the lots, on the Eighth Avenue, between the said Fifty-ninth and Sixty-ninth Streets, having consented, in writing, thereto.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

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

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Central Park be authorized to apply, on behalf of this Board, to the Supreme Court, under the provisions of Chapter 581 of the Laws of 1865, for the appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, for the opening of Seventy-fifth street from the Eighth Avenue to the Hudson River, and to sign the necessary papers therefor.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the grade of the Seventh Avenue from One hundred and tenth Street to One hundred and thirty-fifth Street, as now fixed by law, be changed to the grade shown by green lines on a map bearing date November 1st, 1865, signed by Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the Park, and that the grade of said Avenue from One hundred and thirty-fifth Street to the Harlem River be fixed and established as shown by the green line on the same map. ✓

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

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

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, at three o'clock and forty-five minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1865.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present,—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth, “ Blatchford,
“ Hutchins, “ Grinnell.
“ Fields.

The journal of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The following communications were received, and having been answered were ordered on file :

From Master Cecil Saguez, donating eight white rats. ✓

“ Solon Dike, donating one arapapa. ✓

“ D. S. Pabor, donating one crow. ✓

“ The Commissioners of the Metropolitan Fire Department, inviting this Board to participate in the review of the force, at the Metropolitan Hotel, on the 20th inst. ✓

On motion, the invitation was accepted, and the communication ordered on file.

From A. W. Craven, Chief Engineer Croton Board, desiring approval of proposed line of pipes through Park grounds at Eighty-fifth street. Debate was had thereon, when ✓

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Croton Aqueduct Board be authorized to lay the said pipe within the said Park, in such line and on such conditions as may be approved by the Comptroller of the Park and the President. ✓

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—7.

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

New York, Dec. 14, 1865.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

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

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission....	\$16,509 20
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	4,234 61
Total.....	<u>\$20,743 81</u>

ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer B. C. C P.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the profile of the Eighth avenue, dated December 12th, 1865, signed by the Commissioners of the Central Park, be filed in the office of the Street Commissioner of the city of New York.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—8.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal, from time to time, of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount may be, from time to time, at the credit of this Board in said bank, 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.

Commissioner RUSSELL moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words “one hundred” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “fifty.”

Commissioner GREEN accepted said amendment.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—8.

A communication was received from the building committee of The N. Y. Historical Society, together with a design for the erection of a building on the site of the old Arsenal on the Park, as a Museum and Gallery of Art.

Debate was had thereon, when—

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, to report thereon to the Board.

A communication was received from Richard M. Hunt, Architect, desiring payment of \$386 $\frac{2}{10}$, for professional services rendered in 1860, in preparing designs for re-modelling the old Arsenal Building in the Park; adapting it to the uses of a Museum.

Commissioner GREEN moved that said communication be referred to the Auditing Committee, with power.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—8.

A communication was received from Richard M. Hunt, Architect, respecting the prosecution of the work on the southerly gate-ways of the Park.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon to the Board.

Debate was had thereon, when—

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the whole subject was laid over for the purpose of hearing the Building Committee of The N. Y. Historical Society, and their Architect, who appeared in reference to the proposed design for erecting a Museum of Art, &c., on the site of the old Arsenal on the Park. After an interchange of views thereon the said Committee retired.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the communication of Richard M. Hunt, Architect, relative to Park gateways, was taken up.

✓ Debate was had thereon, when—

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL,

Ordered, That the whole subject be laid over until a future meeting of the Board.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth, “ Blatchford,
“ Hutchins, “ Grinnell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received, and having been answered, were ordered on file:

From Albert Steinway, donating a deer. ✓
“ Capt. Jas. Hand, donating two white turkeys. ✓
“ B. W. Pycock, donating a raccoon. ✓
“ C. H. Larrabee, donating seed. ✓
“ Wm. C. Johnson, donating a grouse. ✓
“ Peter Muller, donating two ring doves. ✓
“ M. F. Whitehead, M. D., donating a silver grey fox. ✓
“ J. Brice, donating a deer. ✓
“ Jas. A. Robertson, donating a ringtail monkey. ✓
“ John Robinson, M. D., donating a coatimundi. ✓
“ Albert J. Meyer, relative to purchasing the signal towers used in the siege of Richmond, for observatories in the Park. ✓

From John C. T. Smidt, submitting proposal of William Donadi, to furnish and sell refreshments at the Park. ✓

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From Loren Jones, relative to skating regulations. ✓

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From Hon. Wm. M. Tweed and others, a Committee of the

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Board of Supervisors of the county of New York, inviting this Board to attend the funeral services of Hon. Elijah F. Purdy.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, said invitation was accepted, and the communication ordered on file.

From J. B. Young, Major, and others, a committee of the Board of Officers of the 7th Regt. N. G. S. N. Y., proposing to erect a monument in the Park to the memory of those of its members who have fallen in the defence of the Union.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, said communication was referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains and Architectural Structures, to report thereon to the Board.

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

New York, Jany. 11, 1866.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

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

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission..	\$16,497 28
“ “ “ Treasurer....	2,910 59

\$19,407 87

ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer B. C. C. P.

Commissioner GRINNELL, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee respectfully report—

That they have examined the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, up to the 1st day of January, 1866, 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, 1866, is \$35,994 $\frac{7}{10}$.

Dated New York, Jany. 5, 1866.

M. H. GRINNELL,
 J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } Auditing
 THOS. C. FIELDS, } Committee.

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted and ordered entered 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.

Bill of Kingsley, Keeney & Co., wall.....	\$9,932 88 ✓
“ I. V. Brokaw, Park keepers’ uniform	4,620 00 ✓
“ Kingsley, Keeney & Co., wall.....	1,952 00 ✓
“ Isaac B. Guest, coal	1,697 69 ✓
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	794 18 ✓
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints, oils, &c.....	631 48 ✓
“ Walton Bros., hardware.....	361 46 ✓
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	266 80 ✓
“ Union Adams, gloves.....	261 00 ✓
“ Pinckney & Moulton, feed.....	246 13 ✓
“ Allen & Stevens, lumber.....	231 50 ✓
“ Wm. Menzies, timber.....	200 94 ✓
“ The N. Y. Lead Co., lead pipe.....	198 38 ✓
“ Frank Hockeran, meat.....	161 50 ✓
“ Crombie & Silliman, lumber.....	155 90 ✓
“ Babcock, Brainerd & Co., granite.....	130 14 ✓
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	110 53 ✓
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	101 00 ✓
“ C. H. Mulligan, asphaltting.....	100 88 ✓
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	99 30 ✓
“ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	98 40 ✓

✓	Bill of James Barber, fish.....	82 75
✓	“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	79 50
✓	“ John McMurray, wire cloth.....	75 60
✓	“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	73 28
✓	“ Bradley & Smith, brooms.....	72 25
✓	“ D. D. Miller, lanterns.....	70 50
✓	“ R. H. Allen & Co., seed.....	53 10
✓	“ Lasher & Hoover, feed.....	48 62
✓	“ Selover & Sauter, brooms.....	48 00
✓	“ Wheeler & Booth, wall paper.....	44 80
✓	“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	35 91
✓	“ James Prentice, thermometers, &c.....	27 00
✓	“ Janes, Fowler, Kirtland & Co., iron work...	25 52
✓	“ Samuel Archer & Co., salt.....	28 21
✓	“ John Collier, cedar brush.....	20 00
✓	“ S. M. Bixby & Co., blacking.....	17 50
✓	“ Dietz & Co., lamp fixtures.....	14 25
✓	“ J. Becker, frames.....	13 50
✓	“ John Mason, subscription.....	12 50
✓	“ A. Whitlock & Co., marline.....	12 48
✓	“ The Trenton Iron Co., wire.....	8 38
✓	“ Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....	6 00
✓	“ George Tiemann & Co., forceps.....	5 00
✓	“ H. P. Smith, nuts.....	4 00
✓	“ P. W. Van Houten, rustic timber.....	4 00
✓	“ McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	2 55
✓	“ Jones, Morgan & Anderson, wall.....	2,800 00
✓	“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	1,811 70
✓	“ Thos. Crimmins, mould.....	414 00
✓	“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	228 60
✓	“ John G. Moore, horse.....	175 00
✓	“ David D. Buchanan, trees.....	78 45
✓	“ C. D. Doughty, sawing.....	130 38
✓	“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	105 00
✓	“ C. B. Averill, freight.....	94 50
✓	“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	50 00
✓	“ Moses Sweet, ladders.....	18 75

Bill of Purdy, Norman & Story, window shade	\$7 00 ✓
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	20 98 ✓
Total.....	\$29,151 65

Your 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-nine thousand one hundred and fifty-one $\frac{5}{100}$ dollars. ✓

Dated New York, January 11th, 1866.

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

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to advance from time to time on the contract for the moulding the group for the Terrace Fountain, twenty-five per cent. of the contract price therefor. ✓

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal, from time to time, of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount may be, from time to time, at the credit of this Board in said bank, 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. ✓

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL said resolution was amended by striking out the words “one hundred” in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof the word “fifty.”

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—7.

The Comptroller of the Park submitted for the information of the Board a paper relative to the changing of the grade of the Eighth avenue from Fifty-ninth to Ninety-third streets, and the improvement of the Sixth and Seventh avenues from the Park to the Harlem River. Also as to the laying out of the streets and roads, public squares and places on that part of the Island above One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and a drive from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to the corner of Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue.

On motion of Commissioner BUTTERWORTH,

Ordered, That said paper be laid on the table and printed for the use of the members of the Board.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

*Submitted
this date Jan 25/66*

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1866.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following :

New York, January 23, 1866.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Thursday, January 25, at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours respectfully,

H. G. STEBBINS,
President B. C. C. P.

Present,—

Commissioner Fields,

Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1866.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following :

New York, January 29th, 1866.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Wednesday next, the 31st inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,
Presdt. B. C. C. P.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P.

Present,—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Blatchford,
“ Hutchins, “ Grinnell.
“ Green.

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

The following communications were received, and having been answered were ordered on file :

- From Rev. Dr. H. H. Messenger, donating a black squirrel. ✓
- “ Wm. H. Schieffelin, donating a pair of prairie dogs and a Guinea pig. ✓
- “ Robert Belloni, donating a bear. ✓
- “ W. P. Buckhorn, donating two Chinese geese. ✓
- “ A. Berger, proposing to establish on the Park a gallery for photographing horses, wagons, &c. Referred to the Comptroller of the Park. ✓

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following :

Resolved, That the Annual Report presented to the Board

this day, be adopted as the Annual Report of this Board for the year 1865; that the same be transmitted to the Common Council, and that not exceeding 3,000 copies be printed, with a map, illustrations, and such documents as may be deemed of sufficient interest to publish.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GRINNELL offered the following:

Resolved, That the withdrawal, from time to time, of the sum of fifty thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount may be, from time to time, at the credit of this Board in said bank, 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 President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GREEN presented the opinion of S. BLATCHFORD, Esq., as to what provisions of law exist for the appointment of persons to the office of Commissioners of the Central Park, when—

On motion of Commissioner GREEN,

Resolved, That said opinion be referred to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the President, and that said Committee be empowered to consider and obtain the necessary legislation as to the several laws affecting the duties and powers of the Board.

The PRESIDENT appointed as said Committee, Commissioners Green, Blatchford and Hutchins.

On motion of Commissioner GRINNELL, at three o'clock and twenty minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present,—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Blatchford,
“ Fields, “ Grinnell.
“ Green,

The journals of the previous meetings of January 11th, 25th, and 31st were read and approved.

The following communications were received, and having been answered were ordered on file.

- From Clark Bros., donating two owls. ✓
- “ A. S. Hamilton, donating a Chinese dog. ✓
- “ J. Bowman, donating a bird from India. ✓
- “ Master David Ehrlich, donating two box turtles. ✓
- “ Francis E. Spinning, donating a raccoon. ✓
- “ Silas A. Holmes, transmitting photographic views of the Park, and desiring permission to establish a gallery at the Park. ✓

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures.

From H. F. Vail, Esq., Cashier National Bank of Commerce in New York, advising that the rent of the Board rooms for the ensuing year, with the option of two or three years, would be at the rate of \$3,250 per annum.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD moved that the offices of the Board be taken for one year at an annual rent of not exceeding \$3,250, and that the communication of Mr. Vail be placed on file.

Commissioner GRINNELL moved to amend said motion by

striking out the word "one" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "two."

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was decided in the negative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—4.

Nays—Commissioners Fields, Green—2.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to Mr. Blatchford's motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Nays—Commissioner Fields—1.

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

New York, February 8, 1866.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

In accordance with § 2, Art. II. of the ByLaws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows:

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission.....	\$10,735	51
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	455	07
Total.....	<u>\$11,190</u>	<u>58</u>

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer B. C. C. P.

Commissioner RUSSELL from the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, to which was referred on the 14th December last, the communication of Frederick De Peysters and others, a committee in behalf of the New York Historical Society, in respect to the erection of a Museum, &c., together with their accompanying design, reported approvingly on a revised design and plan, leaving the proposed location thereof for the further action of the Board, which was accepted.

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Debate was had thereon, when

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the whole subject was re-
committed to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Archi-
tectural Structures, with instructions to confer with the build-
ing committee of the New York Historical Society, as to change
of location of said building. ✓

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS,

Resolved, That the course of that portion of the road or public
drive specified in section first of chapter 565 of the laws of 1865,
that lies between the junction of the Bloomingdale road, Eighth
avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and the southerly side of 155th
street, be and the same is hereby laid out, fixed and established,
as shown by the color red on a map, entitled map of a portion
of the road or public drive specified in section first of chapter
565 of the laws of 1865, dated February 8th, 1866, and signed
by Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the Park, and that the
lands required for said portion of said road or public drive are
those designated on said map by the color red. ✓

Debate was had thereon, when

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would
agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative,
as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins,
Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, at four o'clock the
Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1866.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

New York, February 13th, 1866.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P. :

Sir,—Please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Thursday next 15th inst., at 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.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth, “ Grinnell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, Landscape Architects, relative to their advising and reporting in regard to the proposed plan for the erection of a building in the Park by The New York Historical Society, before any final decision may be arrived at in regard to it.

Debate was had thereon, when—

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to furnish to the Board, as early as possible, a list of all persons now employed in the service of this Commission, together with their respective positions therein, the date of their appointment, and the amount of compensation paid to each.

Debate was resumed on the communication of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, pending which, on motion of Mr. RUSSELL, at five o'clock, the Board adjourned, to meet on Monday next 19th inst., at 2 P. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1866.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and	
Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth,	“ Blatchford,
“ Hutchins,	“ Grinnell.
“ Fields,	

The journal of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The President announced as the order of business the consideration of the communication of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, Landscape Architects to the Board, relative to their advising and reporting in regard to the proposed plan for the erection of a building in the Park by the New York Historical Society, before any final decision may be arrived at in regard to it.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be entered at length on the minutes.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner FIELDS withdrew his motion.

On motion of Commissioner GRINNELL,

Ordered, That the whole subject be laid over for one week, and that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, 26th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

Commissioner HUTCHINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the plans for the Museum building, submitted by “The Historical Society,” be left at the office of the Board for examination for one week from this date.

Commissioner GRINNELL moved to amend said resolution by adding at the end thereof the words “between the hours of half past ten A. M. and half past three P. M., and that R. M. Hunt,

Esq., Architect, be requested to be present to explain the plans of said building.”

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Nays—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green—3.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—8.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, Landscape Architects to the Board, be requested to examine the plans of the Museum building of the New York Historical Society during their exhibition.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the negative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—4.

Nays—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Stebbins, Grinnell—4.

On motion of Commissioner GRINNELL, at five o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1866.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.

Present,—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and	
Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Blatchford,
“ Fields,	“ Grinnell.
“ Green,	

The journal of the previous meeting was read and approved.

A communication was received from Stewart Van Vliet, Bvt. Maj. Gen'l U. S. A., donating a Rocky Mountain grizzly bear and a badger, provided the Board will pay the transportation.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be placed on file; that the donation be accepted, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay the charges thereon.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted and ordered entered 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:

Bill of Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	\$1,309 72
“ Cobb, Wright & Co., granite.....	1,214 96
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Bill of Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone base....	2,340 42
“ Thomas O’Meara, mould	748 18
“ Arnold, Martin & Co., cement, &c.....	669 78
“ Thomas Crimmins, mould, &c.....	631 30
“ Bank of Commerce, rent, &c.....	592 50
“ Walter Jones, base and terminals.....	550 00
“ F. L. Hedenbergh, Agt., furnaces.....	500 00
“ Meyer & Seidler, painting.....	271 75
“ Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	191 25
“ Lasher & Hover, feed.....	189 48
“ Reynolds, Pratt & Co., oils, &c.....	180 90
“ Jesse Ryder, trees.....	180 47
“ Butcher & Butler, lights	180 00
“ Frank Hockeran, meat.....	173 60
“ Janes, Fowler, Kirtland & Co., gate screws..	168 00
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, stoves, &c.....	148 70
“ King & Murray, trees.....	130 20
“ W. R. Osborn, sash doors.....	114 50
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	95 95
“ George Lynch, coal.....	93 00
“ Walton Bros., hardware.....	77 05
“ Slote & Jones, stationery.....	74 00
“ Pinkney & Moulton, feed.....	54 50
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	52 71
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	50 00
“ New York Lead Co., lead pipe.....	49 42
“ Ben. L. Ahern, bell hanging.....	47 00
“ Jackson Wright, stone boat plank	42 48
“ Willard Felt & Co., stationery	42 25
“ James Higgins, mould.....	36 21
“ C. B. Van Dyke, chairs.....	31 50
“ John McMurray, iron work.....	30 00
“ John C. Winch & Co., ice.....	29 98
“ Abram McBride, curbstone.....	29 00
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	18 00
“ Lyon & Whittemore, envelopes.....	18 00
“ D. D. Miller, lanterns.....	15 50
“ R. Went, small rigging.....	13 95
“ James Montgomery, signs	13 60

Bill of Wm. Gibson, timber.....	13 08
“ Selover & Sauter, brooms.....	12 00
“ Jesse Ryder, trees.....	9 96
“ N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	9 10
“ Sam'l Archer & Co., salt.....	8 75
“ N. Schainwald, haberdashery.....	8 00
“ James Prentice, scales.....	5 75
“ J. T. Smith & Co., bit.....	5 50
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	3 20
“ F. W. Christern, books (gold).....	1 32
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Total.....	\$11,466 67



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 date to the amount of eleven thousand four hundred and sixty-six $\frac{67}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, February 26th, 1866.

THOS. C. FIELDS, } Auditing
 J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } Committee.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Commissioner GRINNELL, from the Executive Committee, presented a report relative to the employment of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, as Landscape Architects to the Board.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be accepted, and entered at length on the minutes.

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, said motion was amended by striking out the word “entered,” and all thereafter, and inserting in lieu thereof the words “laid on the table.”

The question being on the adoption of Commissioner FIELD'S motion as amended, it was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Commissioner RUSSELL, from the Committee on Statuary,



Fountains and Architectural Fountains, to which was recom-
mended a report of said Committee relative to The New York His-
torical Society Museum Building, with instructions to confer with
said Society as to change of location of said building, reported
back the same without amendment (with a copy of a letter writ-
ten by him as Chairman of the Committee to and a communica-
tion in reply from the Building Committee of said Society,
declining to entertain the proposition to change the location of
said building.)

On motion of Commissioner GRINNELL, said report and com-
munications were accepted.

Commissioner RUSSELL offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Statuary,
Fountains and Architectural Structures, on the application of
the Committee of the Historical Society, be printed as a docu-
ment of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would
agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative,
as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatch-
ford, Grinnell—6.

(See Document No. 5.)

Commissioner RUSSELL offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the plan (adopted by the Building
Committee of the New York Historical Society, and submitted
by them to this Board) as is designated by the initials R. M. H.,
the architect, affixed at the angles of the said portion of same
plan, be, and the same is hereby, approved by the Commission-
ers of the Central Park, in accordance with the Act relative
thereto, passed by the Legislature on the 25th March, 1862.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner FIELDS moved to refer said resolution to the
President and the Comptroller of the Park, with instructions to
examine and report at the earliest meeting of the Board whether
there are any substantial objections to that portion of the plan
referred to in said resolution.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner FIELDS withdrew his motion.

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD,

Resolved, That said resolution be laid on the table, and said plan be referred to the President and the Comptroller of the Park to examine and report thereon, and that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Saturday, March 3, 1866, at 2 P. M. ✓

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to purchase not exceeding ten thousand cubic yards of gravel. ✓

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6. ✓

The COMPTROLLER OF THE PARK submitted a report in answer to a resolution of the Board, relative to persons now in the service of the Commission. ✓

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be laid on the table, and that so much thereof, excepting the tabulated statement, be printed in document form. ✓

Commissioner RUSSELL moved to amend said motion by striking out the words, "that so much thereof, excepting the tabulated statement, be." ✓

Commissioner FIELDS accepted said amendment.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows: ✓

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

(See Document No. 6.)

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at four o'clock the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1866.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.

Present,—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Blatchford,
“ Fields, “ Grinnell.
“ Green,

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL the reading of the journal of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The President and the Comptroller of the Park, to whom was referred, to examine and report thereon, the plan of The New York Historical Society Building, reported thereon, and suggested for the action of the Board a resolution in the words following:

Resolved, That the President and Comptroller confer with the Historical Society, and they are hereby authorized, in conjunction with said Society, to take the necessary steps to secure the legislation necessary to authorize this Board to appropriate a site (of not exceeding four acres in extent), for a Museum of Antiquity and Science and Gallery of Art within the limits of the Central Park, and between the Fifth avenue and the south line of Eighty-fifth street and the north side line of Seventy-ninth street, extended westerly at right angles with the said avenue, on such terms as may be approved by this Board.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, at two o'clock and thirty-five minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present,—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green.

No quorum being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present,—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth, “ Grinnell.

The minutes of the previous meetings of February 26th,
March 3d and 8th were read and approved.

The following communications were received, and having
been answered were ordered filed.

- From Joseph H. Fick, presenting two pair of quail. ✓
- “ Julius Wollberg, “ a monkey. ✓
- “ J. H. Kubble, “ a red fox. ✓
- “ W. H. Townsend, “ a large hawk. ✓
- “ William Mott, “ a mamozet. ✓
- “ Theo. E. Borott, “ a South American eagle. ✓
- “ Rembrandt Lockwood, “ a model of a Cathedral. ✓

✓ From David Christy, presenting five oak plants.

✓ " P. Bonnett, " a banca. ✓

✓ " John Binsse, relative to accommodation for birds in the Park—ordered filed. ✓

From Robt. Blow & Son, offering for sale a bronze statue of Washington,—referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

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

New York, April 12, 1866.

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....	\$141 26
" " " " Treasurer.....	2,965 95
Total.....	<u><u>\$3,107 21</u></u>

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of Central Park.

✓ A communication was received from Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, Landscape Architects, claiming a sum due them for professional service, and asking for the payment of the same.

Debate was had thereon, when

✓ On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, the report of the Executive Committee, relative to the appointment of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, as Landscape Architects to the Board, which was presented at a meeting of the Board held February 26, and laid on the table, was called up.

Mr. RUSSELL moved that the proceedings of the Executive Committee, relative to the appointment of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, be approved.

✓ Debate was had thereon, when

Mr. GREEN moved that the further consideration of said report be postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Green—2.

Nays—Commissioners Russell, Stebbins, Grinnell—3.

Mr. BUTTERWORTH moved that the Board do now adjourn.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the negative.

The question recurring on Mr. RUSSELL's motion, to approve of the proceedings of the Executive Committee, it was put and decided in the negative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Green—2.

Nays—Commissioners Russell, Stebbins, Grinnell—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal, from time to time, of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount may be, from time to time, at the credit of this Board in said bank, 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 President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—4.

Nays—Commissioner Russell—1.

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal, from time to time, of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount may be, from time to time, at the credit of this Board in said bank, 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 President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

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

Mr. GRINNELL offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to hire, from the Bank of Commerce, a room on the top story of the building for a plan and drafting room.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

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

Mr. RUSSELL offered the following:

Resolved, That the salary of Wm. H. Grant, Superintending Engineer, be at the rate of \$3,500 per annum, to date from January 1, 1864.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

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

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

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.