

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CENTRAL PARK,

FOR THE

*Year Ending April 30th, 1869.*



NEW YORK:

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1869.

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1868.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—R. M. BLATCHFORD, Esq., President, *pro tem.*, and  
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Fields,  
“ Hutchins, “ Green.

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

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

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

*Ordered*, That the Board do now proceed to ballot for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The President *pro tem.* appointed Commissioners 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. C. Fields	“	5	“

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* 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.

A petition of property owners asking that Sixty-ninth street from the Eighth avenue to the Hudson river be opened according to law, was received and

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues.

A petition of Nelson Chase, owner of land near the High Bridge condemned as a public place, asking that legal steps be taken to acquire title to said land, or that the Board reconsider its action, was received and

Referred to the Committees on Roads and Avenues.

A communication from the Metropolitan Board of Health, relative to disinfecting premises on the Circle, was received and ordered on file.

A petition of the Gate Keepers, asking for increased compensation, was received.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the Gate Keepers be paid twenty-five cents per day additional.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Blatchford—3.

*Nays*—Commissioners Russell, Green—2.

On motion, the petition of said Gate Keepers was ordered on file.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to transmit to the Board of Supervisors an estimate of the amount of money required for the maintenance of the Park for the year 1868, not to exceed \$250,000.

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

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the payment of foremen of mechanics at the rate of \$5 00 per day since September 16th, 1867, be approved, and the pay of such foremen shall hereafter not exceed \$5 per day, until otherwise ordered by the Board.

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

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

Mr. GREEN presented a certified copy of An Act approving lines and grades established under authority of chapter six hundred and ninety-seven of laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and amending said chapter six hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An Act to alter the map or plan of certain portions of the city of New York, and for the laying out and improvement of the same, passed April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven;" passed April twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight. ✓

Mr. GREEN moved that said act be laid on the table, and printed in document form.

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, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

(See Document No. 1.)

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, as amended by Chapter 238 of the Laws of 1868, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in the National Bank of Commerce, in the city of New York, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for payment for work, services and materials furnished or to be furnished for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, curb and guttering, and otherwise improving the Ninth Avenue, from 77th Street to 81st Street. ✓

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

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the provisions 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," ✓

passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out the following streets, within that part of the city of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, provided for in said Act: The two several streets extending from the Kingsbridge Road, in an easterly direction, to the street extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the Harlem River, laid out by said Commissioners on the 10th day of January, 1867; and also the street extending from the Kingsbridge Road, in an easterly and northerly direction, to the Eleventh Avenue, as said Eleventh Avenue was laid out by said Commissioners on the 25th day of November, 1867; and also the street, sixty feet in width, crossing the two first above described streets at right angles thereto, and extending from near the Kingsbridge Road to the street last above described; the said several streets so laid out being shown by red color, and lines and figures on the map thereof, dated "New York, May 13th, 1868," and signed by "John J. Serrell," the location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction of the said several streets so laid out, seeming to said Commissioners of the Central Park most conducive to public good, and that the lands colored red, and lying between the red lines on said map, are those required for the said several streets so laid out.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, said resolution was referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINS, at two o'clock and fifty-five minutes the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
Clerk.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1868.**

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CENTRAL PARK,  
Bank of Commerce Building, 31 Nassau Street. }

NEW YORK, June 2d, 1868.

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 Friday, 5th inst., at two o'clock, P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of Committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

AND. H. GREEN,  
J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } *Commissioners*  
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *of the*  
                                       } *Central Park.*

Present—R. M. BLATCHFORD, Esq., President *pro tem.*, and  
Commissioner Butterworth,                     Commissioner Green,  
      “           Hutchins,                     “           Grinnell.  
      “           Fields,

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

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* announced the Standing Committees for the ensuing year, as follows :

Finance—Commissioners Russell, Grinnell, Butterworth.

Executive—Commissioners Grinnell, Green, Hutchins, Fields,  
Russell.

Auditing—Commissioners Grinnell, Fields, Butterworth.

By-Laws and Ordinances—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green.

Statuary, Fountains and Architectural Structures—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Green.

Roads and Avenues—Commissioners Blatchford, Fields, Green, Hutchins, Butterworth.

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

*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 J. H. Sullivan & Co., grading 7th Ave.....	\$9,135 00
✓	Do do do do .....	7,560 00
✓	Do do do do .....	4,375 00
	Miller & Coates, tile.....	2,757 15
✓	Thos. Crimmins, grading 7th Avenue.....	1,890 00
	Miller & Coates, tile.....	1,874 90
✓	Thos. Crimmins, grading 7th Avenue.....	1,470 00
	Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	1,404 64
	Miss Emma Stebbins, Terrace fountain.....	1,402 50
	Ellin & Whitehouse, carving.....	1,100 00
	Nat'l Bank of Commerce in N. Y., rent, &c.	1,012 50
	John Healy, grading 81st Street.....	720 00
	S. Purdy, vegetables.....	503 00
	P. C. Coffin, hardware.....	475 03
	Pinckney & Moulton, feed.....	469 03
	Grenell & Beebe, sash.....	462 89
	John Healy, grading 81st Street.....	432 00
	Luke Curnen, mould.....	425 25
	The Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	424 20
	Wetmore & Co., iron.....	388 13
	Quintard, Ward & Co., coal.....	361 25
	John Healy, grading 81st Street.....	360 00
	F. Brinkman, poles.....	259 00

Bill of Delos Barnum, photographing.....	\$240 00
J. W. Stevens & Bros., lumber.....	239 20
J. Albert, poles.....	200 00
John Collier, poles.....	195 00
Louis Verehaegen, carving.....	150 00
John Henry, oil.....	139 09
Union Adams, gloves.....	131 50
Jas. Barber, vegetables.....	128 50
Frank Hockeran, meat.....	122 40
J. Wrey Mould, services.....	116 00
The Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	112 00
P. Van Giesen, roofing.....	110 76
Edward Ewen, services.....	100 00
Morris Bennett, crooks.....	100 00
Owen McCabe, bread.....	99 90
The New York Rendering Co., meat.....	99 00
Owen McCabe, bread.....	97 10
Wm. L. Fischer, plants.....	95 90
J. Albert, poles.....	93 75
J. Wrey Mould, services.....	92 00
Owen McCabe, bread.....	91 10
N. Schainwald, haberdashery.....	85 42
P. Henderson, plants.....	84 00
C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints, &c.....	83 40
J. Munckwitz, services.....	82 00
The New York Rendering Co., meat.....	78 00
A. S. Bickmore, expenses.....	75 00
Willard Felt & Co., stationery.....	74 47
John Collier cedar crooks.....	70 00
The New York Rendering Co., meat.....	66 00
L. Ansert, milk.....	63 70
R. H. Allen & Co., seed.....	63 50
J. Wrey Mould, services.....	62 00
N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose.....	60 00
Seward & Boswell, feed.....	59 94
W. H. Decker, lumber.....	56 38
J. Munckwitz, services.....	56 00
The N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	52 85
Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	52 24



Bill of The Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	\$50 40
Wm. S. Whitlock & Co.....	49 37
Phelps, Dodge & Co., tin.....	48 81
J. Munckwitz, services.....	47 00
Randolph & Skidmore, coal.....	44 00
Brokaw Bros., uniforms.....	41 89
Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	39 82
Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	38 21
Stackpole & Bros., surveying instruments..	37 00
Philip Meit, meat.....	36 50
A. Cooper & Lauferwieler, pots.....	36 50
The Colwells, Shaw & Willard Mfg. Co., pipe.	35 28
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	32 88
Sam'l Archer, salt.....	31 25
Stackpole & Bros., surveying instruments...	29 50
B. F. Crane, expenses.....	25 18
H. N. Swift, castings.....	24 00
B. F. Crane, expenses.....	23 87
J. Skidmore & Sons, coal.....	22 00
N. Y. Herald, advertising.....	22 00
McLees & Co., wire.....	21 75
P. Fields & Son, castings.....	21 24
B. F. Crane, expenses.....	21 24
D. Van Nostrand, atlas.....	20 00
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	18 20
The World Co., advertising.....	12 80
Jas. M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	22 62
R. H. Allen & Co., rakes.....	11 00
The Sun, advertising.....	10 50
N. Y. Times, ".....	9 60
J. J. Budd, putty.....	8 13
W. C. Rogers & Co., die.....	8 00
The N. Y. News, advertising.....	7 20
Willard, Felt & Co., stationery.....	7 05
Chas. Scharbach, leather.....	7 04
B. R. Bliss, seed.....	5 30
F. A. Pollard, copying.....	5 00
N. Y. & Baltimore Transit Co., freight.....	5 00
McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	3 10
Ins. & Real Estate Journal, subscription....	\$3 00

Bill of Moses Swett, ladders.....	2 40
C. Reiche & Bro., food.....	2 00
Orange Judd & Co., book.....	2 00
Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	15 10
Adams' Express Co., freight.....	13 25
Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	12 58
Commercial Advertiser, Assot. subscription..	11 00
The N. Y. Staats Zeitung, advertising.....	3 70
	\$44,247 83

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of forty-four thousand two hundred and forty-seven  $\frac{82}{100}$  dollars.

Dated New York, May 14, 1868.

M. H. GRINNELL,	}	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>
J. F. BUTTERWORTH,		
THOS. C. FIELDS,		

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* 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, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

A petition of the owners of property fronting on 104th, 105th, and 106th Streets, between the 8th Ave. and the Public Drive, requesting that the necessary steps be taken to open said streets, and that they be regulated, graded, curbed and guttered; was received, whereupon,

Commissioner GREEN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it expedient for the public interest, to acquire title for the use of the public to all those parts of 104th, 105th and 106th Streets, lying between the Eighth Ave. and the North or Hudson's River, and that the Comptroller of the Park take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park to acquire title to the land included in the lines of said 104th, 105th and 106th Streets from the Eighth Avenue to said North or Hudson's River, and to sign on behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and

Commonalty of the City of New York, or otherwise, the necessary papers to acquire such title.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* 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, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

A petition of the owners of property on 102d, 103d, 104th, 105th and 106th Streets, between the Eighth Avenue and the Croton Aqueduct, requesting that the grades of said streets be changed as indicated, was received and

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues.

A petition of owners of property on 87th street, between Broadway and the North or Hudson's River, requesting that the necessary legal measures be instituted to have said street opened, was received, whereupon,

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it expedient for the public interest to acquire title, for the use of the public, to all that part of Eighty-seventh Street lying between Broadway and the North or Hudson's River, and that the Comptroller of the Park take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of said Eighty-seventh Street, from Broadway to the North or Hudson's River, and to sign on behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, or otherwise, the necessary papers to acquire such title.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* 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, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

A communication from John Caldwell, Esq., relative to obtaining an allowance for three head of cattle, claimed as the property of Mrs. A. B. Kinsler, of Newberry, S. C., was received, and

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park to report thereon.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it expedient for the public interest, for and in the behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to acquire title for the use of the public, to all the lands required for the public square or place laid out by them under and by virtue of an Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York, passed April 24th, 1865, bounded northerly by a line drawn parallel to the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, and five thousand five hundred and twenty-six feet and eight inches distant therefrom at right angles to said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street in a northerly direction, southerly by another line drawn parallel to said southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, and four thousand and seven feet and six inches distant therefrom at right angles to said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street in a northerly direction, westwardly by the road or public drive laid out by said Commissioners by resolution adopted Nov. 1st, 1867, and easterly by the Harlem River and by the street extending from the shore of the Harlem River at the northerly side of High Bridge in a northerly direction to and connecting with said road or public drive, and that the Comptroller of the Park take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of and required for said public square or place, and to sign on behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, the necessary papers to acquire such title. ✓

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* 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, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

A Communication from John Healy, contractor for regulating and grading the south half of Eighty-first Street, from the Eighth to the Ninth Avenue, asking for additional compensation, was received, and ✓

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues to report thereon.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

*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 PRESIDENT *pro tem.* 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, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit in the National Bank of Commerce of the City of New York, the further sum of one hundred thousand dollars, for payment for work, services and materials furnished or to be furnished under certain contracts for regulating and grading the Seventh Avenue from 110th Street to the Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* 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, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH, from the Committee on Roads and Avenues, to which was referred the plan and resolution relative to laying out the district near the junction of the Kingsbridge Road and Inwood street, reported favorably thereon and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the provisions 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," passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out the following streets, within that part of the City of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, provided for in said Act : The two several streets extending from the Kingsbridge Road, in an easterly direction, to the street extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the Harlem River, laid out by said Commissioners on the 10th day of January, 1867 ; and also the street extending from the Kingsbridge Road, in an easterly and northerly direction, to the Eleventh Avenue, as said Eleventh Avenue was laid out by said Commissioners on the 25th day of November, 1867 ; and also the street, sixty feet in width, crossing the two first above described streets at right angles thereto, and extending

from near the Kingsbridge Road to the street last above described; the said several streets so laid out being shown by red color, and lines and figures on the map thereof, dated "New York, May 13th, 1868," and signed by "John J. Serrell," the location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction of the said several streets so laid out, seeming to said Commissioners of the Central Park most conducive to public good, and that the lands colored red, and lying between the red lines on said map, are those required for the said several streets so laid out.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* 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, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

A communication from Hon. Fernando Wood, recommending that application be made for the appointment of one set of Commissioners to open the Riverside Park and Drive, was received, and

Ordered on file.

A petition from the laborers on the Park, asking for an increase of compensation, was received, and

Ordered on file.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That from and after April 27th, 1868, the pay of the following classes of workmen on the Park be fixed at not exceeding the following rates, until otherwise ordered by the Board:

Foremen of Mechanics.....	\$5 50	per day.
Foremen.....	4 00	"
Masons.....	5 00	"
Stone cutters.....	4 50	"
Painters.....	4 00	"
Plumber.....	5 00	"
Skilled laborers.....	3 75	"

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* 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, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

A communication from S. E. Church, Esq., being an opinion relative to the powers and duties of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the matter of acquiring title for the use of the public, to any of the public squares or places, streets, avenues or roads, in the district in which said Beard is empowered to act, was received, and

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the arrangement made with Mr. B. Waterhouse Hawkins, for the restoration of a group of fossil animals of this continent be and the same is hereby approved.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* 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, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
Clerk.

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1868.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—Commissioners Butterworth, Green, Grinnell.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NOET,  
Clerk.





**FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1868.**

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CENTRAL PARK,  
Bank of Commerce Building, 31 Nassau Street. }

NEW YORK, June 17th, 1868.

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 Friday next, 19th inst., at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business. ✓

Yours, &c.,

W. HUTCHINS,  
AND H. GREEN,  
J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } *Commissioners*  
                                  } *of the*  
                                  } *Central Park.*

Present—M. H. GRINNELL, Esq., Vice-President, and  
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Fields,  
“ Hutchins, “ Green.

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

A copy of the order of the Supreme Court, General Term, re-committing, with certain instructions, the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of opening a road or public drive from 59th Street to 155th Street, was received, and— ✓

Ordered on file.

A copy of the order of the Supreme Court, General Term, confirming the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, in the matter of opening a road or public drive from 59th Street to 155th Street, was received, and—

Ordered on file.

A communication from Emmons Clark, Secretary of the Board of Health, relative to drainage of the Manhattanville District, was received, and—

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

A communication from the Hon. R. B. Connolly, City Comptroller, approving the form of a resolution to carry out the provisions of Sec. 7, Chap. 565, Laws of 1865, was received, and—

Ordered on file.

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

NEW YORK, June 19, 1868.

*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..	\$77,187 42
“ “ “ Treasurer....	2,981 84
Total.....	<u>\$80,169 26</u>

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby direct that the Public Fund or Stock authorized and directed to be created by Sec. 7 of Chapter 565 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24th 1865, shall be issued at such time or times, and in such manner, of such description, and in such amounts, as the Comptroller of the city of New York, in compliance with the provisions of said section, shall from time to time find to be absolutely necessary to provide funds for the payment of the damages awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and of the expenses, charges and disbursements in a certain proceeding instituted by virtue of said Chap-

ter, to wit: In the matter of the application of the Commissioners of the Central Park, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, relative to laying out a road or public drive between the northerly line of Fifty-ninth Street and the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, in the city of New York. Such public fund or stock shall be payable not more than forty years from the date of issue thereof, and shall bear interest payable half-yearly, at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and the total amount of such fund or stock shall not exceed the sum of three million five hundred thousand dollars, and shall only be issued in sums composed of even hundreds of dollars, and for not less than the par value thereof.

Proposals for said fund or stock shall be invited by said Comptroller by advertisement for the period of ten days, and the fund or stock shall be awarded by said Comptroller to the person or persons, corporation or corporations, who shall offer the highest price for the same, except that said fund or stock, or any portion thereof, may be subscribed for and awarded to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, without proposals being invited for the same in manner aforesaid; and said Comptroller shall, upon the payment of the price for which said fund or stock shall be so awarded, issue certificates therefor in the usual form of county stock heretofore issued.

The VICE-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, Grinnell—5.

On motion of Mr. GREEN—

*Ordered*, that said resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller of the city of New York.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of Chap. 697 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24th, 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in the National Bank of Commerce in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for payment of work, services and materials furnished or to be furnished for regulating, grading and improving the road or public drive between the north line of Fifty-ninth Street and the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street.

The VICE-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, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the Park be, and he is hereby authorized to sell at public auction, or otherwise, all the buildings and parts of buildings, structures, trees, and other improvements belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, now standing within the limits of the road or public drive, as the same has been lately opened from the north line of Fifty-ninth Street to the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, or to remove the same.

The VICE-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, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Whereas*, The report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, appointed pursuant to Chap. 565 of the Laws of 1865, in the matter of laying out a road or public drive between Fifty-ninth Street and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, was confirmed on the 15th day of June, 1868 ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it for the public interest to cause such part of said road or public drive, to be regulated, graded and improved as a street, according to the grade established for the same, and hereby direct and empower the Comptroller of the Park to take the necessary measures to carry this resolution into effect, by days' work, unless otherwise directed by the Committee on Roads and Avenues.

The VICE-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, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the compensation of Geo. M. Van Nort, Clerk to the Board of Central Park Commissioners, be fixed at five thousand dollars per annum, to date from the first day of January, 1868.

The VICE-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, Grinnell—5.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

*Resolved*, That the subject of a suitable compensation to A. H. Green, Comptroller of the Central Park, for services on works outside of the Park, together with the work of compiling the history of the Park, be referred to the Auditing Committee to report thereon. ✓

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the subject of fixing a suitable compensation to the Treasurer of the Board, to date from January 1, 1868, be referred to the Auditing Committee, with power. ✓

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

*Ayes*—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GRINNELL, from the Auditing Committee, to which was referred with power, the subject of fixing a suitable compensation to the Treasurer of the Board, to date from January 1, 1868, reported that said Committee unanimously voted to the Treasurer the salary of ten thousand dollars per annum, from January 1, 1868; said report was accepted. ✓

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

*Resolved*, That the subject of fixing the salaries of E. P. Barker and B. F. Crane, from January 1, 1868, be referred to the Auditing Committee to report thereon. ✓

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
Clerk.

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**THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1868.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

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

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
Clerk.

**SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1868.**

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CENTRAL PARK,  
Bank of Commerce Building, 31 Nassau Street. }

NEW YORK, July 9th, 1868.

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 Saturday next, 11th inst., at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

R. M. BLATCHFORD, } *Commissioners*  
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *of the*  
AND. H. GREEN, } *Central Park.*

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

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

A communication from Hon. John L. Flagg, President of Rensselaer Park, desiring to procure swans and geese, was received and ordered on file. ✓

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the Comptroller of the Park was authorized to donate a pair of swans each to the cities of Troy and Chicago, accompanied by a suitable letter. ✓

A communication from T. S. Martin, relative to selling a collection of specimens of natural history, was received, and—

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park to report thereon.

A communication from A. S. Bickmore, enclosing proposal of Professor Baird, to sell collection of mamals, was received, and—

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park to report thereon.

A communication from Thomas Lane, desiring appointment as a park-keeper, was received, and—

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

A communication from Dr. W. W. Morgan, offering to sell his collection of specimens of natural history, was received, and

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park to report thereon.

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

NEW YORK, July 9, 1868.

*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..	\$63,450 92
“ “ “ Treasurer....	182 53
Total.....	<u>\$63,633 45</u>

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That from and after June 22d, 1868, the pay of the following classes of workmen on the Park be fixed at not exceeding the following rates, until otherwise ordered by the Board :

Asst. Foremen.....	\$2 60 per day.
Blacksmiths.....	37½ per hour
Gardeners.....	23½ “
Rockmen.....	22½ “

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 resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it expedient for the public interest, to acquire title for the use of the public, to all that part of the Ninth Avenue lying between the Avenue St. Nicholas and the northerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Street, and that the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of said part of the Ninth Avenue, from the Avenue St. Nicholas to the northerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Street, and to sign, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the name of the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York or otherwise, the necessary papers to acquire such title. ✓

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 FIELDS offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it expedient for the public interest, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to acquire title for the use of the public, to all the lands required for that portion of the road or public drive laid out by them under and by virtue of an act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York, passed April 24th, 1865, within that part of the City and County of New York to the northward of the northerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Street, and along the easterly or Harlem River side of said city, from the northerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Street to the Tenth Avenue, near Sherman's Creek, as said portion of said road or public drive was laid out by resolution adopted Nov. 1st, 1867; and that the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of, and required for such portion of said road or public drive, and to sign, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, the necessary papers to acquire such title. ✗

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 GRINNELL offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it expedient for the public interest, for and in the behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York, to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for that portion of the road or public drive laid out by them under and by virtue of an act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the city and county of New York, passed April 24, 1865, within that part of the city and county of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, and along the westerly or Hudson River side of said city, that lies between said southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street and the intersection of the Kingsbridge Road with Inwood Street ; as said portion of said road or public drive was laid out by resolution adopted December 13th, 1866 ; and that the Comptroller of the Park be authorised to take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of and required for such portion of said road or public drive, and to sign on behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park the necessary papers to acquire such title.

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 BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it expedient for the public interest, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York, to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for the public squares or places laid out by them under and by virtue of an act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the city and county of New York, passed April 24th, 1865, bounded easterly by the road or public drive ; northerly by the division line between land now or late of John A. Haven and land now or late of Connolly ; southerly by the street laid out and including the road now known as "Fort Washington Dépôt Road ;" and westerly by a line drawn parallel to the center of the Hudson River Railroad and twenty feet easterly therefrom ; and also the square or public place bounded easterly by a line drawn parallel to the centre line of the Hudson River Railroad and twenty feet westerly therefrom ;

southerly by the street above mentioned, and westerly and northerly by the North or Hudson River, as said squares or public places were laid out by resolution adopted November 1st, 1867; and that the Comptroller of the Park be authorised to take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, to acquire title to the lands included in the lines of, and required for said public squares or places, and to sign on behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park the necessary papers to acquire such title. ✓

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 FIELDS offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it expedient for the public interest, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York, to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for the street known as Inwood Street, laid out by them under and by virtue of an act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the city and county of New York, passed April 24th, 1865, within that part of the city and county of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the North or Hudson's River, as the same was laid out by resolution adopted June 14th, 1866, and that the Comptroller of the Park be authorised to take the necessary measures, for and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, to acquire title to the land required for such street, and to sign on behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park the necessary papers to acquire such title. ✓

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 resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it expedient for the public interest, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Alderman, and Commonalty of the City of New York, to acquire title for the use of the public, to all the lands required for the street laid out by them under and by the virtue of an Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain ✓

portions of the City and County of New York, passed April 24, 1865, within that part of the City and County of New York to the northward of the southerly line of one hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, extending in a right or straight line from the Kingsbridge Road to the Harlem River, as the same was laid out by resolution adopted January 10th, 1867, and that the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to take the necessary measures for, and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park to acquire title to the land required for such street, and to sign on behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park the necessary papers to acquire such title.

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

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

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

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to 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 first day of July, 1868, and the vouchers for the 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 first day of July, 1868, is \$71,726<sup>71</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

Dated New York, July 9, 1868.

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

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

*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 J. H. Sullivan & Co., grading 7th Avenue.. \$5,250 00  
" John J. Serrell, services..... 2,660 00

Bill of Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,600 00
“ The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., stone.....	1,495 21
“ “ “ “ “ .....	1,398 13
“ Endicott & Co., lithographing.....	1,122 90
“ James Slattery, sand.....	731 50
“ J. W. Stevens & Bros., lumber.....	574 52
“ P. C. Coffin, hardware.....	519 82
“ W. I. Smith, pipe.....	407 62
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	405 00
“ John Healy, grading S1st street.....	216 00
“ Union Adams, Panama hats.....	210 00
“ L. Verhaegan, carving.....	200 00
“ R. H. Allen & Co., hardware.....	177 45
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	163 19
“ Frank A. Pollard, plants.....	150 00
“ C. T. Raynolds & Co., paints, oils, &c.....	148 00
“ J. Munckwitz, services.....	139 00
“ W. Felt & Co., stationery.....	137 70
“ L. Waefelaer, jets.....	106 68
“ J. P. Jube & Co., hardware.....	105 34
“ Grenell & Beebe, finials, &c.....	98 09
“ The Hazard Powder Co., powder & fuse....	94 00
“ J. B. Guest, coal.....	85 00
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	73 59
“ The N. Y. Rendering Co., meat.....	72 00
“ Windle & Co., water coolers.....	71 75
“ Owen McCabe, bread.....	70 02
“ R. Smith, Agent, oilcloth.....	62 23
“ Slotte & Janes, stationery.....	57 26
“ Trenton Iron Co., wire.....	53 71
“ Jas. Michales, Jr., bellows.....	46 00
“ M. J. Seelig, bronze work.....	45 00
“ Annin & Co., flags.....	40 00
“ L. Ansert, milk.....	34 50
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	32 83
“ McClees & Co., wire.....	24 30
“ Fred. Graff, brooms.....	24 00
“ Saml. Archer, salt.....	22 89
“ Maxfield & Co., nuts.....	22 00

Bill of F. S. Selover, pails.....	21 50
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	21 43
“ McMurray & Co., screens.....	20 00
“ Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....	17 40
“ E. Maux, frames.....	17 00
“ Major & Knapp, lithographing.....	16 50
“ <i>The Journal of Commerce</i> , subscription....	15 00
“ John Allen, carrier.....	15 00
“ Bradley & Smith, dusters.....	13 60
“ R. Smith, Agent, matting.....	12 47
“ The N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	11 20
“ Page, Kidder & Co., acid.....	10 00
“ D. Van Nostrand, subscription.....	10 00
“ G. H. Allison, twine.....	9 65
“ Jas. Green, repairing level, &c.....	9 00
“ E. Anderson, slate.....	8 00
“ E. Tredwell's Sons.....	7 00
“ J. W. Orr, printing.....	6 50
“ Chas. Scharbach, leather.....	6 48
“ N. M. Freeman, M. D., services.....	6 00
“ Pitkin & Co., britchen, &c.....	5 00
“ H. G. Nichols, steel.....	4 56
“ N. Schainwald, oil-silk, &c.....	4 19
“ Dietz & Co., lamp chimneys.....	3 00
“ McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	17
“ Fisk Pavement & Flagging Co., paving....	2,049 75
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	591 44
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	25 25
Total.....	\$22,884 10

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of twenty-two thousand eight hundred and eighty-four  $\frac{10}{100}$  dollars.

Dated New York, July 9, 1868.

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

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

*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 J. H. Sullivan & Co., grading.....	\$6,090 00
“ Jaques & Mooney, wall.....	2,860 00
“ “ “ “ .....	2,860 00
“ The Fisk Pavement & Flagging Co., paving,	2,037 92
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	1,690 00
“ Thomas Crimmins, grading.....	1,680 00
“ “ “ “ .....	1,680 00
“ E. & H. T. Anthony & Co., photographing.	1,458 75
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	910 00
“ Ellin & Whitehouse, carving.....	647 60
“ Parsons & Co., plants.....	516 20
“ Dodworth’s Band music.....	410 00
“ Prince & Co., plants.....	400 05
“ John Healy, grading.....	324 00
“ Grenell & Beebe, sash, etc.....	311 50
“ James L. Jackson & Bro., repairing cages..	301 82
“ George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	1,253 33
“ J. W. Orr, engraving.....	159 50
“ Colwell, Shaw & Willard Mfg. Co., pipe....	123 48
“ Pitkin & Co., harness, etc.....	104 75
“ Julius Munckwitz, services.....	91 00
“ Owen McCabe, bread.....	84 60
“ The N. Y. Rendering Co., meat.....	82 80
“ F. Brinkman, cedar crooks.....	80 00

Bill of Wm. L. Ferris, plants.....	75 00
“ George M. Van Nort, postage stamps.....	75 00
“ M. H. Ray, mocking birds.....	41 66
“ James Hogg, plants.....	37 50
“ John Henry, oil.....	25 00
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	21 47
“ H. P. Smith, expenses.....	18 58
“ Hussey’s Special Message, Post delivery....	15 59
“ Am. Photo. Lithographic Co., printing.....	13 75
“ Colgate & Co., soap.....	13 65
“ J. D. West & Co., hose couplings.....	6 00
“ McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	1 35
“ Ellwanger & Barry, plants.....	31 58
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	209 80
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing & binding..	710 50
“ Wm. J. & J. S. Peck, brick & cement.....	973 10
“ Wetmore & Co., Iron.....	115 99
“ James Gould, drugs.....	10 50
“ Moses Swett, ladder.....	50 00
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	\$28,603 32

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of twenty-eight thousand six hundred and three  $\frac{32}{100}$  dollars.

Dated New York, July 9, 1868.

M. H. GRINNELL,	} <i>Auditing</i>
THOS. C. FIELDS,	

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 GRINNELL, from the Auditing Committee, to which was referred the subject of a suitable compensation to A. H. Green, Esq, Comptroller of the Park, for service on works outside the Park, together with the compiling of a history of the



Park, reported favorably thereon and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*,—That the Treasurer be paid for the efficient services rendered by him as Treasurer, in assisting the Board to carry out the various duties imposed upon it by various acts of the Legislature between January 1, 1865, and January 1, 1868, the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars, in addition to his salary as heretofore allowed by the Board for that period.

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

*Ayes*—Commissioner Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GRINNELL, from the Auditing Committee, to which was referred the subject of fixing the salaries of B. F. Crane and E. P. Barker, to date from January 1, 1868, reported favorably thereon, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*,—That the salaries of the following named persons be fixed to date from the first day of January, 1868, as follows :

B. F. Crane, Property Clerk.....	\$4,500 00
E. P. Barker, Asst. Clerk Board.....	2,750 00

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 FIELDS,

*Resolved*,—That leave of absence is hereby granted to A. H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board, for the space of not exceeding ninety days, for the purpose of visiting Europe, if he so desires.

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

G. M. VAN NORT,  
Clerk.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1868.**

SPECIAL MEETING 2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CENTRAL PARK,  
Bank of Commerce Building, 31 Nassau Street. }  
NEW YORK, August 1st, 1868.

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 next, 3rd inst., at two P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,  
AND. H. GREEN, } Commissioners  
W. HUTCHINS, } of the  
M. H. GRINNELL, } Central Park.

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

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

A communication from P. Callaghan, Esq., relative to having the legal proceedings to acquire the title to the new parks and avenues on the west side commenced and proceeded with, without delay, was received, and—

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

[Monday, Aug. 3, 1868.]

A communication from W. Alford Loyd, Esq., of Hamburg, Germany, proposing to superintend the construction and management of an aquarium at the Park, was received, and—

Ordered on file.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*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 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, Stebbins, Grinnell—7.

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

NEW YORK, August 3, 1868.

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

The Treasurer reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission..	\$98,395 24
“ “ “ Treasurer....	6,969 46

Total.....	\$105,364 70
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ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Central Park.

A communication from C. Vaux, Esq., relative to decorative painting of the Terrace ceiling iron work, and proposing to examine, while in Europe, certain works bearing upon park matters, was received, and—

Ordered on file.

On motion of Commissioner HUCHINS, at three o'clock the Board adjourned.

GEG. M. VAN NOBT,  
Clerk.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1868.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—Commissioner Blatchford.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NOBT,  
Clerk.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1868.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—Commissioner Butterworth.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NOBT,  
Clerk.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1868.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

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

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

A communication from W. Alford Loyd, Esq., of Hamburg, Germany, proposing to superintend the construction and management of an aquarium at the Park, was received, and—

Ordered on file.

A communication from O. B. Green, Esq., transmitting resolution of the Board of Public Works of Chicago, thanking the Commissioners of the Central Park for donation of two pairs of swans, was received, and—

Ordered on file.

A communication from Bronson Murray, Esq., desiring that Fifth Avenue, above Sixtieth Street, be immediately paved was received, and—

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

A communication from T. August Storck, desiring employment as a gardener, was received, and—

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

A communication from W. B. Hazen, Bvt. Maj-Genl. U. S. A., donating a pair of Elk, was received, and having been acknowledged, was—

Ordered on file.

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

NEW YORK, October 8, 1868.

*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..	\$77,688 59
“ “ “ Treasurer....	5,120 03
Total.....	<u>\$82,808 62</u>

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*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 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, Hutchins, Grinnell, Stebbins—6.

On motion of Commissioner GRINNELL :

*Resolved*, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Thursday, 15th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

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

GEO. M. VAN NOET,  
Clerk.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1868.**

ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :

Commissioner Green,      Commissioner Grinnell.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NOET,  
Clerk. ✓

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1868.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

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

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*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 withdrawal of the sum of twenty thousand dollars by warrants Nos. 617 and 618, is hereby approved. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697, of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in the National Bank of Commerce in the City of New York, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, for ✓



payment for work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating and grading the Sixth avenue, from the southerly side of One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

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

NEW YORK, November 12, 1868.

*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..	\$70,519 28
“ “ “ “ “ Treasurer....	3,931 16
Total.....	<u>\$74,450 44</u>

ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Central Park.

By unanimous consent, Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Con mittee, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on the minutes :

*To the Board of Commissioners of Central Park :*

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

Bill of J. H. Sullivan & Co. 7th Ave. work.....	\$8,032 50
“ Do. do. “ .....	7,087 50
“ Do. do. “ .....	6,750 00
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	5,200 00

Bill of J. H. Sullivan & Co. 6th Ave. work.....	\$4,590 00
"    Do.    do.    "    .....	3,240 00
"    Jaques & Mooney, wall work.....	2,920 00
"    Do.    do.    "    .....	2,912 00
"    Do.    do.    "    .....	2,860 00
"    Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,600 00
"    Do.    do.    .....	2,600 00
"    Wm. & J. S. Peck, brick and cement.....	1,910 53
"    Thomas Crimmins, 7th Ave. work.....	1,680 00 ✓
"    Do.    do.    "    .....	1,522 50 ✓
"    Do.    do.    "    .....	1,501 50 ✓
"    J. Crowley, stone.....	1,411 32
"    Wm. & J. S. Peck, brick, &c.....	1,281 50
"    Thomas Crimmins, stone and mould.....	1,178 75
"    Do.    do.    7th Ave. work.....	1,050 00 ✓
"    National Bank of Commerce, rent, &c.....	1,012 50
"    John Healy, 81st street work.....	864 00
"    Austin D. Ewen, surveying.....	864 36
"    Francis Dugan, slate work.....	862 44
"    Wm. H. Gray, wagons.....	800 00
"    Wm. Menzies, timber.....	786 15
"    James Slattery, sand.....	721 77
"    John S. Newlir, surveying.....	630 63
"    Wm. Rumble, surveying.....	609 39
"    The J. L. Mott Iron Works, casting.....	593 24
"    Brokaw Bros., uniforms.....	568 60
"    Miller & Coates, tile.....	566 28
"    P. Van Gieson, roofing.....	546 18
"    Wetmore & Co. iron.....	544 60
"    John Healy, 81st street work.....	504 00
"    Ogden & Co., lumber.....	498 40
"    Dodworth's Band, music.....	498 00
"    Pinckney & Moulten, feed.....	411 57
"    N. Y. Lead Co., lead.....	399 60
"    Dodworth's Band, music.....	395 00
"    John Boyle, awnings.....	393 57
"    John Healy, 81st street work.....	360 00
"    Wm. Menzies, lumber.....	300 44
"    Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	330 80

Bill of Wm. Stumpp, bulbs .....	\$216 00
“ John Healey, 81st street work .....	216 00
“ Miller & Coates, closet fixtures .....	200 77
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware .....	191 02
“ D. F. Tieman & Co., paints .....	177 33
“ The Hazard Powder Co., powder, &c. ....	177 00
“ Colwells, Shaw & W. Mfg. Co., pipe .....	145 97
“ Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas .....	139 30
“ Owen McCabe, bread .....	139 05
“ John Henry, oil .....	138 35
“ L. Waefelaer & Co., jets and bells .....	132 25
“ C. H. Tyler, awning repairs .....	116 68
“ Christy & Quinn, pails and tubs .....	116 50
“ D. McMasters, stone .....	112 50
“ Jeremiah Kennedy, marble .....	95 83
“ The Hazard Powder Co., powder, &c. ....	81 00
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber .....	77 31
“ N. Y. Rendering Co., meat .....	75 00
“ J. Becker, frames .....	71 00
“ Jas. Barber, vegetables .....	67 50
“ Walker & Balen, globe mirrors .....	62 00
“ L. P. Tibbals, swings .....	60 00
“ N. Y. Belting & Packing Co., hose .....	60 00
“ Owen McCabe, bread .....	59 91
“ Wm. S. Whitlock & Co., rope .....	49 82
“ Jas. Nason & Co., pipe .....	42 37
“ S. Beeching, carrier .....	36 48
“ N. Y. Herald, advertising .....	36 00
“ Estate of S. P. Ayers, couplings, &c. ....	35 50
“ M. Schneider, milk .....	33 50
“ Christie & Quinn, tubs .....	32 50
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses .....	31 73
“ R. H. Allen & Co., castings .....	31 25
“ S. D. Fraser, blinds .....	31 05
“ R. Smith, agt., matting .....	30 60
“ Wm. Felt & Co., stationery .....	27 75
“ J. Ziegler & Co., chairs .....	27 00
“ Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire .....	25 99
“ John Henry, oil .....	25 44

Bill of R. H Allen & Co, shears, &c.....	\$23 00
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses .....	22 84
“ McKesson & Robbins, drugs .....	22 29
“ The Sun, advertising.....	22 00
“ Wm. S. Whitlock & Co., rope.....	19 48
“ G. Gunther, cages.....	19 25
“ The World Co., advertising.....	19 20
“ Patent Water & Gas Pipe Co., pipe .....	18 60
“ Windle & Co., cups.....	16 00
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	15 48
“ Selover & Sauter, pails .....	15 00
“ Moses Swett, ladders .....	15 00
“ Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	10 45
“ Phelps, Dodge & Co., zinc.....	9 25
“ John F. Lee, blacking .....	9 25
“ Baker, Voorhies & Co., Laws 1868.....	9 00
“ Jas. Prentice, tape lines.....	9 00
“ C. B. Van Dyke, chairs.....	9 00
“ D. F. Tieman & Co., turpentine .....	8 10
“ Saml. Archer, salt.....	7 00
“ Crouch & Fitzgerald, trunks.....	6 50
“ Chas. Reiche & Bro., bird feed.....	5 00
“ G. H. Allison, twine .....	4 20
“ C. McKee, subscription.....	4 00
“ C. T. Reynolds & Co.....	224 70
“ John Boyle, duck.....	3 30
“ C. B. Van Dyck, chairs.....	3 00
“ McClees & Co., wire .....	1 64
“ J. H. Sullivan & Co., 7th Avenue, work... 7,822 50	
“ A. D. Ewen, surveying .....	583 29
“ Saml. E. Holmes, surveying.....	501 84
“ Dodworth’s band, music .....	410 00
“ Grenell & Beebe, mouldings, &c.....	403 05
“ Dodworth’s band, music .....	400 00
“ Do Do “ .....	395 00
“ Do Do “ .....	390 00
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings .....	397 76
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	240 73
“ W. J. Smith, pipe .....	218 34



Bill of Colewells, Shaw & W. Mfg. Co.....	\$152 25
“ N. Y. City Steel Works .....	147 80
“ Dodworth's band, music .....	365 00
“ Luccarini & Bro., moulds .....	129 65
“ W. Felt & Co., stationery .....	116 88
“ Jas. H. Burke, wall paper, &c.....	102 99
“ Julius Munckwitz, services .....	115 00
“ Jas. Barber, vegetables.....	95 00
“ N. Y. Rendering Co., meat.....	74 70
“ J. P. Jube & Co., hardware.....	60 96
“ Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas .....	60 55
“ Pinckney & Moulton, feed .....	155 80
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	59 04
“ Union Adams, gloves.....	54 00
“ Luccarini & Bro., moulds .....	26 50
“ Bradley & Smith, hardware .....	19 31
“ McKesson & Robbins, acid.....	ε±
“ Wm. S. Whitlock & Co., rope .....	18 28
“ Arnolds, Martin & Co., brick and cement...	17 50
“ J. L. Jackson & Bro., cages .....	17 25
“ N. Y. Times, advertising.....	16 00
“ Jas. Coleman & Co., couplings.....	15 00
“ Slote & Janes, stationery .....	14 50
“ Saml. Archer, salt .....	12 95
“ Page, Kidder & Co., acid .....	10 00
“ Horace Mann, catalogue .....	10 00
“ N. Y. Staats Zeitung, advertising .....	8 40
“ Jesse Ryder, apples .....	6 00
“ Chas. Reiche & Bro., bird feed.....	5 00
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	170 52
“ Thomas Crimmins, Seventh ave. work .....	1,522 50
“ The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., base course...	1,387 50
“ Brown & Valentine, stone work.....	1,300 00
“ Pinckney & Moulton, feed .....	345 09
“ P. C. Coffin, hardware.....	335 82
“ Julius Munckwitz, services .....	247 00
“ Jas. L. Jackson & Bros., iron work.....	139 03
“ Grenell & Beebe, mouldings, &c.....	131 97
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	79 18

"	Slote & Janes, stationery.....	53 50
"	The N. Y. Rendering Co., meat.....	19 20
"	W. Felt & Co., stationery.....	3 50
"	J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh Ave. work..	8,179 50
"	Fisk Pavement and Flagging Co.....	3 238 02
"	Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,397 20
"	National Bank of Commerce in N. Y.....	1,012 50
"	The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., Base Course..	1,670 12
"	J. W. Stevens & Bros., lumber.....	1,284 02
"	Wetmore & Co., iron and steel.....	434 21
"	Dodworth's Band, music.....	405 00
"	Francis Dugan, roofing.....	344 71
"	James Gribble, harness.....	240 00
"	Wm. E. Sibbell, tracing-cloth.....	219 27
"	Dodworth's Band, music.....	200 00
"	Colwells, Shaw & Willard Manf. Co., pipe..	131 78
"	John Healy, 81st street work.....	288 00
"	J. Wrey Mould, services.....	126 00
"	C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints, &c.....	85 75
"	Jas. Michales, Jr., bellows.....	82 00
"	John Bayliss, sledges.....	80 75
"	Lewis P. Tibbals, swings.....	60 00
"	Owen McCabe, bread.....	58 83
"	Julius Munckwitz, services.....	31 00
"	N. Schainewald, haberdashery.....	25 00
"	A. Cooper, flower-pots.....	24 00
"	R. H. Allen & Co., seed.....	23 75
"	J. Becker, mouldings.....	23 28
"	George M. Van Nort, postage-stamps.....	20 00
"	John P. Jube & Co., hardware.....	19 20
"	P. Fields & Son, tweer-irons.....	17 04
"	The J. L. Mott Iron Works, elbows.....	15 00
"	W. Felt & Co., stationery.....	14 75
"	R. Smith, agent, oil-cloth.....	14 00
"	Page, Kidder & Co., acid.....	11 25
"	W. H. Decker, lumber.....	10 14
"	Edmund Hoole, checks.....	10 00
"	Wotherspoon & Sons, plaster.....	8 70
"	Joseph Nason & Co., pipe.....	8 66

Bill of McKesson & Robbins, acid.....	\$7 60
" Wm. Menzies, saw-dust .....	7 00
" J. H. Sullivan & Co., 6th ave., work.....	5,400 00
" J. W. Stevens & Bros., lumber.....	2,516 91
" P. C. Coffin, hardware.....	723 54
" N. Y. City Steel-Works, steel.....	346 00
" J. Skidmore & Son, coal.....	113 50
" Phelps, Dodge & Co., zinc and iron.....	72 09
" Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	46 08
" The Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas.....	33 25
" Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	25 57
" B. F. Crane, expenses.....	48 34
" Dodworth's Band, music.....	365 00
Total.....	\$128,177 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 above bills, to the amount of one hundred and twenty-eight thousand and one hundred and seventy-seven  $\frac{44}{100}$  dollars, when audited by the Auditing Committee.

THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*  
                              } *Committee.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

A petition with resolutions, of the West Side Association, relative to temporarily repairing the roadway of the Road or Public Drive between 59th and 86th streets, and as to prosecuting the work thereon between 130th and 135th streets, also between 141st and 143d Streets, was received, and,

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINS, referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues, to report thereon.

A communication from Hon. R. B. Connolly, City Comptroller, asking for estimates of the amount of moneys required for the year 1869, was received, and ordered on file.

Mr. GREEN offered the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to prepare for transmission to the Comptroller of the City of New York, in answer to his circular, estimates of the amount of moneys required for carrying on the work of the maintenance of the Park for the year 1869, and for the work of laying out the north end of the Island, and for such other works as this Board is now authorized by law to do, and submit the same to the Board. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebins—5.

A communication from Isaiah T. Williams, relative to error in payment of award for damages in the matter of the Road or Public Drive, to wrong party, was received, and, ✓

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, referred to the Comptroller of the Park to reply thereto.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to take the necessary measures to remove any illegal erections or projections, being on Broadway or Bloomingdale Road, between Fifty-eighth street and the public place known as the Circle. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebins—5.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS :

*Resolved*, That the subject of equestrians being allowed to continue the use of the main drives, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues to report thereon. ✓

Commissioner GREEN stated that Commissioner Butterworth had sailed for Europe, and, at his request for leave, offered the following resolution : ✓



✓  
*Resolved*, That leave of absence be, and is hereby granted to Commissioner John F. Butterworth.

Debate was had thereon, when,

On motion of Commissioner HUTCHINS, said resolution was laid over.

✓  
Commissioner GREEN submitted the bill of The Major & Knapp Engraving, Lithographing and Manufacturing Company for lithographing, amounting to \$1,534<sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

On motion of Commissioner HUTCHINS, said bill was referred to the Auditing Committee, to report thereon.

On motion of Commissioner HUTCHINS, at two o'clock and forty five minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
Clerk.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1868.**

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

*Office of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Central Park, 31 Nassau street.*

NEW YORK, Nov. 27th, 1868.

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 next, 30th inst., at two P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,  
Prest. Board of Commrs.  
Central Park.

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

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

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

NEW YORK, November 30, 1868.

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

The Treasurer reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission ..	\$60,519 28
“ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	5,296 56
Total.....	<u>\$65,815 84</u>

ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Central Park.

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

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to 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 first day of October, 1868, and the vouchers for the 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 first day of October 1868, is \$112,691<sup>01</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That from and after October 19th, 1868, the pay of Blasters be fixed at the rate of 25 cents per hour until otherwise ordered by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

A communication from Henry Bergh, President of the Am.

Soc. for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, having reference to the mode of caring for the animals at the Park, was received, and ✓

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

Commissioner GRINNELL offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Haden Patrick Smith, deceased, be paid the usual compensation to the time of his decease, and that fractions of a month be considered a full month. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

A communication from Hon. W. Geo. McLean, Street Commissioner, relative to acceptance and removal of the Loew Bridge, was received, and ✓

On motion of Commissioner HUTCHINS, accepted, free of expense for removal, and the communication was ordered on file.

The subject of locating a site for a statue to be erected to the memory of Halleck, the Poet, was considered, and referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures to report thereon, and said Committee were requested to report generally their views for placing Statuary on the Park. ✓

Commissioner GREEN called up the resolution, p. 52 of the Journal, as follows :

*Resolved*, That leave of absence be, and is hereby granted to Commissioner John F. Butterworth. ✓

Debate was had thereon, when

On motion of Commissioner HUTCHINS, said resolution was amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words, " three months," and, as amended, was adopted. ✓

Commissioner GRINNELL, from the Special Committee, consisting of the President and Commissioners Blatchford and Grinnell, to whom was referred, for adjustment, the subject of compensating R.M. Hunt, Architect, for plans for gate-ways, and alteration of the ✓

Arsenal building, reported favorably thereon, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay R. M. Hunt, Architect, the sum of ten thousand dollars, and to take his receipt for the same, in full payment of all claims and demands of every name and nature whatsoever, for services and labor performed in preparing plans for gate-ways to the Park, and plans for alteration of the old Arsenal building, or otherwise.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner BLATCHFORD moved that the whole subject be referred back to the same Special Committee, with power to pay R. M. Hunt, architect, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay said Hunt such sum as may be determined by said Committee.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Hutchins, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD presented the claim of John Healy, contractor, for regulating and grading the south half of Eighty-first street, from Eighth to Ninth Avenues, and moved that said claim be referred to a Special Committee of three, to be appointed by the President, and with power, and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay to said Healy such award as the Committee may determine.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

*Nay*—Commissioner Hutchins—1.

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The PRESIDENT announced the appointment of Commissioners Blatchford, Grinnell and Green, on the claim of John Healy. ✓

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
Clerk.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1868.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—Commissioner Russell,  
“ Hutchins,  
“ Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
Clerk.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1868.**

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call :

*Office of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Central Park, 31 Nassau street.*

NEW YORK, Dec. 21st, 1868.

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

SIR,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Wednesday, 23d inst., at two o'clock, P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,  
HENRY G. STEBBINS,  
Prest. Board of Commrs.  
Central Park.

Present—M. H. GRINNELL, Esq., Vice-President, and  
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Blatchford,  
“ Green, “ Fields.

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

A communication from F. L. Yates, claiming damages by excavation on lots on 97th street, was received, and

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues.

A communication from Cleveland Abbey, of Cincinnati Observatory, relative to the Park Observatory, was received, and  
Ordered on file.



[Wednesday,

A communication from the Chamber of Commerce, with resolution, donating to the Board a self-registering barometer, as a contribution to the Meteorological Department of the Park, was received, and, having been accepted, was

Ordered on file.

A communication from L. F. Bancroft, asking compensation for infringement on his patent Road Sprinkler, was received,

Whereupon Mr. GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to settle and pay the claims of L. F. Bancroft on the best terms he can obtain.

The VICE PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

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

NEW YORK, December 23, 1868.

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

The Treasurer reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission..	\$97,921 78
“ “ “ “ Treasurer....	8,196 35
Total.....	\$106,118 13

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the withdrawal of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby authorized, from time to time, 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 pay-

ment of such bills and claims as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board; the withdrawal of the sum of twenty thousand dollars, by warrants Nos. 629 and 630, is hereby approved.

The VICE-PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

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

*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 J. H. Sullivan & Co., 7th avenue work . . . .	\$9,975 00
“ “ “ 6th “ “ . . . .	2,970 00
“ Quintard, Ward & Co., coal . . . . .	1,747 13
“ Thomas Crimmins, 7th avenue work . . . . .	1,680 00
“ Wm. J. & J. S. Peck, brick and cement . . . .	1,433 08
“ Thomas Crimmins, 7th avenue work . . . . .	1,312 50
“ John W. Stevens & Bros., lumber . . . . .	1,298 49
“ The Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse . .	1,242 20
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel . . . . .	1,206 40
“ The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., stone . . . . .	1,164 80
“ Wm. S. See & Co., marble panels . . . . .	1,040 00
“ Wm. J. & J. S. Peck, brick and cement . . .	1,015 73
“ James Slattery, sand . . . . .	735 00
“ Tredwell & Jarmin, uniforms . . . . .	653 13
“ James Gribble, hammers . . . . .	391 50
“ P. Van Gieson, roofing . . . . .	380 90
“ The Colwells, Shaw & Willard Man'f'g Co., lead . . . . .	366 72

Bill of John Healy, 81st street work .....	\$360 00
“ Wm. Kennelly, auctioneer's fees.....	328 50
“ Pinckney & Moulton, feed.....	322 40
“ B. P. Fairchild, auctioneer's fees.....	314 00
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	304 78
“ J. Wrey Mould, services.....	264 00
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	238 30
“ Jeremiah Crowley, stone.....	225 00
“ Union Adams, gloves.....	216 00
“ C. T. Raynolds & Co., paints, &c.....	202 06
“ Francis Blake, bull and heifers.....	200 00
“ J. Wrey Mould, service.....	199 00
“ Wm. Gibson & Co., lumber.....	194 27
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	167 18
“ Isaac B. Guest, coal.....	145 00
“ Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	143 35
“ N. Y. City Steel Works, steel.....	127 80
“ Grenell & Beebe, sash, &c.....	123 50
“ James Barber, fish, &c.....	95 10
“ Owen McCabe, bread.....	84 96
“ Maxfield & Co., nuts.....	60 13
“ G. Geisler, freight, &c.....	51 40
“ W. I. Smith, pipe.....	51 75
“ J. Munckwitz, services.....	51 00
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	50 63
“ The Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	39 55
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	38 32
“ J. Mason, subscription.....	25 40
“ Est. of S. P. Ayres, castings.....	23 50
“ Phelps, Dodge & Co., tin and zinc.....	21 51
“ Annin & Co., bunting.....	20 00
“ E. McWhood, binding.....	14 00
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	16 42
“ Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	15 50
“ James Prentice, thermometers.....	15 00
“ The Bartlet Co., paints.....	15 00
“ G. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	12 16
“ Becker Bros., frames.....	12 00
“ Samuel Archer, salt.....	10 85

Bill of J. Cosgriff, wood.....	\$10 00
“ C. Reiche & Bro., feed.....	10 00
“ Blunt & Nicholas, level repairs.....	10 00
“ The <i>Daily Star</i> , advertising.....	8 64
“ John J. Budd, putty.....	7 48
“ The N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	4 90
“ McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	2 44
“ Orange Judd & Co., A. Agriculture.....	1 50
“ R. H. Allen & Co., knife.....	1 00
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing, &c.....	152 90
“ C. Wellman, saddle and bridle.....	75 00
“ W. H. Gray, horse, wagon, &c.....	848 00
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Total.....	\$34,543 76

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of thirty-four thousand five hundred and forty-three  $\frac{76}{100}$  dollars.

Dated N. Y., Dec. 23, 1868.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*  
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

The VICE-PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, to which was referred the bill of The Major & Knapp Lith'g. Manufg. & En'g. Co., for lithographing, reported favorably thereon, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to settle the bill

of The Major & Knapp Lithographing Co., by paying the balance of \$534<sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

The VICE-PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*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, in addition to the sum already advanced.

The VICE-PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

The Treasurer submitted estimates, made in accordance with the resolution of the Board Nov. 12, 1868, and called for in the Circular of the Comptroller of the City of New York, whereupon

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to transmit an estimate to the Comptroller of the City of New York, in answer to his Circular of 15th Oct. last, in accordance with the report of the Treasurer of this date.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in the National Bank of Commerce, in the City of New York, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for payments for work, services and materials furnished or to be furnished for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage and improving of the public place, circular in form, at the intersection of Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, in the City of New York,

The VICE-PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

A communication from C. H. Ludington, Esq., enclosing an order for the delivery of the bust in bronze of Wm. Cullen Bryant, by Launt Thompson, to be placed in some suitable locality in the Park, was received, and ✓

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

A communication from Daniel Butterfield, Brevet-Maj.-Genl. U. S. A., requesting that the name of "Knowlton Avenue" be given to one of the avenues running from the Park to Washington Heights, was received, and ✓

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues.

A petition of two-thirds in extent of the property owners on Ninth avenue, between One hundred and first and One hundred and sixth streets, asking for a change of grade thereon, was received, and ✓

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues.

A communication from Jas. Grant Wilson, asking for a decision in the matter of accepting the Halleck statue, was received, and ✓

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

A communication of Hon. Jno. T. Hoffman, enclosing the offer of G. W. Childs, Esq., of Philadelphia, to place in the Park, at his own expense, a statue of Franklin, was received; and having been accepted, was ✓

Ordered on file.

A communication from Hon. R. B. Connolly, City Comptroller, asking for information relative to certain contracts made by Dan'l. Gallagher, was received. and. ✓

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, referred to the Auditing Committee and the Comptroller of the Park, to answer.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS :

*Resolved*, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, 30th inst., at 2 P. M.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at three o'clock, P. M., the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NOET,  
Clerk.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1868.**

**ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.**

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

**A quorum not being present, adjourned.**

**GEO. M. VAN NOET,**  
Clerk.



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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1869.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present M. H. GRINNELL, Esq., Vice-President, and  
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,  
“ Fields, “ Blatchford.

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

The annual statement of interest on deposits in the National Bank of Commerce, in N. Y., showing the sum of \$2,102.43, placed to the credit of the Board, was received, and ✓

Ordered filed.

A communication from Rev. Francis Marshall, relative to the condition of the family of the late Haden Patrick Smith, was received, and ✓

Ordered filed.

A communication from John David Wolfe and others, proffering a valuable collection, as a nucleus for establishing a Museum of Natural History, was received, and having been acknowledged, ✓

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, said communication and the reply thereto, were ordered entered at length on the minutes, and said communication placed on file.

COMMUNICATION.

NEW YORK, December 30, 1868.

*Commissioners of the Central Park:*

DEAR SIRS,—A number of gentlemen having long desired that a great Museum of Natural History should be established in the Central Park, and having now the opportunity of securing a large and very valuable collection as a nucleus of such ✓

[Thursday,

Museum, the undersigned wish to enquire if you are disposed to provide for its reception and development.

John David Wolfe, Robert Colgate, J. N. Phelps, Levi P. Morton, W. A. Haines, J. Pierpont Morgan, A. G. Phelps Dodge, D. Jackson Steward, Howard Potter, James Brown, Alex. T. Stewart, Benj. H. Fields, Adrian Iselin, Robert Stuart, Marshall O. Roberts, Theodore Roosevelt, George Bliss, Morris K. Jessup, William T. Blodgett.

## REPLY.

*Office of the Commissioners of the Central Park,  
(Bank of Commerce Building,) 31 Nassau St.*

NEW YORK, January 13, 1869.

GENTLEMEN:—The Commissioners of the Central Park have received your communication, in which enquiry is made if they are disposed to provide for the reception and development of a large and valuable collection, as a nucleus of a Museum of Natural History.

The Commissioners, appreciating the views you so kindly express, entirely concur in the desirability of the establishment of a Museum in the Park that shall become an aid in the great educational systems of the City, concentrate and develop scientific efforts in all departments of Natural History, and at the same time be an instructive and acceptable resort for the people of the City, and for the throngs of strangers that visit it.

The Commissioners of the Park will very gladly receive the collection to which you allude, and will use their best exertions toward the establishment of a Museum of Natural History of an extent and excellence in all its departments, that will be creditable to the City, and in their efforts towards the development of such an institution the Commissioners of the Park will highly esteem your valuable cooperation.

I am, gentlemen,

With great respect,

AND'W H. GREEN,  
Comptroller C. P.

To Messrs. John David Wolfe, James Brown, Robert Colgate, Alexander T. Stewart, J. N. Phelps, Benjamin H. Field, Adrian Iselin, Levi P. Morton, Robert L. Stuart, W. A. Haines, Marshall O. Roberts, J. Pierpont Morgan, Theodore Roosevelt, A. G. Phelps Dodge, George Bliss, D. Jackson Steward, Morris K. Jesup, Howard Potter, William T. Blodgett.

The TREASURER presented the following report, which was ordered on file.

NEW YORK, January 14, 1869.

*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 . .	\$45,382 67
“ “ “ “ Treasurer . . . . .	1,354 22
Total . . . . .	<u>\$46,736 89</u>

AND'W H. GREEN,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners  
Of the Central Park.

Mr. RUSSELL, from the Committee on Statuary, Fountains and Architectural Structures, to which was referred the subject of locating a site for a statue of Halleck, the Poet, and the offer of a statue of Franklin, and a bust of Wm. Cullen Bryant, reported thereon favorably, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the bust of Wm. Cullen Bryant, presented to the Board by C. H. Ludington, be accepted, and that the thanks of the Board be communicated to Mr. Ludington therefor, and that the Board will accept a statue of Halleck if the same should be presented; that as a work of art, it would be appropriate and creditable to the Park.

Debate was had thereon, when

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, said report was laid over.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered on the minutes:

*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 J. H. Sullivan & Co., 6th Avenue work.....	\$4,590	00
“ John J. Serrel, services.....	2,414	37
“ Miss Emma Stebbins, acct. fountain.....	1,350	00
“ J. W. Stevens & Bros., lumber.....	877	51
“ John Healy, 81st street work.....	864	00
“ Quintard, Ward & Co., coal.....	742	45
“ Wm. Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	633	40
“ James H. Roome, mounting birds, &c.....	632	00
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	600	01
“ Naylor & Co., steel.....	562	20
“ Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	482	50
“ Boyd Bros. “ “.....	460	87
“ Henry Kelly, meat.....	410	08
“ James Gribble, harness.....	353	50
“ Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel.....	308	79
“ Wm. Menzies, timber.....	298	30
“ Pinckney & Moulton, feed.....	224	73
“ Bramhall, Deane & Co., stoves.....	162	00
“ Janes, Kirtland & Co., castings.....	148	20
“ Wm. J. & J. S. Peck, brick and cement.....	139	43
“ Douglass Taylor, printing.....	127	55
“ Wetmore & Co., steel.....	124	30
“ E. & H. T. Anthony & Co., pho. materials.....	113	38
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	87	10
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	83	03
“ Owen McCabe, bread.....	75	38
“ Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	75	14
“ P. Van Gieson, hardware.....	62	50
“ The Bartlett Co., paints.....	60	00
“ Fred. Graff, brooms.....	60	00
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	53	55
“ M. Schneider, milk.....	51	90
“ John Collier, cedar brush.....	48	00
“ C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints, glass, &c.....	44	68
“ John C. Winch & Co., ice.....	40	75
“ Joseph Nason & Co., pipe, &c.....	37	22
“ Wm. Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	32	40

Bill of Slote & Janes, stationery.....	\$26 87
“ Cartwright & Syms, fish, &c.....	26 06
“ Samuel Archer, salt.....	24 50
“ James Sheil, repairing harness.....	24 01
“ J. Munckwitz, services.....	23 00
“ Henry Seidler, painting sign.....	17 50
“ Phelps, Dodge & Co., iron.....	15 52
“ Colgate & Co., soap.....	14 17
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	12 40
“ Joseph Sabin, Knight's London.....	12 00
“ George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	10 61
“ Deitz & Co., lamps, &c.....	10 00
“ Crouch & Fitzgerald, satchels.....	9 00
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	7 84
“ N. Schainwald, blankets.....	5 50
“ C. B. Van Dyde, repairing chairs.....	5 25
“ John P. Jube & Co., runners.....	6 00
“ Wm. H. Gray, blanket and robe.....	4 50 ✓
“ Seward & Boswell, barley.....	3 75
“ W. J. Smith, clay.....	3 00
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Total,.....	\$17,672 70

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 \$17,672-<sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

Dated, NEW YORK, January 14, 1869.

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

The VICE-PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

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

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to 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 first day of January, 1869, and the vouchers for the 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 first day of January, 1869, is \$58,169<sup>79</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

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

Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the question of paying the expenses of Mr. Green's visit to Europe, be referred to the Auditing Committee, with power.

The VICE-PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Mr. GREEN submitted the draft of the Annual Report of the Board for the year ending, December 31st, 1868, which was Laid over.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL :

*Resolved*, That hereafter the Annual Reports of the Board, have the names of all the Commissioners appended thereto.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the provisions 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," passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out within that part of the City and County of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, provided for in said act, the following streets, viz. : The street eighty feet in width extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and five hun-

dred and forty-nine and  $\frac{67}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street, eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and one thousand and sixty-nine and  $\frac{33}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and seventeen hundred and sixty-eight and  $\frac{64}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street sixty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and twenty-three hundred and seventy-eight and  $\frac{50}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and twenty-six hundred and forty-four and  $\frac{32}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and twenty-nine hundred and seventy-four and  $\frac{30}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and thirty-four hundred and seventy and  $\frac{91}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and thirty-nine hundred and sixty-seven and  $\frac{50}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and forty-seven hundred and forty-seven feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street one hundred feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and fifty-two hundred and seventy-six and  $\frac{67}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and sixty hundred and eighty-six and  $\frac{17}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street;

the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and sixty-nine hundred and five and  $\frac{8}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and seven thousand four hundred and  $\frac{34}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street. The street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and seventy-eight hundred and ninety-five and  $\frac{91}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street. The street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with, and eighty-four hundred and sixty-four and  $\frac{87}{100}$  feet northerly from the north side of 155th street. The street eighty feet in width, extending from a point three hundred feet west of the westerly side of the Eleventh avenue to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and ninety-two hundred and thirty-four and  $\frac{7}{100}$  feet northerly from the north side of 155th street. The street eighty feet in width, the easterly side of which is parallel with and three hundred and seventy feet westerly from the westerly side of the 10th Avenue, extending from the Kingsbridge road to Fort George Hill, to a point ten thousand and ninety-four and  $\frac{9}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street, and from thence turning westerly to, and connecting with the street heretofore laid out, extending from the 10th avenue around said Fort George Hill to the 11th avenue; the street eighty feet in width, the easterly side of which is three hundred feet westerly from, and parallel with the westerly side of the 11th Avenue, extending from the Kingsbridge road to a point ninety-five hundred and seventy-six and  $\frac{9}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street, and from thence turning easterly to and connecting with said 11th Avenue. The said several streets so laid out, being shown on the map thereof, dated, "New York, December, 1868," signed by John J. Serrell, the location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction of the said several streets so laid out, are shown by red lines and figures and color on said map, the said location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction, seeming to the said Commissioners of the Central Park most conducive to public good, and that the lands lying between the said red lines and colored red on said map, are those required for the said several streets.

On motion of Mr. RUSSELL, said resolutions were referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues, to report thereon.



The COMPTROLLER of the Park submitted a communication relative to the necessity of harmony of treatment of lower Westchester County, in connection with streets and avenues at the north end of the Island. ✓

Mr. FIELDS offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the communication this day made to the Board by the Comptroller of the Park, be laid on the table and printed for the use of the Board. ✓

The VICE-PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows:

*Ayes*—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
Clerk.

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1869.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

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

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

A communication from Lucius Tuckerman and others, presenting the statue, in bronze, heroic size, of “The Indian Hunter,” J. Q. A. Ward, sculptor, was received, and having been acknowledged, was

Ordered on file.

A communication from W. Auferman, proposing to present a bronze bust, life size, of Alexander Von Humboldt, was received, and having been acknowledged, was

Ordered on file.

A communication from John Healy, contractor, for regulating and grading the south half of Eighty-first Street, from Eighth to Ninth Avenues, asking the Board to consider his losses on said work, was received, and

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, referred to the Special Committee thereon.

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

NEW YORK, Feb. 11, 1869.

*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..	\$26,280	70
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	3,007	36
Total.....	\$29,288	06

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

Commissioner BLATCHFORD, from the Committee on Roads and Avenues, to which was referred the plan and resolution, relative to laying out and improving the district lying between the Tenth Avenue and Kingsbridge Road, and contiguous thereto, above 155th Street, reported favorably thereon, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the provisions 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,” passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out within that part of the City and County of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, provided for in said act, the following streets, viz. : The street eighty feet in width extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and five hundred and forty-nine and  $\frac{6}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street, eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and one thousand and sixty-nine and  $\frac{3}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and seventeen hundred and sixty-eight and  $\frac{4}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street sixty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and twenty-three hundred and seventy-eight and  $\frac{5}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street: the street eighty feet in width, extending from the

Kingsbridge Road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and twenty-six hundred and forty-four and  $\frac{3}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and twenty-nine hundred and seventy-four and  $\frac{3}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and thirty-four hundred and seventy and  $\frac{1}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and thirty-nine hundred and sixty-seven and  $\frac{9}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and forty-seven hundred and forty-seven feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street one hundred feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and fifty-two hundred and seventy-six and  $\frac{4}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and sixty hundred and eighty-six and  $\frac{1}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and sixty-nine hundred and five and  $\frac{7}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and seven thousand four hundred and  $\frac{3}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the road or public drive on the easterly or Harlem River side of the city, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and seventy-eight hundred and ninety-five and  $\frac{1}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with, and eighty-four hundred and sixty-four and  $\frac{7}{100}$  feet northerly from the north side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, ex-

tending from a point three hundred feet west of the westerly side of the Eleventh Avenue to the 10th Avenue, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and ninety-two hundred and thirty-four and  $\frac{1}{100}$  feet northerly from the north side of 155th street; the street eighty feet in width, the easterly side of which is parallel with and three hundred and seventy feet westerly from the westerly side of the 10th Avenue, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to Fort George Hill, to a point ten thousand and ninety-four and  $\frac{1}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street, and from thence turning westerly to, and connecting with the street heretofore laid out, extending from the 10th avenue around said Fort George Hill to the 11th avenue; the street eighty feet in width, the easterly side of which is three hundred feet westerly from, and parallel with the westerly side of the 11th Avenue, extending from the Kingsbridge road to a point ninety-five hundred and seventy-six and  $\frac{1}{100}$  feet northerly from the south side of 155th street, and from thence turning easterly to and connecting with said 11th Avenue. The said several streets so laid out, being shown on the map thereof, dated, "New York, December, 1868," signed by John J. Serrell, the location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction of the said several streets so laid out, are shown by red lines and figures and color on said map, the said location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction, seeming to the said Commissioners of the Central Park most conducive to public good, and that the lands lying between the said red lines and colored red on said map, are those required for the said several streets.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows:

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

The PRESIDENT offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to engage the services of Professor Henry Draper as Director of the Astronomical Observatory of the Park, and that no compensation attach to such appointment until an Observatory is erected on the Park and equipped for observations.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to re-engage the offices now occupied by this Board for one year from May 1st next, being rooms Nos. 1, 2 and 3, at a rent not exceeding thirty-four hundred dollars, also such other rooms on the top floor of this building as may be necessary, at a rent not exceeding that now paid. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Annual Report presented to the Board January 14, 1869, and transmitted to the Common Council January 30, 1869, be adopted as the Annual Report of this Board for the year 1868 ; and that not exceeding 5,000 copies be printed, with maps, 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 determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, be ✓

requested to deposit to the credit of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in the National Bank of Commerce in the City of New York, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, for payment for work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating and grading the Sixth avenue, from the southerly side of One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697 of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in the National Bank of Commerce in the City of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, for payment for work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating and grading the Seventh avenue, from the southerly side of One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem River.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

*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 PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative; a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chap. 697 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24, 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in the National Bank of Commerce in the City of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars for payment of work, services and materials furnished or to be furnished for regulating, grading and improving the road or public drive between the north line of Fifty-ninth Street and the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative; a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the further sum of twenty-five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the completion of the building known as the Boys' Play-house. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative; a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

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



Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolutions :

✓ *Resolved*, That the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park hereby approve the plan for the Surface Improvement of the Road or Public Drive this day submitted to the Board.

✓ *Resolved*, That no vault or other private construction be permitted below the surface of the Road or Public Drive, which shall extend more than ten feet into said Road or Drive from either side thereof, including the walls for such vaults or other structure.

✓ *Resolved*, That no area, step, stoop, porch, platform or projection, whatever, be allowed above the proper level of the sidewalk of the Road or Public Drive, which shall extend more than four feet into said Road or Public Drive, from either side thereof.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative; a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

✓ *Resolved*, That the house on the Great Hill be appropriated to the use of the Comptroller of the Central Park; and that the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for putting said building in order.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative; a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That leave of absence be, and is hereby granted to Commissioner John F. Butterworth. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative ; a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

Commissioner GREEN, from the Executive Committee, submitted certain stipulations relative to Park-Carriage Service: recommending that an agreement be entered into with Messrs. James W. Barker, Joseph H. Nicholson and A. S. Clapp. ✓

Commissioner BLATCHFORD moved that the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to enter into contract with said parties.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative ; a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

Commissioner GRINNELL, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered on the minutes :

*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 J. H. Sullivan & Co., grading 7th ave. ....	\$11,445 00
“ J. H. Sullivan & Co., “ “ “ .....	9,030 00
“ Miller & Coates, tiling for Terrace .....	2,855 89
“ James Kirtland & Co., Terrace iron work..	2,098 00
“ Thomas Crimmins, grading 7th ave. ....	1,627 50
“ Fisk Paving and Flagging Co., flagging...	1,442 25
“ Emma Stebbins, fountain work .....	1,351 25
“ National Bank of Commerce, rent, &c. ....	1,012 50
“ Wm. S. See & Co., marble panels .....	980 00
“ Wm. Rumble, surveys .....	741 20
“ D. J. Tyson, vegetables .....	632 00
“ James Slattery, filling .....	693 00
“ J. W. Stevens & Bros., lumber .....	428 37
“ J. Wrey Mould, arch'l services .....	425 00
“ J. Wrey Mould, “ “ .....	411 00
“ Stackpole Bros., transit, &c. ....	347 75
“ John Healy, grading 81st st. ....	216 00
“ F. Brinkman, cedar crooks .....	200 00
“ J. M. Grenell, sawing, &c. ....	174 84
“ John Henry, oil .....	165 10
“ J. Luccarini & Bro., modelling .....	140 95
“ Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel .....	137 27
“ Wetmore & Co., iron .....	115 52
“ Montauk Iron and Steel Co., steel wedges.	92 32
“ Wm. Kennelly, auctioneer fees .....	90 00
“ Slote & Janes, stationery .....	77 75
“ Owen McCabe, bread .....	66 82
“ Wm. Menzies, timber .....	46 60
“ Willard, Felt & Co., stationery .....	45 64
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing .....	43 52
“ B. F. Crane, expenses .....	37 08
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings .....	36 41
“ Julius Munckwitz, arch'l services .....	35 00
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing .....	33 00
“ Wm. H. Decker, lumber .....	25 35
“ Wm. H. Gray, harness .....	21 50
“ D. D. Miller, repairing lanterns .....	18 88
“ Arnold, Martin & Co., cement .....	18 00
“ Phelps, Dodge & Co., zinc .....	17 55

Bill of George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	\$16 65
“ J. Cosgriff, pine wood.....	10 00
“ P. Fields & Son, tweer irons.....	9 96
“ F. W. Christern, books.....(gold)	8 00
“ The Am. Journal of Horticulture, subscr'n,	3 00
“ Joseph Nason & Co., gas fixtures.....	2 12
“ Jas. M. Thorburn & Co., syringe.....	1 50
“ J. Becker, frame.....	1 00
“ J. H. Sullivan & Co., 6th ave. filling.....	4,860 00
Total.....	\$42,288 04

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of forty-two thousand two hundred and eighty-eight  $\frac{04}{100}$  dollars.

Dated New York, Feb. 11, 1869.

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD,

*Resolved*, That the subject of establishing an Astronomical Observatory on the Central Park, and the propriety of altering the general plan of the Belvedere for such purpose, be referred to a Special Committee of three, one of whom shall be the PRESIDENT.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners BLATCHFORD and GREEN on said Committee.

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, at three o'clock, P. M., the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
*Clerk.*

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1869.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—

Commissioners Hutchins, Blatchford and Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,  
*Clerk.*



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**THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1869.**

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

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

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

The Comptroller of the Park laid before the Board a copy of a memorial of the residents and tax-payers of the Twelfth Ward, requesting the Legislature to place Mount Morris Square, and all appropriations for the improvement of the same, under the care and management of this Board.

Ordered filed.

The following communications were received, and ordered filed:

From L. G. Morris, N. P. Bailey and others, relative to placing the improvement of a portion of Westchester County under the control of this Board.

From Charles A. Stoddart and others, asking for the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street to the full width allowed by law.

From “an old resident of Gotham,” relative to the sidewalk on the west side of the Park.

From James A. Skilton, for permission to establish a booth in the Park for the hiring of velocipedes.

A copy of the notices relative to the presentation to the Court of the reports of the Commissioners on St. Nicholas

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✓ Avenue, Manhattan Street, and the Public Square or Place at Fifth Avenue, Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Streets.

✓ From James Brown, Alexander T. Stewart, and others, relative to the establishment of a Museum of Natural History on the Park.

✓ From property owners on Fifth Avenue, relative to paving of the same.

✓ From J. H. Sullivan & Co., relative to rates of wages paid Park force.

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

✓ From Miss Sarah E. Fuller, relative to the establishment of a newspaper, and desiring permission to sell the same in the Park.

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park, with power.

✓ From Marshall O. Roberts, presenting a statue of Columbus.

The Comptroller of the Park stated that he had corresponded with Mr. Roberts, and on behalf of the Board accepted the statue.

The communication was ordered filed.

✓ From Richard O'Gorman, Counsel to the Corporation, transmitting resolution of Commissioners for opening certain avenues, roads and public squares.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Avenues.

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

NEW YORK, April 8th, 1869.

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

The Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :



Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission..	\$46,808	16
“ “ “ “ Treasurer....	6,404	14
Total.....	\$53,212	24

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

The Comptroller of the Park laid before the Board, copies of the orders confirming the reports of Commissioners in the several matters of opening Seventy-second Street, from Tenth Avenue to Hudson River; Seventy-fifth Street, from Eighth Avenue to Hudson River; Eighty-seventh Street, from Eighth Avenue to Hudson River, and One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street, from the Harlem River to the Hudson River.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the actual opening of Seventy-fifth Street, from Eighth Avenue to the Hudson River, in the City of New York, as confirmed by the Supreme Court on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1869, take place forthwith.

*Resolved*, That the actual opening of Seventy-second Street, from the Tenth Avenue to the Hudson River, in the City of New York, as confirmed by the Supreme Court on the 21st day of September, 1868, take place forthwith.

*Resolved*, That the actual opening of Eighty-seventh Street, from Eighth Avenue to the Hudson River, in the City of New York, as confirmed by the Supreme Court on the 17th day of February, 1869, take place forthwith.

*Resolved*, That the actual opening of One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street, from the Harlem River to the Hudson River, in the City of New York, as confirmed by the Supreme Court on the 22d day of March, 1869, take place forthwith.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

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

A communication was received from James Eager, offering fossil remains for sale.

On motion of Commissioner HUTCHINS, laid on the table.

A communication was received from the officers of the Deaf and Dumb Institute and others, property owners, in relation to the location of the West Drive between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth and One Hundred and Sixty-second Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Avenues.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the withdrawal of the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, 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 Board 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 determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

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

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the widow of James Carlin the sum of five hundred dollars; said sum to be paid in such sums and in such manner as the Treasurer may deem most advisable.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

ative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

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

✓ Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to receive on behalf of this Board from the American Museum of Natural History, or such other persons or corporation as may offer the same, donations or conditional deposits of specimens illustrative of natural history, science or art, and to provide accommodations therefor in any of the Park buildings as may be practicable. ✓

✓ *Resolved*, That this Board approve of the erection on the Park of buildings adequate to the accommodation on the Park of all gifts, devises or bequests, and all deposits of specimens illustrative of natural history, antiquities, science and art, and that the Comptroller of the Park have the necessary plans prepared and submitted to the Board therefor. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

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

A communication was received from Olmsted & Vaux, submitting a design for gateways at Sixth and Seventh avenue entrances on Fifty-ninth street. ✓

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

A communication was received from Alexander Shaler, Maj. Gen. Commanding First Division N. G. S. N. Y., asking the co-operation of the Board, with the view of providing a suitable parade ground. ✓

Commissioner HUTCHINS moved that said communication be referred to a special committee, to consist of the President, Comptroller of the Park, and Commissioner Blatchford, with power to take such action relative thereto as they may deem advisable.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

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

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24, 1865, the Commissioners of Central Park hereby determine the grades of several streets and roads laid out by them under said Act, within that part of the City of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, as the said grades are shown by red lines and figures on the three similar maps or surveys, entitled "Map or Survey, showing the grades laid out and determined by the Commissioners of the Central Park for streets and roads that have been laid out by said Commissioners, within that part of the City of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, in pursuance 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,' passed April 24, 1865; dated New York, April, 1869," and signed by "John J. Serrell," said grades so determined seeming to said Commissioners most conducive to public good.

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of Central Park deem that the public interests require that the aforesaid three similar maps, plans or surveys, showing the grades aforesaid, be filed in the manner provided by said Act, and hereby direct that said maps be so filed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

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

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, it was

*Resolved*, That hereafter, until otherwise ordered, special meetings of this Board may be held at such time and place in this city as shall be specified in the call thereof; the time and place of all such meetings to be designated in the notices therefor. Notice of such meetings shall be served on each Commissioner at least two days before the day of the meeting for which notice is given. ✓

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,  
*Asst. Clerk.*