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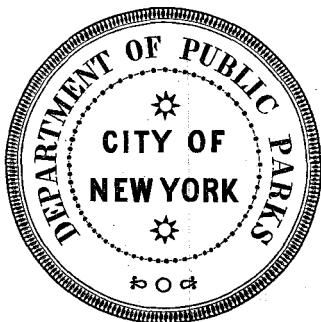
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OF THE

DEPARTMENT

OF

PUBLIC PARKS.



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TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields.

The minutes of the previous meetings of December 27, 1870; January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, and 18, were read and approved.

A communication was received from Henry L. Hoguet, Chairman, and R. O. Glover, Secretary, of a Committee on behalf of the signers of an accompanying petition for the discontinuance of the proceedings in the matter of Riverside Park.

Whereupon, on motion of the President, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to postpone the motion for the confirmation of the report on the Riverside Park proceedings for at least thirty days, for the purpose of affording to parties in interest further time to examine the same.

The PRESIDENT presented a certified copy of "An act relative to the improvement of certain portions of the counties of Westchester and New York, including provisions for communication

between said counties, and for improving the navigation of Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek.”

Commissioner FIELDS 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 determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

(See Document No. 23.)

The PRESIDENT presented a certified copy of “An act to alter the map or plan of the city of New York by laying out thereon a public place for a parade ground, and to authorize the taking of the same,” passed April 20, 1871.

Commissioner FIELDS 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 determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

(See Document No. 24.)

A communication was received from William T. Blodgett, Theodore Roosevelt, and Joseph H. Choate, a Joint Committee of

the Museums of Art and Natural History, desiring to confer with the Department.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following reports, which were approved, ordered entered on the minutes, and filed :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of Henry Hilton, Esq., Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks, from the 1st day of September, 1870, to the 1st day of January, 1871, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts ; that they find said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory, and that the balance to the credit of the said Department on January 1, 1871, was eighty-two thousand and twenty-eight dollars and eighteen cents (\$82,028.18).

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
PETER B. SWEENEY, } *Committee.*

Dated NEW YORK, January 2, 1871.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of Henry Hilton, Esq., Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks, from the 1st day of January, 1871, to the 1st day of April, 1871, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts ; that they find said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory, and that the balance to the credit of the said Department on the 1st day of April, 1871,

was seventy-three thousand three hundred and sixty-two dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$73,362.99).

PETER B. SWEENEY, } *Auditing*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated NEW YORK, April 1, 1871.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, presented the following report :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of their doings and proceedings under the resolution of the Department, adopted May 3, 1870 ; also as to matters referred to them from time to time :

At a meeting of your Committee, on December 27, 1870, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That any and every person in the service or employ of the Department of Public Parks may be removed and discharged from such service and employment at any time by the Board of Commissioners or the President thereof, or by the Executive Committee.

Further, that any employee of the Department, who has been or may hereafter be dropped from the pay-roll of the Department, shall be considered as so removed and discharged from and after the day when so dropped from the pay-roll.

At a meeting on January 14, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to contract for the necessary materials for expediting the construc-

tion during the coming season of the Boulevard and avenues now in progress and under the control of this Department.

At a meeting on January 25, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 595, Laws of 1869, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the moneys raised, or to be raised, upon the fund or stock known as the Central Park Improvement Fund, created and issued for the purpose of erecting and equipping a Meteorological and Astronomical Observatory, a Museum of Natural History, and a Gallery of Art.

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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Boulevard, from Fifty-ninth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the several public squares and places under the control of this Department.

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

At a meeting on March 1, a communication from the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Yonkers, submitting a map and profile of a road to be opened in said town, and asking the concurrence of the Department in the opening of said road, together with a report of Division Engineer Grant on the subject, was received, approved, and the following preamble and resolution relative thereto was adopted :

Whereas, The Commissioners of Highways of the town of Yonkers, Westchester county, desire to lay out and open a road from Riverdale avenue to the Kingsbridge road (or South Broadway) near the village of Yonkers, in accordance with the map and profile thereof, submitted and now on file in this Department (the road thus to be opened it is proposed to be called "Post street"), and the concurrence of this Department is requested in such opening and improvement ; and

Whereas, The surveys of the locality referred to, and now progressing under the direction of this Department, have not been sufficiently matured to enable this Department to establish the necessary grades for the proper drainage and sewerage of the land within the area of the improvement proposed, although it sufficiently appears that the road or street proposed is proper to be established ; therefore,

Resolved, That this Department approves of, concurs in, and authorizes the proposed opening and improvement in accordance with such map and profile, upon condition, however, that this concurrence and authority shall not preclude or interfere with such changes of the grades of such proposed road in connection with intersecting and adjacent avenues or roads that may hereafter be established by this Department, as may be considered by this Department desirable, necessary, or proper.

The following resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, That the President prepare and present to the Legislature of the State a report of the acts and proceedings of this Department under the various laws relative to the laying out, improvement, etc., of Westchester county and Harlem river, so far as the same have been placed under the control of this Department, to the end that such further legislation may be had in respect thereto as shall be deemed advisable.

Resolved, That the claim of Thomas Crimmins & Son, for extra compensation for sinkage on filling Sixth avenue, be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That the subject of salaries in the Bureau of Landscape Gardening be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department be tendered to the agents of the Cunard line of steamers for their kindness and liberality in bringing over upon their steamships from Liverpool, without charge, specimen Southdown Sheep for the collection now making at Central Park.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department be tendered to S. R. Graves, Esq., M.P., Liverpool, England, for his generous

kindness in selecting and forwarding, through Mr. James Hall, of Liverpool, five specimen Ewes of Shropshire Downs, to add to our collection of sheep at Central Park.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department be tendered to Messrs. Williams & Guion, for their kindness and liberality in bringing out from Liverpool, free of charge, upon their steamship "Wisconsin," five Shropshire Down Ewes for our collection of sheep at Central Park.

Resolved, That the claim for compensation by Patrick Holloway, for injuries alleged to have been received by him while in the service of the Department, be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized, on behalf of this Department, to carry into execution, by contract or otherwise, as allowed by law, the regulating, grading, sewerage, paving, and improving of Manhattan street, from the Twelfth avenue to Avenue St. Nicholas.

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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, sewerage, paving, and improving Manhattan street, from the Twelfth avenue to Avenue St. Nicholas.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it for the public interest to cause that part of the Tenth avenue lying to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to be regulated, graded, and otherwise improved as a street, according to the grades established for the same, and hereby direct and empower the Treasurer to take the necessary

measures to carry this resolution into effect, and that the same be done by days' work, unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697, Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, in regulating, grading, and otherwise improving that part of the Tenth avenue lying to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

At a meeting on March 11, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

Resolved, That the topographical surveys made of the city north of Fifty-seventh street and east of Fifth and Eighth avenues, be collated, and maps thereof made and submitted to the Board at the earliest day, preparatory to laying out the Eastern Boulevard and the avenues and public places to be connected therewith, and also for the purpose of determining the grades for sewerage, etc., to be established within the area specified.

Resolved, That Bridge No. 25 on Central Park, also Bridge No. 26, be put in order and repaired; that the wooden parts be removed, and stone substituted up to the railing, which shall be of iron-work, of such design as the Treasurer shall approve. That in reconstructing Bridge No. 25, care be taken that the public travel shall be at all times permitted over one half of it with safety.

Resolved, That iron settees be procured and placed in the various city parks; also, that additional settees be placed on the upper part of Central Park.

Resolved, That the first floor and basement of Mount St. Vincent Museum Building, on Central Park, be fitted up for exhibition purposes, under the direction of the Treasurer; and he may direct the removal thereto of such articles now in the Museum Building as may be considered inappropriate to the exhibition being prepared therein by the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History.

Resolved, That the topographical surveys made of Morning Side Park be collated and shown on maps, to be prepared and submitted to the Board, that a plan may be agreed upon for its immediate improvement.

Resolved, That a plan of Manhattan Square, showing its topography and adaptability to improvement as a public place or park, be forthwith prepared and submitted to the Board for such action as shall be deemed expedient.

Resolved, That the various houses, etc., on Central Park, erected for the accommodation of the skating public, be taken down and carefully stored; that the necessary sheds for their preservation be erected under the direction of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the shed building on Central Park, near Sixty-second street and Eighth avenue, be removed to the north-easterly

end of the Park, and that the old barn, shed, and structures at that place be removed under the direction of the Treasurer, retaining only such as can be appropriated and temporarily used to advantage as work-shops.

Resolved, That the roof of the Museum Building be made water-tight and put in complete order, etc. ; also, that the walks around and connected with the building be put in order, relaid, etc., the subjects being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That the colossal statue of Washington on horse-back, by the late Thomas Crawford, be placed on exhibition in Central Park ; that the necessary shed or covering be so constructed as to combine a summer-house and place of resort for visitors at the Park.

Resolved, That the marble statue of Columbus, now at Mount St. Vincent, be removed and placed on exhibition at the Museum Building on Central Park ; also, that the copy in bronze of Houdon's statue of Washington, and the group in marble of "Boy and Dog," be removed and put on exhibition at the same place.

Resolved, That the new offices in the Museum Building at Central Park be fitted up with the necessary furniture ; that there be set apart one of the rooms for the use of the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History, and that the residue be appropriated to such uses of the Department and of the Commissioners as may be deemed expedient.

Resolved, That a plan for the improvement of Madison Square be forthwith prepared by the Engineer-in-chief in conjunction with the Chief Landscape Gardener, and submitted for consideration.

Resolved, That a cottage for the especial use of ladies and children be placed upon the Battery, near Whitehall and State streets, convenient to the ferry landings, and near which a park-keeper shall be at all times stationed, the subject being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That Reservoir Square be forthwith improved upon the plan now presented and adopted. That the fence now around the same be removed and disposed of, and the Washington Square railing be substituted for the fence so removed.

Resolved, That Union Square be forthwith improved upon the plan presented and adopted.

Resolved, That the gas companies be requested to lay their mains on the Boulevard as far as practicable, and that the same be lighted with gas.

Also, that the companies be requested to make the desired changes in the gas mains on the various city parks under improvement; the subject being referred to the Treasurer with power.

Resolved, That the transverse roads in Central Park be lighted with gas, as soon as the mains therefor are laid, and that the gas companies be requested to complete the laying of the mains as early as practicable; also, that the roads be paved with granite blocks, and in accordance with the plan recommended therefor by the Engineer-in-chief.

Resolved, That a sewer be laid in Central Park, connecting the Museum Building, Menagerie, etc., with the main street sewer in Fifty-ninth street, in accordance with the plan recommended by the Engineer-in-chief.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase from time to time, and to a moderate extent, such birds and animals

as shall be considered desirable to complete the collection thereof now on Central Park ; but no single purchase shall exceed two hundred and fifty dollars in amount, without the assent of the President or one of the Commissioners.

Resolved, That a Floral Exhibition be prepared in conjunction with the proposed exhibition now fitting up by the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History at the Museum Building on Central Park.

At a meeting on March 18, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24, 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the following sums for the payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for the prosecution of the following works :

Boulevard, from Fifty-ninth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

Avenue St. Nicholas, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

At a meeting on April 8, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That an appropriate house for deer, antelopes, etc., be erected on the meadow or green on Central Park, with paddocks attached, upon the plan submitted by the Architect-in-chief.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase such animals, etc., of the collection at Mr. Wood's Museum, as he

shall consider desirable to add to the collection now on Central Park.

Resolved, That the act of the Legislature of April 5, 1871, relative to the Department of Public Parks, now presented, be printed.

(See Document No. 22.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the widow of Gate-keeper Davis, deceased, his salary for the month of March, 1871, at the same rate as if he had served throughout that month.

Resolved, That the Mount St. Vincent Buildings be painted on the exterior, and the roof, etc., repaired, under the direction of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the nurseries on Central Park be enlarged upon grounds to be located by the Treasurer, and that the necessary propagating-houses, etc., be constructed for the use of the proposed Conservatory Building now erecting, and for the wants of the various parks under the charge of the Department.

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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Sixth avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem river.

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time,

as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

Resolved, That the assessment list for regulating and grading the Sixth avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem river, be approved, and ordered transmitted to the Board of Assessors.

At a meeting on April 28, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the several public squares and places under the control of this Department.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for improving the Central Park.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee, as reported in this their report of this day, be and

they are hereby approved, and adopted as the action of this Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

PETER B. SWEENEY, }
 HENRY HILTON, } *Executive*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated NEW YORK, May 2, 1871.

Commissioner FIELDS moved the adoption of the resolution as recommended.

Commissioner GREEN moved, as an amendment, that said report be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, and Fields—3.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

The following communications were received and ordered on file :

From "G. R. G.," offering a lion for sale.

From J. W. Bissell, relative to beavers.

From J. W. C. Anderson, offering slate for sale.

From "Anonymous," relative to advertisements on rocks.

From James Lee, relative to goat carriages on Central Park.

From E. Waller, for appointment as engineer.

From W. P. Lee, relative to painting railing around Union Square.

From L. Feuchtwanger, desiring to dispose of a collection of natural history.

From F. Von Muller, relative to bronze castings.

From Mr. Marsh, submitting design for fountain.

From Edward Schell and others, relative to placing the car tracks on the easterly side of the Eighth avenue, between Fifty-ninth street and One Hundred and Tenth street.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communications be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend by striking out the words "with power," and insert "to report to the Board."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, and Fields—3.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

A communication was received from Hon. William M. Tweed, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, relative to improving One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street.

Whereupon Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the President of the Department of Public Parks be authorized, on behalf of this Department, to carry into execution, by contract or otherwise, as allowed by law, the regulating, grading, etc., of that portion of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street lying between the Sixth and Seventh avenues.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

From Bernard Smyth, President of the Board of Education, asking for iron railing to inclose site on which it is proposed to build the Normal College.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to furnish such railing, after agreeing upon a compensation for the same.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

From the Department of Docks, relative to piers assigned for the use of this Department.

Ordered filed.

From Schultz & Walker, relative to the Mineral Spring at Central Park.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication 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 determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

(See Document No. 25.)

From the Society of Operative Masons, relative to their employment.

Referred to the Executive Committee, to report on to the Board.

The following communications were ordered filed :

From New York Cricket Club, for grounds for the playing of their game.

From Curling Clubs, for room for storing of curling stones.

From Rufus King, presenting wild geese.

From J. J. Shay, relative to removal of buildings at junction of Centre and Canal streets.

From Samuel Milnor, relative to fish-breeding.

From H. Schuber, presenting animals.

From laborers in employ of the Department, asking an increase of pay.

From Herr Dreesbach, desiring employment.

From A. J. Dovale, presenting saw-fish.

From William Roy, presenting a deer.

From William Von Gravenitz, for employment.

From Hugh O'Brien and others, asking appointment of John Dunn as Park-keeper.

From G. P. Knapp and others, relative to grade of gutter on State street.

From Gustavus Scheffke, offering animals for sale.

From C. E. Coffin, desiring employment.

From L. J. Hawley, relative to lightning-rods.

From J. L. Brown, offering street manure for sale.

From Burgess Cement Pavement Co., relative to their pavement.

From Daniel Holmes, relative to aquaria.

From John M. McIntosh, presenting column from Giant's Causeway.

From W. J. Hays, relative to drinking-fountain for birds.

From S. R. Spelman, relative to iron railing.

From E. W. Sewell, presenting wild olives.

From Edward Burgess, for employment.

From Valentine Stumpf, for employment.

From Ralph O'Halloran, for employment.

From B. F. Crane, Superintendent, relative to break in Croton pipe in Central Park.

A communication was received from Isaac Hall, desiring permission to anchor his baths in front of the Battery.

Whereupon Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the subject of permitting floating baths at the Battery be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend said resolution by striking out the words "with power," and insert "and that he be directed to report to the Board relative to the same."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

A petition was received from blacksmiths in the employ of the Department, asking an increase of pay.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said petition be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

A communication was received from E. Schieffelin, relative to the improvement of Madison Square.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

A communication was received from James D. Reid, chairman of the Morse Testimonial Fund, relative to the inaugural ceremonies.

Referred to the Special Committee having that subject in charge.

A communication was received from the East Side Association, transmitting resolutions adopted by that body.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

A petition was received from the youths of New York, asking to be allowed Tompkins Square as a public play-ground.

Commissioner SWEENEY moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

A communication was received from Hon. Richard B. Connolly, relative to a revision of the estimated expenses of this Department.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be printed at length in the minutes, and referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 25, 1871. }

CIRCULAR.

*To the Officers of the Governments of the
 City and County of New York :*

The Legislature, at its recent session, passed an act (Chapter 574) limiting the amount to be raised by tax for the expenses of the City and County Governments. The same act also provides for a Board of Apportionment, comprising the Mayor, the Comptroller, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the President of the Department of Public Parks, in which is vested the power and authority to appropriate and set apart such amounts as in their judgment are deemed necessary for the different objects of each department. The said Board is required to fix the appropriations within twenty days after the 1st day of May next.

The total amount that can be raised under the operation of the Tax Levy this year will fall short \$7,000,000 of the amount as estimated for the several departments and purposes of the City and County Governments, including the State Taxes. (The total amount of State taxes imposed for the current year on the County of New York is \$6,741,956.18.) It will thus be seen

that a considerable deduction must be made in the expenditures of the City and County Governments the ensuing year.

In view of these considerations it becomes necessary that the estimated expenses heretofore made by your Department for the present year be revised, for the purpose of giving data for the ultimate action of that Board in conforming to the required reduction of expenditures.

I would request that such revision be made, and the estimates returned to this Department, before the 5th day of May next, in order that they may be presented to the Board of Apportionment for their action.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY,
Comptroller.

A communication was received from the Seventh Regiment Monumental Association, relative to the site heretofore appropriated for such monument.

Whereupon Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Whereas, It appears, from the design of R. M. Hunt, Esq., submitted by the Committee of the Seventh Regiment Monumental Association, that the monument proposed to be erected at the entrance to the Seventh avenue at One Hundred and Tenth street, on Central Park, is about sixty-five feet in length and about forty feet in width; and

Whereas, It is stated that the roadway at this part of the Park would be materially obstructed if there should be placed thereon an architectural structure of the dimensions proposed; and, inasmuch as the drive or road at this gate must necessarily be raised about seven feet to meet the grade of

Seventh avenue, and it is not at this time desirable to make such change of grade until the full effect is developed of the necessary raising of the grade of Eighth avenue at One Hundred and Tenth street, which, by law, is required to be graded to about eighteen feet above its present height; therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to the Select Committee having in charge a Morse Statue to locate a site for such monument at some suitable point on the Park, and to confer with the Association with respect thereto.

Further, That the whole subject be referred to such Committee, with power.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend by striking out all after the word "committee" in said resolution, and insert in lieu thereof the words "to examine into and report to the Board."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

A communicatoin was received from Hon. A. Oakey Hall, Mayor, and Richard B. Connolly, Comptroller, designating *The New York Daily Transcript* as the official city journal.

Ordered filed.

A communication was received from Devlin & Co., desiring permission to distribute their Central Park Guide-book on said Park.

Ordered filed.

The Treasurer presented a report as to the condition of the finances.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be approved, printed in the minutes, and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, {
No. 265 Broadway, May 2, 1871. }

To the Department of Public Parks:

In accordance with section nine of the By-laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows:

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department....	\$7,786 83
Balance in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer.....	9,485 04
Total.....	<u>\$17,271 87</u>

(Signed)

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer Department of Public Parks.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

✓ Bill of Charles Guidet, pavement.....	\$16,946 62
Cook & Chesebrough, Fifth avenue wall.....	7,000 00
Hudson River Gravel Co., gravel.....	5,876 80
S. H. Ingersoll, pavement.....	4,000 00
D. E. Culver, stone.....	3,716 82
Charles E. Hough, stone.....	3,517 22
James G. Dimond, cages, etc.....	1,331 67
Composite Iron Works, iron work.....	1,093 50
Henry P. Campbell, freight and duties.....	1,069 25
James G. Dimond, iron railing.....	883 13
Oriental Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	712 00
Rockwood & Co., photographs.....	448 00
J. M. Long, stone.....	489 59
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	434 00
James L. Jackson & Bro., bird-houses.....	277 70
Richard Dudjeon, putting up roller.....	228 42
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	202 34
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	193 75
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick.....	187 50
William V. Crissey & Co., oils, paints, etc..	147 09
Thomas Dugan, roofing.....	100 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	70 19
Bell Brothers, lumber.....	57 05

Bill of George M. Van Nort, postage stamps.....	\$50 00
N. Schainwald, towels and crash.....	19 92
W. H. Grant, expenses.....	12 98
Thomas J. Hinch, mould.....	1,715 00
Thomas Nolan, horse and wagon hire.....	43 75
James G. Dimond, repairing railing.....	765 03
Joseph W. Duryee, oak stake stuff.....	186 08
William W. Burnham, plants.....	68 25
Piersons & Co., iron.....	34 41
William Cartwright, fish and vegetables....	31 06
Benoit & Wood, tracing cloth.....	22 00
Tomes, Melvain & Co., wreaths for uniform..	13 00
J. Della Torre, rope.....	11 68
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	7 50
Gardner Sanderson, refund for lambs.....	25 00
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	350 32
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, lanterns.....	284 50
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	210 46
John W. Pettigrew, paving blocks.....	180 00
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	81 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	65 60
Owen McCabe, bread.....	57 27
James Duffy, milk.....	46 50
Annin & Co., flag.....	32 50
William O. Labagh, salt.....	25 00
Semon, Bache & Co., glass.....	17 50
John P. Jube & Co., axles.....	2 55

Bill of Thomas Kinsley, stone.....	\$300 00
John S. Newlin, instruments.....	21 50
Total.....	<u>\$53,663 00</u>

Dated New York, January 6, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq, President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of J. H. Sullivan, Sixth avenue pavement.....	\$21,555 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Company, curb.....	9,530 08
David Babcock, basin at Battery.....	5,500 00
John H. Midmer, stone.....	3,716 93
S. H. Ingersoll, pavement.....	3,000 00
Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work...	1,575 00

Bill of J. Schillinger, pavement.....	\$1,500 00
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, coal..	888 38
William G. Vermilye, rubber clothing.....	780 00
James Cumings, repairing rollers.....	626 78
A. T. Stewart & Co., rams and expenses....	470 18
Post & Nichols, horse.....	300 00
Townsend & Co., coal.....	280 50
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	245 00
J. W. Stevens & Bro., lumber.....	228 00
Hobbs, Bligh & Hebbard, white lead.....	220 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	162 05
Metropolitan Gas-light Company, gas.....	129 15
William V. Crissey & Co., oils, varnish, etc..	117 92
Thomas J. Crombie, lumber.....	116 00
John Greenough, puma.....	100 00
A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	98 12
Carhart, Whitford & Co., uniforms.....	70 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement..	65 70
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	55 50
Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	48 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	36 00
Duke & More, sash.....	30 00
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	29 82
James G. Dimond, lead.....	25 47
Benoit & Wood, drawing paper, etc.....	22 75
James R. Royce, salt hay.....	22 24
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	21 41
Dietz & Co., lamp-wick, etc.....	19 60

Bill of William H. Gray, curry-combs and reins.....	\$18 50
Andrew Smith, screws.....	10 60
A. Ayres & Son, tweer-irons	10 00
J. Becker, frames.....	10 00
John P. Jube & Co., wagon pole.....	7 16
Sprague & Co., caps and hat measure.....	6 50
Stackpole Brothers, repairing.....	117 00
Henry P. Campbell, duties on sheep.....	38 65
J. Schilling, pavement	1,000 00
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Total	<u>\$52,803 99</u>

Dated NEW YORK, January 14, 1871.

HENRY HILTON,
 PETER B. SWEENY, } *Auditing*
 President, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Eighth Avenue Railroad Co., removing tracks	\$2,525 93
Fisk Pavement Co., pavement.....	1,062 73
J. Schillinger, pavement.....	1,000 00
J. W. Vandewater, office furniture.....	421 36
Salamander Works, pipe.....	391 20
Oriental Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	375 00
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	335 80
Devlin & Co., uniforms.....	325 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement.....	312 00
M. J. Healy, stone.....	300 00
Isaiah Woodbury, white lead.....	220 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	196 59
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	104 45
Coleman, Fairchild & Co., stone.....	70 27
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	68 30
William T. De Forrest, oil.....	64 50
I. M. Grenell, sawing.....	56 75
D. C. Newell & Sons, lumber.....	56 72
Evening Mail, advertising.....	46 80
C. Hoffner, monkeys.....	45 00
William H. Gray, saddles, etc.....	35 00
William Gibson, lumber.....	30 78
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., service pipe ...	30 00
Bradley & Smith, dusters.....	23 00

Bill of Marcial & Co., duties, etc.....	\$20 76
Piersons & Co., iron.....	17 10
Dietz & Co., lamps.....	14 50
D. Van Nostrand, books.....	12 00
N. Schainwald, haberdashery.....	11 55
J. Della Torre, marline.....	8 00
James Prentice, instrument.....	2 25
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	2 25
Charles Reiche & Bro., birds.....	124 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	464 71
David Babcock, enlarging basin.....	300 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., flagging.....	131 25
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement.....	1,147 70
Townsend & Co., coal.....	160 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	91 50
Composite Iron Works Co., iron column....	49 88
Richard Dudgeon, repairing roller.....	36 00
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	26 25
R. H. Allen & Co., seed.....	18 93
I. M. Grenell, mouldings.....	441 19
Talcott & Scallon, feed.....	406 70
Bell Brothers, locust posts.....	3,950 00
Cook & Chesebrough, Fifth avenue wall...	2,862 00
C. V. Hough, stone.....	1,726 97

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Bill of James G. Dimond, railing Duane Street Park.....	\$655 00
J. M. Long, stone.....	493 06
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Total	<u>\$21,270 73</u>

Dated NEW YORK, January 21, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS,)
 PETER B. SWEENEY,) *Auditing*
 President.) *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work	\$6,350 00 ✓
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work.	5,639 20 *

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Bill of Composite Iron Works Co., cages and guards	\$2,832 62
James Slattery, sand.....	2,154 60
James C. Hoe & Co., work at Arsenal.....	1,689 42
William Roy, urinals.....	1,711 44
New York Leader, advertising.....	873 00
Bell Brothers, timber.....	867 05
Thomas J. Hinch, manure.....	228 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	98 10
A. Cooper & Lauferswiler, flower-pots.....	97 49
Duke & More, sashes.....	95 00
William V. Crissey & Co., varnish.....	94 75
W. H. Gray, harness, etc.....	84 50
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	74 20
New York Evening Express, advertising.....	66 00
George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	60 21
B. L. Solomon & Sons, chairs.....	54 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick.....	52 00
Star Publishing Co., advertising.....	51 30
Salamander Works, pipe.....	50 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	24 70
William Gibson, lumber.....	22 38
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	22 25
Colgate & Co., soap.....	11 43
C. B. Vandyke, chairs.....	10 50
Andrew Smith, screws.....	6 45
Charles Reiche & Bro., bird food.....	4 50
Blunt & Co., chart.....	1 50

Bill of R. H. Allen & Co., seed.....	\$1 25
W. A. Conklin, expenses.....	76 80
S. H. Ingersoll, pavement.....	8,575 00
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Total.....	<u>\$31,979 64</u>

Dated NEW YORK, January 28, 1871.

HENRY HILTON,
 PETER B. SWEENEY, } *Auditing*
 President, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone.....	\$2,823 15
C. A. Harrington, broken stone.....	2,014 28

Bill of S. H. Ingersoll, pavement for stables.....	\$1,980 00
Marvin & Co., rent	1,750 00
D. J. Tyson, Jr., vegetables.....	1,103 80
New York Printing Co., printing	1,025 30
Bank of Commerce, rent.....	962 50
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	689 30
C. V. Hough, unloading stone.....	449 50
Oriental Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	325 00
William V. Crissey & Co., oils, etc.....	231 63
William Roy, urinals	183 97
Piersons & Co., iron and steel	132 82
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	118 55
A. T. Stewart & Co., gloves and shades	110 68
W. S. Whitlock & Co., rope.....	104 52
A. Dumahaut, expenses	70 89
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	30 80
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	27 00
John H. Keyser & Co., manhole-head.....	23 00
Merchants' S.S. Co., freight	15 75
James Prentice, plumb-bob and cord.....	7 00
Daniel Knight, repairing hydrant.....	7 00
James Slattery, sand and stone.....	1,218 00
John S. Masterson, stone.....	1,000 00
William Gibson, stone-boats.....	500 00
James Duffy, milk	46 50
William Cartwright, vegetables and fish.....	36 85
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice	27 43

Bill of William V. Crissey & Co., putty and alcohol..	\$25 86
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	8 70
N. Schainwald, canton flannels.....	7 95
George H. Kitchen & Co., spittoons.....	5 25
Piersons & Co., iron.....	15 37
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	2,255 53
Exchange Fire Insurance Co., premium.....	100 00
George M. Van Nort, postage stamps.....	50 00
Janes & Kirtland, drinking-troughs.....	480 00
Total	\$19,963 89

Dated NEW YORK, February 4, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
 HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report of the Auditing Committee be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of James C. Hoe & Co., carpentering and lumber.....	\$3,647 94
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	409 15
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	180 55
Talcott & Scallon, oats.....	178 50
James R. Royce, hay.....	159 20
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	153 00
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, hydraulic jacks.....	130 00
Harlem Gas-light Company, gas.....	77 70
J. W. Duryee, oak stake.....	67 20
Owen McCabe, bread.....	54 68
J. Becker, frames.....	50 75
George H. Kitchen & Co., spittoons.....	33 70
C. T. & J. N. Chester, climbing irons.....	25 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	22 54
John P. Jube & Co., hubs, spokes, etc.....	21 88
James Prentice, steel tape.....	21 50
H. A. Rogers & Co., street washers, etc.....	18 25
Andrew Smith, screws.....	15 00
P. Mulhall, repairing harness.....	14 00
F. W. Christern, <i>Building News</i> and <i>Builder</i>	12 75
C. B. Vandyke, chairs.....	12 00
William V. Crissey & Co., neat's-foot oil....	6 00
N. Schainwald & Son, sewing-silk.....	1 80
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and sand....	560 20
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	90 00
James C. Hoe & Co., carpentry.....	88 00

Bill of Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, lanterns.	\$4 00
J. H. Sackman, damages.	186 42
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Total.	<u>\$6,241 71</u>

Dated NEW YORK, February 11, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work....	\$945 00
James G. Dimond, cages.	410 31
Jacob M. Long, stone.	338 92
Oriental Powder Co., powder and fuse.	324 50
Slote & Janes, stationery.	300 23

Bill of M. J. Healy, stone	\$200 00
W. V. Crissey & Co., white lead and paints..	173 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	167 02
Piersons & Co., iron.....	143 59
James Prentice, instrument.....	140 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	101 40
James R. Royce, hay.....	72 57
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	70 73
Daniel Draper, small articles for Meteorolog- ical Department.....	25 81
C. T. Raynolds, brushes.....	22 74
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	20 50
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	10 20
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, lanterns and cans.....	8 00
Allison & Kennaday, twine.....	7 80
Blunt & Co., repairing instrument.....	2 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	365 41
Talcott & Scallon, corn.....	148 80
J. W. Stevens & Bros., lumber.....	122 00
William H. Gray, harness.....	105 00
Smith & Butler, badges.....	76 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	68 76
J. Becker, frames.....	42 50
R. H. Allen & Co., bone-dust.....	35 14
William O. Labagh, salt.....	15 05
Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	11 38
W. H. Warner, heating apparatus.....	2,740 00

Bill of Walter Macfarlane & Co., urinals.....	\$963 89
Janes & Kirtland, putting up urinals	216 76
Joshua Hatch, musk-deer.....	35 00
Babcock, Brainerd & Co., granite.....	1,151 66
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Total.....	<u>\$9,581 67</u>

Dated NEW YORK, February 25, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
 HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of George S. Greene, Jr., maps.....	\$10,979 20
John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work.....	5,348 00 ✓

★ Bill of J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work.	\$4,769 80
Fisk Pavement Co., pavement.....	4,284 72
D. E. Culver, stone.....	3,630 89
Thomas C. Cornell, maps.....	3,183 00
Fisk Pavement Co., pavement.....	2,093 55
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	523 60
Thomas Kinsley, stone.....	415 23
James R. Royce, hay and straw.....	379 32
Wood Brothers Co., top-wagon.....	335 00
Oriental Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	327 00
Miller & Coates, tile.....	315 83
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	258 86
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	243 18
J. Rück, saddle, etc.....	180 50
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick.....	176 00
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	106 30
James G. Dimond, tree-guards.....	89 52
New York Printing Co., printing.....	81 25
Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	75 07
George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	62 50
Owen McCabe, bread and cake.....	56 57
James Duffy, milk.....	42 00
William Cartwright, fish and vegetables....	37 30
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	34 50
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	18 00
James Prentice, levelling rod.....	17 00
C. B. Vandyke, chairs.....	11 00

Bill of Charles Scharbach, leather.....	\$7 09
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	6 00
John P. Jube & Co., axles.....	5 25
H. A. Rogers & Co., S. trap.....	3 25
J. Becker, frames.....	3 00
<i>The Horticulturist</i> , subscription	2 50
V. C. & C. V. King, plaster.....	2 25
R. E. Dietz, globes for lanterns.....	1 50
W. V. Crissey & Co., white lead.....	110 00
Total.....	\$38,215 53

Dated NEW YORK, March 4, 1871.

HENRY HILTON, THOMAS C. FIELDS,	}	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>
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Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of John H. Midmer, stone.....	\$3,824 22
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone bands...	3,000 00
Robert Jardine, filling.....	350 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	320 32
J. Della Torre, rope and blocks.....	236 81
New York Printing Co., printing.....	205 50
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	200 25
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	190 75
A. Cooper & Lauferswiler, flower-pots.....	176 25
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	160 00
E. Reilly & Bro., recutting files.....	125 54
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	107 67
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	93 30
William V. Crissey & Co., white lead, etc....	77 38
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	73 85
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick.....	66 11
Charles Reiche & Bro., birds.....	64 00
Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	52 80
Salamander Works, pipe.....	47 40
A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	47 19
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	28 80
Benoit & Wood, drawing-paper.....	24 70
Samuel Winship, musk-deer.....	24 00
D. G. Raymond, honey.....	20 00
Sedley & Campbell, medicines.....	14 40
John P. Jube & Co., wagon-poles.....	12 50
Walter Shay, leather.....	9 09

Bill of D. Van Nostrand, books.....	\$5 40
J. J. Reimer & Co., mats.....	5 25
Earth Closet Company, screen.....	4 00
Moses Swett, ladder.....	4 00
N. Schainwald & Son, muslin.....	3 65
Mrs. Reid, dishes for animals.....	3 60
Gorton & Van Holland, dishes for animals..	2 70
James Prentice, thermometers.....	2 50
James C. Hoe & Co., cases for meteorological Department.....	2 75
C. H. Riley, filling.....	7 20
William Rumble, surveys and maps.....	4,886 00
Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work ..	210 00
James C. Hoe & Co., carpenter-work.....	17,729 47
Locke & Munroe, plumbing and gas-fitting..	4,149 30
John S. Masterson, stone.....	2,756 72
James C. Hoe & Co., carpenter-work.....	945 57
Composite Iron Works Company, tree-guards.	756 08
William V. Crissey & Co., turpentine, oil, etc.	217 92
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	155 97
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, leather and hose.....	95 22
Talcott & Scallon, feed.....	80 50
D. Van Nostrand, books.....	68 00
James M. Alling, paint.....	49 50
William S. Whitlock & Co., canvas.....	35 00
McArthur & Co., steel brooms.....	32 00
McKesson & Robbins, beeswax.....	26 13

Bill of William Menzies, lumber.....	\$20 10
Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	10 50
John J. Reimer & Co., mats.....	7 80
New York Belting and Packing Company, rubber.....	5 36
Charles Reiche & Bro., bird food.....	4 50
James Prentice, thermometers.....	3 25
R. H. Allen & Co., canary seed.....	1 38
George S. Greene, Jr., interest.....	429 12
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, chain.....	403 88
James R. Royce, hay.....	239 03
Talcott & Scallon, oats.....	175 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and sand....	98 20
Tomes, Melvain & Co., wreaths and whistles.	33 00
James M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	15 25
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	6 75
Piersons & Co., iron.....	5 50
C. T. Reynolds & Co., brushes.....	3 60
W. H. Crommelin, extra work on stables....	1,283 02
Robert Schlawe, pigeons.....	13 00
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Total.....	<u>\$45,550 55</u>

Dated NEW YORK, March 18, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS,
PETER B. SWEENEY,
President, } *Auditing
Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of J. D. Minor, filling.....	\$3,100 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement..	1,208 79
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	603 00
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, hardware	468 25
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	280 20
Talcott & Scallon, hay and feed.....	234 14
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	210 56
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	90 00
Patrick Mooney, monkeys and parrot.....	70 00
E. P. Barker, postage stamps.....	60 00
W. V. Crissey & Co., paints.....	54 50
J. Della Torre, bagging.....	43 00

Bill of F. L. Dorgeloh, monkey.....	\$22 50
Andrew Smith, nails and screws.....	12 18
Benoit & Wood, drawing-paper.....	9 36
Joseph Nason & Co., pipe.....	7 96
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	7 50
Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Co., knobs..	6 00
United States Coast Survey Office, map.....	20 00
✓ John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work.....	6,488 00
C. V. Hough, unloading stone.....	534 30
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber and carpentry..	764 40
Paul C. Coffin, shovels, picks, etc.....	425 55
J. Della Torre, rope.....	13 77
William V. Crissey & Co., alcohol.....	6 80
William H. Gray, nose-muzzle.....	2 00
D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	3,691 48
Hugh McLaughlan, manure.....	2,018 80
Thomas J. Hinch, manure.....	1,650 00
James G. Batterson, granite.....	1,250 00
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, tools, etc.....	791 09
Babcock, Brainerd & Co., granite.....	665 25
Composite Iron Works Co., iron work and cages.....	584 17
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	444 11
Paul C. Coffin, tools and hardware.....	374 00
Janes & Kirtland, putting up urinals.....	306 20
David Babcock, hauling timber.....	202 00

Bill of W. V. Crissey & Co., paints, oils, etc.....	\$117 12
H. A. Rogers & Co., buttons	90 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	69 75
Louis Waefelaer & Co., fountain-jets.....	69 50
A. T. Briggs, casks.....	60 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, pipe for sprinklers...	57 00
Benoit & Wood, drawing-paper.....	25 00
Smith & Butler, shields.....	19 00
J. Della Torre, rope.....	15 92
J. J. Reimer & Co., brooms and mats.....	14 50
Andrew Smith, screws.....	8 70
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	6 80
William Menzies, sawdust.....	6 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	3 38
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work..	4,991 00 *
Paul C. Coffin, tools.....	146 50
Janes & Kirtland, repairing urinals.....	74 09
Salamander Works, pipe.....	57 90
W. H. Grant, expenses and clock.....	26 00
N. Schainwald, muslin.....	7 08
Composite Iron Works Co., bronzing vases...	200 00
E. A. Sargent, drawings.....	200 00
James L. Jackson & Bro., iron-work for sheep- fold.....	4,398 00
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., curb.....	27,319 62
James L. Jackson & Bro., iron-work and bird- houses.....	812 45
A. T. Stewart & Co., gloves and towels.....	320 15

Bill of James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	\$318 56
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	310 14
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	275 40
W. V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	265 98
Townsend & Co., coal.....	499 50
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, tools.....	262 50
Hobbs & Heberd, white lead.....	221 50
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	176 12
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	155 40
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	116 55
Talcott & Scallon, straw.....	101 02
James M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	82 75
A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	73 71
L. A. Lanthier, frames.....	70 00
J. Della Torre, rope and blocks.....	67 26
Owen McCabe, bread.....	63 04
D. Van Nostrand, books.....	60 00
James Duffy, milk.....	46 50
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	45 75
A. Cooper & Lauferwiler, flower-pots.....	45 00
William Cartwright, vegetables and fish.....	42 90
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	37 50
Piersons & Co., steel.....	30 89
James Prentice, scale.....	2 25
N. Schainwald & Son, thread.....	1 65
Benoit & Wood, drawing-paper.....	18 00
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms and brushes..	15 92

Bill of Janes & Kirtland, cups	\$10 50
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice	9 00
New York Creosoting Works, creosoting timber	496 05
Robert Jardine, filling	490 00
James L. Jackson & Bro., window-guards ...	259 00
Paul C. Coffin, tools	82 25
Salamander Works, pipe	101 50
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber	50 49
Piersons & Co., iron and steel	45 84
H. A. Rogers & Co., zinc	21 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings	10 10
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Total	<u>\$70,816 84</u>

Dated NEW YORK, April 8, 1871.

HENRY HILTON,
 PETER B. SWEENEY, } *Auditing*
 President, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

x Bill of J. H. Sullivan, Sixth avenue work.....	\$8,910 00
Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel.....	2,625 94
Henry Wagner, filling.....	2,500 00
D. J. Tyson, Jr., vegetables.....	17,27 50
Hugh McLaughlan, sand.....	600 00
New York Printing Co., printing.....	440 60
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, picks, shovels, etc.....	350 50
Talcott & Scallon, oats and straw.....	340 80
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	244 06
Piersons & Co., iron.....	169 87
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	156 98
J. L. Mott Iron Works, curbs and grates....	156 60
James G. Dimond, repairing fences.....	140 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	118 56
G. M. Longnecker, bird-houses.....	83 00
Nelson Tool Works, poor hammers.....	30 40
Benoit & Wood, drawing paper.....	25 20
Moses Swett, ladders.....	20 00
John P. Jube & Co., poles and shafts.....	11 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., coupling.....	9 00
James M. Thorburn & Co., seeds.....	6 75

Bill of <i>Tilton's Journal of Horticulture</i> , subscrip- tion.....	\$1 50
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick, cement, and sand	1,334 65
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	470 35
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	295 00
Paul C. Coffin, watering-pots.....	8 25
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	7 50
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	965 30
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	99 00
Miller & Coates, tile.....	60 00
James Prentice, instruments.....	28 75
A. D. & N. Ewen, survey of city parks....	3,000 00
James C. Hoe & Co., keepers' houses.....	1,955 00
C. H. Riley, filling.....	1,080 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick.....	91 00
D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	3,500 00
Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel.....	7,427 73
C. V. Hough, stone and unloading.....	4,525 41
David Babcock, basin at Battery.....	3,500 00
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	1,799 40
John S. Masterson, stone.....	1,029 80
Paul C. Coffin, tools, etc.....	960 36
Janes & Kirtland, repairing urinals and settees.....	906 98
Patrick Dunnican, unloading stone.....	897 26
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	837 41
H. A. Rogers & Co., pipe and lead.....	558 18

Bill of Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	\$344 80
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, tools and leads.....	326 76
A. Kimbel & J. Cabus, furniture.....	300 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	231 45
J. L. Mott Iron Works, sections for rollers..	222 23
Hobbs & Heberd, white lead.....	220 00
Thomas J. Hinch, mould.....	150 00
B. L. Solomon & Sons, furniture.....	88 50
Conover & Woolley, grates.....	50 00
C. V. & V. C. King, marble dust.....	26 25
James Dobbin, horse-shoe nails.....	16 00
William Menzies, oak timber.....	15 90
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, lime, lath, etc....	14 35
John P. Jube & Co., rims for wheels.....	13 25
Joseph Nason & Co., pipe.....	7 97
Talcott & Scallon, wheat....	3 00
James M. Thorburn & Co., seeds.....	2 35
Total.....	<u>\$56,038 40</u>

Dated New York, April 22, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and flagging ..	\$20,834 65
John H. Midmer, broken stone.....	4,499 60
J. T. & J. B. Smith, work on stables.....	4,450 90
C. A. Harrington, broken stones.....	3,891 92
Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel.....	3,777 23
John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work.....	3,720 00
Francis Dugan, roofing, etc.....	3,184 12
William Rumble, surveys and maps.....	1,838 32
Composite Iron Works Co., tree-guards.....	1,600 00
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, hose and coupling.....	1,060 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	767 15
Talcott & Scallon, oats, hay, etc.....	485 03
George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	481 01
H. C. Hopkins, bulbs.....	447 50
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	353 87

Bill of Townsend & Co., coal.....	\$264 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	2,111 71
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	178 00
James Prentice, instrument.....	157 00
Kane & Ryan, manure.....	155 00
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	135 60
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	112 25
Thomas J. Hinch, mould.....	100 12
J. Della Torre, rope and blocks.....	72 36
W. H. Gray, feed-bags and harness.....	63 50
Henry Parry, removing statute.....	58 00
W. C. Wilson, plants.....	53 85
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, hose.....	50 00
Hobbs & Heberd, gold leaf and paints.....	50 49
D. Van Nostrand, books.....	30 40
John P. Jube & Co., wheels, etc.....	26 45
Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	25 74
William O. Labagh, salt.....	17 85
Joseph Nason & Co., pipe.....	10 10
Eugene Hale, mongoose.....	10 00
W. H. Grant, expenses.....	47 46
Scharf Pavement Co., pavement.....	3,728 78
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and flagging... ..	2,870 76
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	461 56
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	372 00
C. V. Hough, manure.....	365 76
J. W. Duryee, oak stake timber.....	158 52

Bill of Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	\$107 00
Moses Swett, ladders.....	42 00
A. T. Briggs, casks.....	40 00
Charles Reiche & Bro., birds.....	135 00
Marvin & Co., rent.....	1,880 88
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	203 40
A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	102 50
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	69 79
Owen McCabe, bread.....	68 75
James Duffy, milk.....	45 00
William Cartwright, eggs, fish, and vegeta- bles.....	26 50
Charles Sharbach, leather.....	13 90
J. L. Mott Iron Works, stove-pipe iron.....	10 50
Bradley & Smith, feather duster.....	3 38
Portland Stone Co., lining basin.....	1,521 20
Harlem Gas-light Co., pipe, etc.....	41 00
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Total.....	<u>\$65,489 36</u>

Dated NEW YORK, May 2, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That pursuant to Chapter 280 of the Laws of 1871, the Treasurer of the Department be paid an annual salary of the same amount as that paid to the Treasurer of the late Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, to take effect from the date of his appointment.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend said resolution by adding at the end thereof the words, "and that any person occupying the position of Treasurer be required to devote the whole of his time to the duties of the Department."

Commissioner SWEENY moved to amend said motion by striking out all after the word "devote," and insert in lieu thereof the words "such time as may be requisite to the proper performance of the duties of the office."

The question being put on the adoption of said motion to amend the amendment, it was determined in the affirmative.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green and Fields—3.

The PRESIDENT 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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Seventh avenue, from 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following—

Resolved, That Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river, be completed as a gravel road ; that it be worked and finished as such its whole width, omitting the line of trees heretofore designed to be planted through the centre of the roadway.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be and it is hereby authorized to remove the iron fence now inclosing Union square, if the owners or occupants of the property surrounding said square shall petition for its removal, in which case the Treasurer shall sell said iron fence at public auction on the premises, after five days' notice in two daily papers.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the whole subject be referred to a special committee to examine into and report thereon to the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the President and Treasurer be directed to prepare the annual report required by his Honor the Mayor from this department.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend said resolution by adding thereto the words, "and submit a proof of the same to this Board for approval."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion to amend, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the wooden bridge across the Harlem river at Macomb's dam be immediately put in a safe condition for travel, as far as practicable, under the direction of the Chief-Engineer of the Civil and Topographical Bureau ; that park-keepers be detailed as policemen to attend at that place and prevent any use of the bridge pending the repairs, which the Engineer shall regard as tending to endanger those crossing upon or using it.

Also, that such Engineer forthwith report a plan for keeping such bridge in a safe condition, as far as possible, until a new bridge can be erected in its stead.

Also, that the Treasurer shall take such precautionary measures in connection with this subject, and give such directions and enforce such regulations respecting the use of

the present bridge, as he shall consider expedient and desirable.

Also, that a separate account of all expenses connected therewith shall be kept by the Comptroller of this Department, so that the same may be apportioned between the counties of New York and Westchester, as provided by law.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That Manhattan Square be forthwith graded, and prepared for the erection thereon of the buildings authorized by law to be erected by this department, for the purposes of a Museum of Natural History, and also for a Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Commissioner GREEN moved as an amendment that the whole subject be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art be invited to communicate to this Department their views respecting the character and design of the proposed building for such a museum upon Manhattan square.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History be requested to communicate to this department their views and suggestions respecting the nature, character, and design of the proposed building for such a museum upon Manhattan square.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That a cottage for the special use of ladies and children be erected upon Tompkins square ; that when erected it shall have a female attendant always in charge, and be protected by a park-keeper detailed for the purpose.

Commissioner GREEN moved as a substitute that plans for said cottage be prepared and submitted to the Board for approval.

Commissioner HILTON moved that the whole subject be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-chief, in conjunction with the Treasurer, prepare the proper plans for constructing at the foot of Battery place, a basin, with stairways, sheds, floats, etc., for the use of small boats, as authorized by law.

Commissioner GREEN moved as a substitute that a plan for the same be prepared and submitted to the Board for approval.

Commissioner HILTON moved that the whole subject be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

On motion of Commissioner SWEENEY—

Resolved, That the Treasurer prepare and report to the Board a code of regulations and ordinances for the control and government of all owners of small boats using the waters of the bay at Battery place, and also at the basin now constructing at the lower end of the Battery grounds.

Commissioner SWEENEY offered the following :

Resolved, That the sidewalks of the square opposite the Cooper Union be relaid or repaired and improved, and the curb reset or renewed, under the direction of the Treasurer.

Also that a horse-trough and drinking-fountain be located at that place for public use.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner SWEENEY offered the following :

Resolved, That horse-troughs and drinking-fountains be placed in and around the following squares, under the direction of the Treasurer: Washington Square, Battery, Tompkins Square, Christopher Street Square.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend by adding, "and that plans for the same be prepared and submitted to this Board for approval."

Commissioner HILTON moved that the whole subject be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it expedient for the public interest to acquire title, for the use of the public, to all those parts of Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets, lying between the Eighth avenue and the Boulevard,

and that the President take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of said Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets, from the Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, and to sign, on behalf of the Department of Public Parks, 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 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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That a chain shall be provided, and attached to the granite posts upon the coping of the Battery sea-wall, so as to afford a proper protection from accident at that place.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following ;

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks deem it for the public interest to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for and em-

braced within the limits of the following streets or avenues, laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park, 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 side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, viz.: the Tenth avenue, commencing at a point ten thousand three hundred and fifty-three feet six inches (10,353 feet, 6 inches) northerly from the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, to a point ten thousand four hundred and three feet six inches (10,403 feet, 6 inches) northerly from the southerly side of said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street. The street or avenue extending from the Tenth avenue, at a point ten thousand four hundred and three feet six inches (10,403 feet, 6 inches) northerly from the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, in a north-westerly, westerly, and south-westerly direction to the Eleventh avenue. The street or avenue extending from the Kingsbridge road, at Inwood street, to the Harlem River. The street extending from Kingsbridge road in a north-easterly direction to the Tenth avenue, at a point distant three thousand and fifty-five feet three inches (3,055 feet, 3 inches) northerly from the northerly side of the street extending from Kingsbridge road, at Inwood street, to the Harlem River. The street extending in a north-easterly direction to the Tenth avenue, at a point distant one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five feet (1,835 feet) northerly from the northerly side of the street extending from Kingsbridge road, at Inwood street, to the Harlem River. The Tenth avenue, extending in a north-easterly direction from the street or avenue extending from Kingsbridge road, at Inwood street, to the Harlem river to the intersection of

said Tenth avenue with Kingsbridge road, also the street extending easterly from the Kingsbridge road across the Tenth avenue to the Boulevard (heretofore known as the road or public drive), the southerly side of said street being parallel to and distant northerly from the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street seven thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and one one-hundredth feet (7,895 1-100 feet). The said several streets, roads, or avenues, for which it is deemed for the public interest to acquire title, being shown by red color and figures on the annexed map. And the President is authorized to take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, to acquire title to such lands, and to sign in behalf of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York, or otherwise, the necessary papers to acquire such title.

Debate was had thereon,

When, on motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said resolution was laid over, and made the special order for the next meeting.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, it was

Resolved, That the subject embraced in section 10 of Chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report.

Commissioner HILTON submitted for the consideration of the Board the following plan of organization of the police force of the Department, and moved that the same be entered at length on the minutes and laid over.

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 —PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

I. That the police force of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York shall, until otherwise ordered, consist as follows :

Surgeons of Park Police.

Captain of Park Police.

Lieutenant of Park Police.

Sergeants of Park Police.

Roundsmen of Park Police.

Mounted Park-keepers.

Park-keepers.

Gate-keepers.

Special Park-keepers.

Attendants at the Museum and other buildings under the control of the Department.

II. They shall be appointed by the President, and on being commissioned, shall before entering upon their duty take and subscribe an oath in the following form :

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York, perform my duty as _____ in the Department of Public Parks in the city of New York, and obey the rules and regulations of the Department to the best of my ability. That I will not arrest or molest any person from malice or hatred, nor for any act, except it be in violation of law, or of the ordinances

of the city of New York, or of the Department of Public Parks therein. That upon any arrest, I will at once and without delay convey the person arrested to the nearest magistrate, to be dealt with according to law, except that upon any arrest made by me upon Central Park I will convey the person arrested in the first place to the captain or other officer in charge of the Central Park Police, and obey his instructions in respect thereto. And, finally, that I will not arrest or molest any person at any time, except when I am in actual performance of my duty, and while on duty as an officer of the Department.

III. All park-keepers shall be promoted from the gate-keepers on duty, and shall be selected with reference to their fitness and general good character as gate-keepers.

IV. For any neglect or violation of duty, or of the rules and regulations of the Department, the member of the force so offending shall be tried before one of the Commissioners of the Board, who shall, with the concurrence of the President, inflict such punishment as the case shall seem to demand; such punishment to consist of either suspension from pay, or of dismissal from the police force of the Department.

V. Upon every such trial the officer offending shall be plainly informed of the charges against him, and the judgment therein shall in all cases be entered by the Comptroller of the Department in a book to be kept for that purpose. When the judgment consists of suspension from pay, it shall be forthwith communicated to the Paymaster of the Department, and the amount thereof shall be by him deducted from any pay that may then be due or may thereafter become due to the officer so suspended. And such judgment shall operate as an extinguishment of any right of the officer to the pay from which he shall be so suspended.

VI. The necessary clothing for the captain, lieutenant, sergeants, roundsmen, park-keepers, and gate-keepers, will be furnished by the Department for use by the officer when on duty, and not otherwise, and such clothing shall not be worn or used by such officer at any other time. It shall always be the property of the Department, and upon the officer leaving the force, or being dismissed therefrom, he shall forthwith return such clothing, together with his shield and all other property of the Department in his custody, to the captain of police, or other officer in charge in the principal office at Central Park.

VII. Sergeants, roundsmen, park-keepers, etc., shall be paid as follows :

Sergeants of police, \$3.50 per day; roundsmen, \$3.25 per day; park-keepers, \$3 per day; gate-keepers, \$2.50 per day; special park-keepers and attendants, \$2.25 per day.

Such daily pay shall only be allowed for the time when the officer shall be on actual duty; absence from duty shall in all cases be deducted, except when such absence shall be caused by sickness, and in such cases pay will only be allowed as reported by the surgeons of police.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the surgeons of police to attend upon all sick park-keepers and gate-keepers, including captain, lieutenant, sergeants, and roundsmen. They shall, on the last day of each month, report to the Treasurer of the Department all cases of sickness under their charge or reported to them, with proper allowance for the time of such sickness as they shall consider just and reasonable under the circumstances, not exceeding, however, the pay of such officer when on actual duty. If the Treasurer approves of such allowances, payment shall be made accordingly.

IX. Upon any officer becoming sick, and unable by reason thereof to perform duty, he shall forthwith report the same to the captain of police, and no allowance shall be made for sickness unless so reported.

The captain shall communicate such report forthwith to the surgeons of police, who will at once attend upon and prescribe for such officer, until, in their opinion, he is fit and able to perform duty.

X. The President is authorized to make such additional rules and regulations for the control and government of the police force of the Department as shall be deemed by him proper and expedient.

Commissioner HILTON submitted for the consideration of the Board the following ordinances for the government of the City Parks, and moved that the same be entered at length on the minutes and laid over.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS OF THE
PUBLIC SQUARES AND PLACES IN THE CITY
OF NEW YORK.

The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York do ordain as follows :

ALL PERSONS ARE FORBIDDEN

I. To cut, break, or in any way injure or deface the trees, shrubs, plants, posts, lamps, benches, tree-guards, or buildings in any of the public squares or places of the city of New York.

II. To go on foot or otherwise upon the grass, except when and where the word "common" is posted.

III. To expose any article for sale or exhibition, unless previously licensed therefor, on any part of such squares or places or on any street or avenue adjacent thereto.

IV. To post any bill, placard, notice, or other paper upon any structure within such squares or places or upon any street or avenue adjacent thereto, unless previously licensed so to do by the President of the Department.

V. To play upon any musical instrument within such squares or places, or take into, carry, or display any flag, banner, target, or transparency, without the permission of the President of the Department.

VI. To erect any structure, stand, or platform, or hold any meetings in such squares or places without previous permission therefor from said President.

VII. To use threatening, abusive, or insulting language upon any of such squares or places, or doing any obscene or indecent act thereon, or any act tending to a breach of the public peace.

VIII. No hackney coach, carriage, wagon, cart, or other vehicle for hire shall stand upon any such square or place, or upon any street or avenue adjacent thereto, without previous license, and then only at such places as shall be indicated and allowed by the President of the Department.

IX. No horse or other animal shall be allowed upon such squares or places, except that dogs may be allowed therein when led by a chain or proper dog-string not exceeding five feet in length.

X. No person shall bathe or fish in any of the waters or fountains in such squares or places, nor cast any substance therein, nor disturb or interfere in any way with the fish or birds within such squares or places.

XI. All filthy or offensive persons may be removed from such squares or places by the park-keepers in charge thereof.

XII. No animal or vehicle shall be permitted to stand, nor any incumbrance of any kind be allowed to remain, upon any street adjacent to or bounding upon any public square or place in the city of New York, without the previous permission of this Department or the President thereof, except that vehicles may be permitted to take up and set down passengers, and to load

and unload merchandise in the usual manner, and may occupy the street a reasonable time for the purpose; provided, however, that they shall not while so doing unnecessarily incumber the street or obstruct travel therein.

XIII. Any person arrested for violating any ordinance or regulation of the Department of Public Parks shall be conveyed by the officer arresting to the nearest magistrate, and complaint shall thereupon be entered, and the person dealt with according to law.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York, is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by the Department; and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the meeting rooms of the Department be kept open during the usual hours of business for the use and occupation of any Commissioner of the Department desiring

to use the same for transacting the business of the Department.

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

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the By-laws, section 31, relative to the Executive Committee, be repealed so far as it seems to authorize the action of said committee upon matters not specially referred to said committee.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said resolution was referred to the Executive Committee, they having the subject of amending the By-laws in charge.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a special committee of three, of which the President shall be one, be appointed, to whom all plans of work proposed to be executed by this Department shall be referred, and that no work be hereafter undertaken or executed until the plans thereof have been referred to said committee, and a report thereon, in writing, by said committee, has been submitted to and acted on by this Board, nor until the

work proposed has been approved by this Board and its execution ordered.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said resolution be referred to the Executive Committee, they having the matter in charge.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That no work be done on the fountain proposed at the square, Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, till the plan has been submitted to and approved by this Board.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said resolution be referred to the Executive 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

Resolved, That the President be requested to obtain the amendment of the law which places under the control of this Board

the regulation and grading of the streets between Sixth and Seventh avenues, north of the Park, so that the same shall hereafter be placed under the Department of Public Works.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The late Commissioners of the Central Park, in the adoption of a plan for the improvement of the Park, deemed it of great importance that the great numbers of children and others visiting the Park on foot should, by a proper and well-devised arrangement of the ways, be protected and exempted from the dangers of crossing the drive, crowded with horses and carriages, upon the surface and same level with the drive; and

Whereas, To accomplish this very important object of insuring popular safety and pleasure, a large expenditure was deemed advisable in the construction of archways and bridges, by means of which, at important points, persons could safely cross the drive and ride; and

Whereas, A walk has lately been opened in violation of the plan of the previous Commissioners of the Park, leading from a point on the ascent of the drive as it rises from the Scholars' Gate (Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street), very dangerous for pedestrians, and involves inconvenience and apprehension on the part of those driving and riding on the road and drive, across both of which this walk leads; therefore,

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Park report to this Board, at its next meeting, by what authority this walk, that leads across both the drive and the ride at the point above named, was laid, and by whose direction the same was placed at this dangerous point.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said preamble and resolution be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, After years of training and culture the ivy and other creepers have attained a vigorous growth, nearly covering the Museum or old arsenal building with a natural verdure that was very attractive and appropriate to the uses for which the building was intended to be devoted, and this covering has been torn down by some person apparently with the view of substituting for the grateful foliage a coat of paint ; therefore

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Park report to this Board by what authority this act of ruthless and inexcusable destruction has been perpetrated, and that he further report the amount expended on the interior and exterior of this building, which was intended to remain but temporarily (excepting the amount paid for Museum cases).

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, said preamble and resolution were amended by adding at the end thereof the words :

Also resolved, That the Comptroller report to this Board the amount expended by the late Park Commissioners upon

the building on Great Hill, appropriated by said Commissioners to the use of the Treasurer of that Commission.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said preamble and resolution, as amended, be referred to the Executive 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the Board proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

Resolved, That PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., be elected President of the Board.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that HENRY HILTON, Esq., be elected Treasurer of the Board.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend said motion by inserting "Robert J. Dillon, Esq.," in lieu of "Henry Hilton, Esq."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioner Fields—2.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that HENRY HILTON be elected Vice-President of the Board.

On motion of Mr. SWEENY, said motion was amended by adding at the end thereof the words, "and that all other officers of the Board be re-elected."

Commissioner GREEN moved that the Board proceed to elect the Vice-President.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said original motion as amended, and it was deter-

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

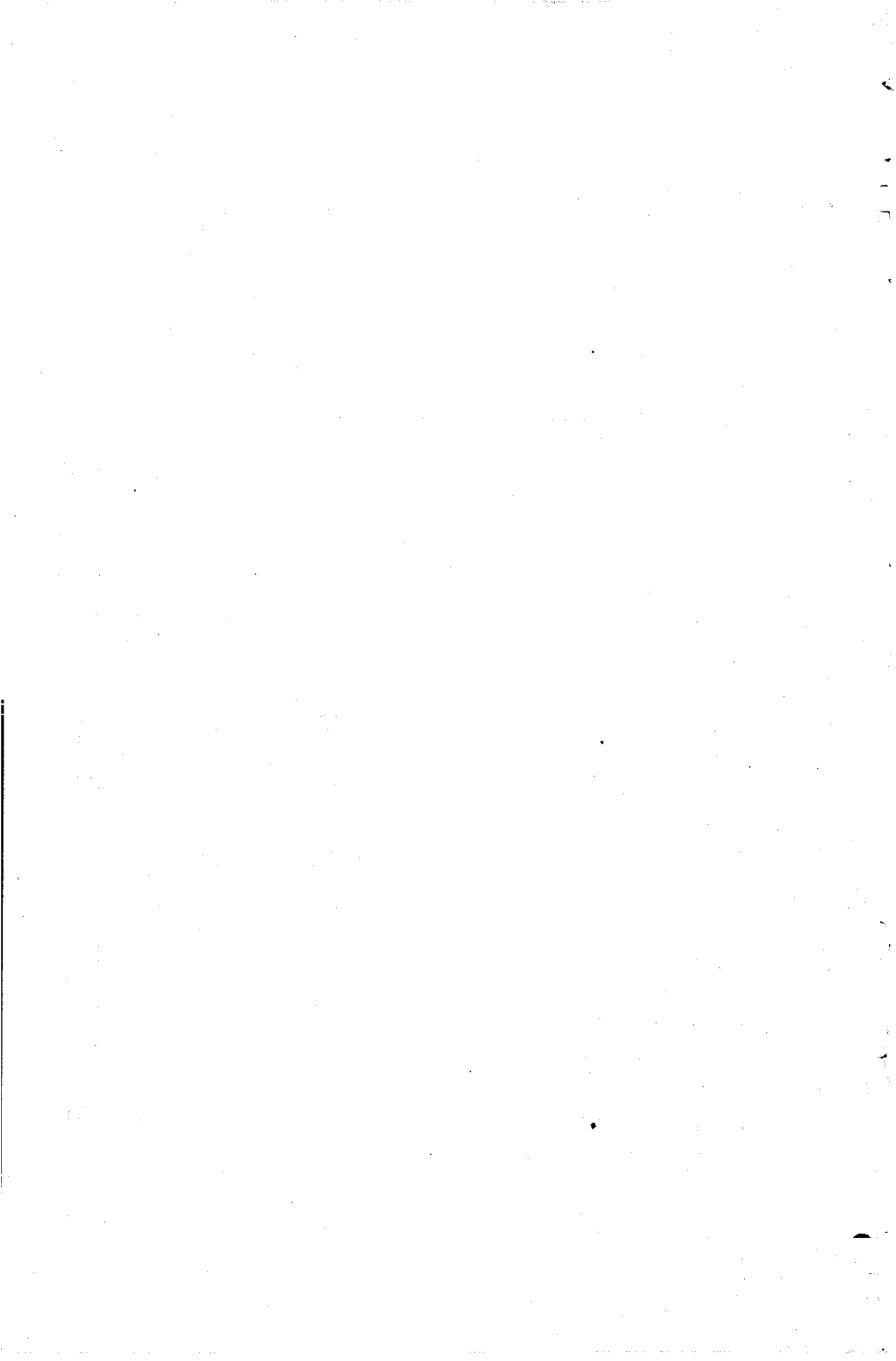
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

No members being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.



TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton, Green, and Fields.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings were dispensed with.

A communication was received from William R. Martin, President of the West Side Association, transmitting a petition and resolution requesting the immediate improvement of the public place at the junction of Boulevard and Sixty-third street, which was referred to the Executive Committee.

From Hon. Richard O'Gorman, Counsel to the Corporation, stating that, in compliance with a resolution of this Department, the postponing of the motion to confirm the Riverside Park proceedings would be made.

Ordered filed.

From J. A. Geoffrey, Assistant Adjutant General, relative to the use of Tompkins square for brigade drill.

Ordered filed.

From A. Campbell, presenting, on behalf of Captain J. H. Mortimer, specimen of horned frog; which, having been acknowledged, was ordered on file.

From J. B. Taylor, M.D., and others, asking for the improvement of East Broadway square.

Commissioner HILTON moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend by striking out the words "with power," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "to report on the same to the Board."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green.

From Hon. Richard O'Gorman, Counsel to the Corporation, advising that the duty of regulating and grading Manhattan

street, from Twelfth avenue to Avenue St. Nicholas, lay with this Department.

Ordered filed.

From General G. A. Custer, presenting a cinnamon bear, which, having been acknowledged, was ordered on file.

From Richard Stuart, desiring appointment as park-keeper.

Ordered on file.

From A. E. Graham, donating four foxes, which, having been acknowledged, was ordered on file.

From William R. Martin, on behalf of Committee of the New York Historical Society, desiring an interview on the subject of a site for their Museum on the Central Park.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the President confer with said committee.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON said communication was referred to the Executive Committee.

From Hon. Richard O'Gorman, Counsel to Corporation, acknowledging receipt of resolution for acquiring title to Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets, between Eighth avenue and the Boulevard.

Ordered filed.

From Robert Gordon, President of St. Andrew's Society, State of New York, relative to placing on the Central Park a bronze statue of Sir Walter Scott.

Whereupon Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Whereas, Robert Gordon, Esq., President of St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York, on behalf of a committee of that society, has applied for permission to erect upon Central Park a monument to the memory of Sir Walter Scott, the same to consist of a bronze statue, and to be of a style and character suitable in every respect ; and

Whereas, This Board is willing to grant such request provided the statue be such a work as will meet its approval, and that the same shall have a suitable pedestal ; therefore

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred, with power, to the Executive Committee, who may also select a site and impose such conditions respecting the nature and character of the proposed monument and its erection as they shall deem advisable.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

From John Hoey, presenting two fowls, which, having been acknowledged, was ordered filed.

From Lawson N. Fuller, A. B. Mills, and others, relative to the grade of Tenth avenue at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

Referred to the Executive Committee for the purpose of hearing parties interested.

From the Western Union Telegraph Company, relative to temporarily placing their poles on the Eighth avenue side of the Park, between One Hundred and Second and One Hundred and Eighth streets.

The PRESIDENT moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer, with power to grant such permission as he may deem necessary.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it expedient for the public interest to acquire title for the use of the public to all those parts of One Hundred and Sixth street and One Hundred and Seventh street lying between the Fifth avenue and the East river, and that the President take the necessary measures, for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks, to acquire title to all the land in-

cluded in the lines of the said One Hundred and Sixth street and One Hundred and Seventh street, lying between the Fifth avenue and the East river, and to sign on behalf of the Department of Public Parks, 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 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS called up a resolution offered by him at the last meeting, found on page 74, as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks deem it for the public interest to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for and embraced within the limits of the following streets or avenues, laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park, 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 side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, viz.: the Tenth avenue, commencing at a point ten thousand three hundred and fifty-three feet six inches (10,353 feet 6 inches) northerly from the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, to a point ten thousand four hundred and three feet, six inches (10,403 feet 6 inches) northerly

from the southerly side of said One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street. The street or avenue extending from the Tenth avenue, at a point ten thousand four hundred and three feet six inches (10,403 feet 6 inches) northerly from the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, in a north-westerly, westerly, and south-westerly direction to the Eleventh avenue. The street or avenue extending from the Kingsbridge road, at Inwood street, to the Harlem river. The street extending from Kingsbridge road in a north-easterly direction to the Tenth avenue, at a point distant three thousand and fifty-five feet three inches (3,055 feet 3 inches) northerly from the northerly side of the street extending from Kingsbridge road, at Inwood street, to the Harlem river. The street extending in a north-easterly direction to the Tenth avenue, at a point distant one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five feet (1,835 feet) northerly from the northerly side of the street extending from Kingsbridge road, at Inwood street, to the Harlem river. The Tenth avenue, extending in a north-easterly direction from the street or avenue extending from Kingsbridge road, at Inwood street, to the Harlem river to the intersection of said Tenth avenue with Kingsbridge road, also the street extending easterly from the Kingsbridge road across the Tenth avenue to the Boulevard (heretofore known as the road or public drive), the southerly side of said street being parallel to and distant northerly from the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street seven thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and one one-hundredth feet (7,895 $\frac{1}{100}$ feet). The said several streets, roads, or avenues, for which it is deemed for the public interest to acquire title, being shown by red color and figures on the annexed map. And the President is authorized to take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Commissioners of the Department

of Public Parks, to acquire title to such lands, and to sign in behalf of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, 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 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it for the public interest to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands, not heretofore acquired for such purpose, embraced between the line of the northerly side of Sixty-sixth street, and the line of the easterly side of the Ninth avenue, and the line of the westerly side of the Boulevard (lately known as the road or public drive), as the same was laid out, established, widened, and retained by the Commissioners of the Central Park, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 697, laws of 1867, and as the same is shown on a map dated New York, February 26, 1868, signed "John J. Serrell," and filed pursuant to law, on the 7th day of March, 1868, and that the President take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks to acquire title to the same, and to sign on behalf of the Department of Public Parks 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 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

From Oliver Charlick, relative to payment for service rendered by F. O. S. Howe, foreman.

Commissioner SWEENEY moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green and Hilton—3.

A report was received from Julius Munckwitz, Superintending Architect, relative to the want of drainage at the Casino building, which was ordered on the minutes, and placed on file.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
 OFFICE OF ARCHITECT-IN-CHIEF AND SUPERINTENDING }
 ARCHITECT, No. 265 Broadway, April 28, 1871. }

HENRY HILTON, Esq.,

Vice-President Department of Public Parks:

SIR—At your request, I have examined the building known as the “Casino,” on Central Park.

I found the drainage under the floor of the south-easterly wing had been done in such a careless manner that the waste

water of the bar and the kitchen cannot run off, but collects in the crevices of the excavation underneath, forming a pool of waste water from 10 to 16 inches in depth. Besides this, the drainage has been constructed in such a careless and insufficient manner, that the occupants of the Casino are obliged to bail out the water. The small portion that does run into the drain flows away very slow, because of not having a sufficient fall; the consequence is, that most of it remains stagnant during the day, compelling the person in charge of the house to cover up the outside gratings over the drains, which are located in the exterior sidewalks.

I would respectfully recommend an immediate and thorough overhauling, and a proper drainage established for the entire place.

Respectfully,

[Signed] JULIUS MUNCKWITZ,
Superintending Architect Department Public Parks.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Whereas, It appears from the report of the Superintending Architect that by reason of the defective drainage of the building known as the Casino, near the Mall, large pools of stagnant water collect under the floors thereof in the rock underneath, and can only be removed by dipping out, and which course has to be adopted every few days to avoid evil consequences ; therefore,

Resolved, That the floors of the Casino be taken up and removed where necessary, and that a proper system of drainage from such building and the sinks thereof be immediately carried out and perfected so that the same may be completed before the summer months.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Instruction, relative to the purchase of Houdon's statue of Washington, in bronze.

Commissioner SWEENEY moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON called up the police regulations laid over at the last meeting, which were considered and amended so as to read as follows:

I. That the police force of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York shall, until otherwise ordered, consist as follows:

Surgeons of Park Police.

Captain of Park Police.

Lieutenant of Park Police.

Sergeants of Park Police.

Roundsmen of Park Police.

Mounted Park-keepers.

Park-keepers.

Gate-keepers.

Special Park-keepers.

Attendants at the Museum and other buildings under
the control of the Department.

II. They shall be appointed by the President, and on being commissioned, shall before entering upon their duty take and subscribe an oath in the following form :

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York, perform my duty as _____ in the Department of Public Parks in the city of New York, and obey the rules and regulations of the Department to the best of my ability. That I will not arrest or molest any person from malice or hatred, nor for any act, except it be in violation of law, or of the ordinances of the city of New York, or of the Department of Public Parks therein. That upon any arrest, I will at once and without delay convey the person arrested to the nearest magistrate, to be dealt with according to law, except that upon any arrest made by me upon Central Park I will convey the person arrested in the first place to the captain or other officer in charge of the Central Park Police, and obey his instructions in respect thereto. And, finally, that I will not arrest or molest any person at any time, except

when I am in actual performance of my duty, and while on duty as an officer of the Department.

III. All park-keepers shall be promoted from the gate-keepers on duty, and shall be selected with reference to their fitness and general good character as gate-keepers.

IV. It shall be the duty of all members of the force to be vigilant in preserving order in the several public parks, squares, and places within the city of New York, and upon the several streets and avenues adjacent thereto under the control of the Department, and to enforce and carry into effect the various rules, regulations, and ordinances of the Department in respect thereto, and to arrest any and every person violating the same.

V. For any neglect or violation of duty, or of the rules and regulations of the Department, the member of the force so offending shall be tried before one of the Commissioners of the Board, who shall, with the concurrence of the President, inflict such punishment as the case shall seem to demand ; such punishment to consist of either suspension from pay, or of dismissal from the police force of the Department.

VI. Upon every such trial the officer offending shall be plainly informed of the charges against him, and the judgment therein shall in all cases be entered by the Comptroller of the Department in a book to be kept for that purpose. When the judgment consists of suspension from pay, it shall be forthwith communicated to the Paymaster of the Department, and the amount thereof shall be by him deducted from any pay that may then be due or may thereafter become due to the officer so suspended. And such judgment shall operate as an extinguishment of any right of the officer to the pay from which he shall be so suspended.

VII. The necessary clothing for the captain, lieutenant, sergeants, roundsmen, park-keepers, and gate-keepers, will be furnished by the Department for use by the officer when on duty, and not otherwise, and such clothing shall not be worn or used by such officer at any other time. It shall always be the property of the Department, and upon the officer leaving the force, or being dismissed therefrom, he shall forthwith return such clothing, together with his shield and all other property of the Department in his custody, to the captain of police, or other officer in charge in the principal office at Central Park.

VIII. Sergeants, roundsmen, park-keepers, etc., shall be paid as follows :

Sergeants of police, \$3.50 per day ; roundsmen, \$3.25 per day ; park-keepers, \$3.00 per day ; gate-keepers, \$2.50 per day ; special park-keepers and attendants, \$2.25 per day.

Such daily pay shall only be allowed for the time when the officer shall be on actual duty ; absence from duty shall in all cases be deducted, except when such absence shall be caused by sickness, and in such cases pay will only be allowed as reported by the surgeons of police.

IX. It shall be the duty of the surgeons of police to attend upon all sick park-keepers and gate-keepers, including captain, lieutenant, sergeants, and roundsmen. They shall, on the last day of each month, report to the Treasurer of the Department all cases of sickness under their charge or reported to them, with proper allowance for the time of such sickness as they shall consider just and reasonable under the circumstances, not exceeding, however, the pay of such officer when on actual duty. If the Treasurer approves of such allowances, payment shall be made accordingly.

X. Upon any officer becoming sick, and unable by reason thereof to perform duty, he shall forthwith report the same to the captain of police, and no allowance shall be made for sickness unless so reported.

The captain shall communicate such report forthwith to the surgeons of police, who will at once attend upon and prescribe for such officer, until, in their opinion, he is fit and able to perform duty.

XI. The President is authorized to make such additional rules and regulations for the control and government of the police force of the Department as shall be deemed by him proper and expedient.

Commissioner HILTON moved the adoption of said police rules and regulations.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said rules be printed in proper form, and that they be entitled "Rules and regulations for the organization and government of the police force of the Department of Public Parks," and that they be also printed in document form, together with the other ordinances of the Department.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, a reconsideration of the vote on the printing of said rules was ordered.

Whereupon, Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the rules and regulations be printed under the direction of the President, with such amendments and additional rules and regulations as to him may seem desirable.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the park-keepers now stationed on parks, squares, or places of the city, except the Battery, the City Hall Park, Washington square, Tompkins square, Union square, Madison square, Reservoir square, the Central Park, Mount Morris square, being keepers at the small triangles, and entirely unnecessary, be transferred to other duty.

The PRESIDENT moved that said resolution be referred to the Executive 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work.	\$4,375 00	+
D. E. Culver, broken trap-rock	3,500 00	
Henry P. Campbell, duties on roller	2,202 95	
James M. Russell, powder and fuse	1,025 00	
Bank of Commerce, rent	962 50	
Thomas A. Jerome, horses	400 00	
Hobbs & Hebbard, paints, etc.	236 36	
M. J. Healy, Telford stone	232 94	
William V. Crissey & Co., oil, turpentine, etc.	160 28	
John P. Jube & Co., wheels, etc.	160 18	
Bradley & Smith, brushes	146 60	
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber	141 30	
Anthony Imhoff, repairing bridge	123 00	
Paul C. Coffin, hardware	116 76	
H. A. Rogers & Co., zinc, buttons, etc.	115 50	
Louis Ruhe, birds and animals	106 00	
J. L. Mott Iron Works, walk curbs and grates	95 70	
P. Mulhall, harness and repairs	74 70	

Bill of William Menzies, timber	\$61 72
Salamander Works, pipe	58 40
T. F. Tone, coal	45 00
W. H. Gray, harness	40 00
Daniel Draper, articles for Meteorological Department	25 60
New York Gas-light Company, gas	23 10
J. Della Torre, rope	22 40
Nelson Tool Works, horse-shoe iron	22 00
Moses Swett, ladders	21 50
A. T. Stewart & Co., muslin	15 70
Gorton & Van Holland, sawdust	12 00
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms	9 00
J. F. Werner, tide indicator	75 00
W. T. De Forest, oil	63 00
P. C. Coffin, hardware	34 13
James Prentice, tapes	28 00
John J. Reimer & Co., baskets	24 00
C. B. Vandyke, chairs	21 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., couplings	9 00
R. H. Allen & Co., seed	2 55
J. Mason, Tribune and Express	25 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., buttons	138 00
Sprague & Co., hats	435 00
William V. Crissey & Co., paints	148 92
James Edie, services	5 00
J. H. Sullivan, Sixth avenue work	41,265 00
Peekskill Gravel Company, gravel	7,144 83
A. Imhoff, repairing bridge	524 25
James L. Jackson & Bro., roof cresting	420 98
Frank A. Pollard, sharpening saws	28 00
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, chain	792 92

Bill of W. L. Fischer, plants.....	\$317 60
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	256 70
J. M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	130 30
Morgan Jones, plumbing and gas-fitting.....	128 35
T. & J. D. Crimmins, mould.....	90 45
Talcott & Scallon, straw.....	62 11
Hobbs & Heberd, paints, etc.....	50 05
John J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	13 50
Joseph Nason & Co., pipe.....	7 10
Salamander Works, pipe.....	5 20
Benoit & Wood, tracing cloth.....	4 00
B. L. Solomon & Sons, chairs.....	330 00
National Steamship Company, freights.....	707 04
David Babcock, piles and pile driving.....	1,000 00
D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	3,500 00
Hugh McLaughlin, sand.....	687 00
Thomas Kinsley, stone.....	203 66
W. V. Crissey & Co., paints, oils, etc.....	103 42
Lent & Robb, dumping.....	90 00
James M. Thorburn & Co., grass seed.....	70 00
Fisk Pavement Company, pavement.....	52 37
Bradley & Smith, sash tools.....	17 00
Frank Harnin, marmoset.....	5 00
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	2 50
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	481 29
Talcott & Scallon, oats and straw.....	423 59
Daniel Howell, trucking.....	250 00
Thomas Crimmins & Son, mould.....	135 00
John P. Jube & Co., carriage materials.....	38 49
Andrew Smith, screws.....	28 80
Piersons & Co., iron.....	2 60
Fisk Pavement Company, pavement.....	5,124 33
Peekskill Gravel Company, gravel.....	1,757 00

Bill of C. V. Hough, unloading stone.....	\$311 63
Sidley & Campbell, medicines for animals..	13 20
Metropolitan Gas-light Company, service pipe	20 00
The Sun, advertising.....	7 20
C. V. Hough, broken stone.....	3,635 76
Henry Wagner, filling.....	2,300 00
Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work...	735 00
Morgan Jones, plumbing at fountain.....	400 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	292 63
J. J. Riceman, carpentry.....	200 00
Thomas J. Hinch, mould.....	135 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Company, gas.....	83 65
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	26 10
Benoit & Wood, drawing-paper.....	15 70
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	2 00
George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	61 09
John R. Lawrence, top buggy.....	425 00
James Prentice, magnifying glasses.....	16 25
James G. Dimond, railing Tompkins square.	3,778 00
Young & Davis, stenography.....	108 60
James Slattery, stone.....	400 80
W. C. Jardine, stone.....	217 03
Patrick Bannon, stone.....	321 00
Michael Riley, stone.....	120 00
S. H. Ingersoll, pavement.....	8,550 00
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement.	1,235 55
J. C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	862 98
O. D. Dunlap, damages.....	165 00
J. B. & J. M. Cornell, iron work on sheds ..	3,893 00
Scharff Pavement Company, pavement.....	7,266 20
Peekskill Gravel Company, gravel.....	4,004 31
Williams & Guion, steam roller.....	6,748 44
C. H. Riley, filling.....	1,170 00

Bill of W. H. Warner, heating apparatus.....	\$999 53
Murphy, Nesbit & Irwin, brick and cement.....	763 54
New York Printing Company, printing.....	678 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	461 94
P. C. Coffin, hardware.....	425 04
W. H. Gray, harness.....	394 11
C. T. Reynolds & Co., white lead.....	230 00
Moneuse & Duparquet, range.....	215 10
J. L. Mott Iron Works, curbs, grates, etc....	82 14
W. V. Crissey & Co., paints and soap.....	77 34
Salamander Works, pipe.....	32 00
William Gibson, lumber.....	28 11
H. A. Rogers & Co., tin.....	27 00
Andrew Smith, screws.....	25 50
W. L. Fischer, plants.....	22 00
Rockwood & Co., photographs.....	19 00
Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	17 89
W. C. Wilson, plants.....	14 40
Nelson Tool Works, horse-shoe iron.....	11 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	9 00
Talcott & Scallon, hay and feed.....	593 00
Francis Dugan, roofing.....	578 86
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	508 62
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	457 33
Townsend & Co., coal.....	220 00
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	66 54
Francis Murphy, willows.....	50 00
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	39 87
James L. Jackson & Bro., chimney cap.....	24 00
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	31 50
James M. Thorburn & Co., flower-sticks....	12 25
Lalance & Grosjean Manufacturing Com- pany, cups.....	4 97

Bill of E. Treadwell's Son, soda biscuit.....	\$4 08
Julius Munckwitz, expenses.....	11 55
United States Express Company, freight....	33 00
Total.....	<u>\$136,478 05</u>

Dated New York, May 23, 1871.

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

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be approved, entered on the minutes, and placed on file.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON called up the ordinances laid over at the last meeting, which were considered and amended so as to read as follows :

ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SQUARES AND PLACES IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York do ordain as follows :

ALL PERSONS ARE FORBIDDEN

I. To cut, break, or in any way injure or deface the trees, shrubs, plants, grass, posts, railings, chains, lamps, lamp-posts,

benches, tree-guards, buildings, or structures in or upon any of the public parks, squares, or places of or within the city of New York; or to dig into or upon the soil within the boundaries of any such parks, squares, or places, or of any roads or roadways upon or across the same.

II. To go on foot or otherwise upon the grass, except when and where the word "common" is posted.

III. To expose any article for sale or exhibition, unless previously licensed therefor, on any part of such squares or places or on any street or avenue adjacent thereto.

IV. To post any bill, placard, notice, or other paper upon any structure within such squares or places or upon any street or avenue adjacent thereto, unless previously licensed so to do by the President of the Department.

V. To play upon any musical instrument within such squares or places, or take into, carry, or display any flag, banner, target, or transparency, without the permission of the President of the Department.

VI. To erect any structure, stand, or platform, or hold any meetings in such squares or places, without previous permission therefor from said President.

VII. To use threatening, abusive, or insulting language upon any of such squares or places, or doing any obscene or indecent act thereon, or any act tending to a breach of the public peace.

VIII. No hackney coach, carriage, wagon, cart, or other vehicle for hire shall stand upon any such square or place, or upon any street or avenue adjacent thereto, without previous license, and then only at such places as shall be indicated and allowed by the President of the Department.

IX. No horse or other animal shall be allowed upon such squares or places, except that dogs may be allowed therein when led by a chain or proper dog-string not exceeding five feet in length.

X. No person shall bathe or fish in any of the waters or fountains in such squares or places, nor cast any substances therein, nor disturb or interfere in any way with the fish or birds within such squares or places.

XI. All drunken, disorderly, or improper persons, and all persons doing any act injurious to such parks, squares, or places, may be removed therefrom by the park-keepers in charge thereof.

XII. No animal or vehicle shall be permitted to stand, nor any incumbrance of any kind be allowed to remain, upon any street adjacent to or bounding upon any public square or place in the city of New York, without the previous permission of this Department or the President thereof, except that vehicles may be permitted to take up and set down passengers, and to load and unload merchandise in the usual manner, and may occupy the street a reasonable time for the purpose; provided, however, that they shall not while so doing unnecessarily incumber the street or obstruct travel therein.

XIII. Any person arrested for violating any ordinance or regulation of the Department of Public Parks shall be conveyed by the officer arresting to the nearest magistrate, and complaint shall thereupon be entered, and the person dealt with according to law.

Commissioner GREEN moved to strike out section XI.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a

majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Commissioner Green—1.

Noes—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON moved the adoption of said rules and regulations and that they be printed under the direction of the President, with such amendments and additional rules and regulations as to him may seem desirable.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

No—Commissioner Green—1.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, at 4 o'clock and 40 minutes the Board adjourned.

GEORGE M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioners HILTON and FIELDS.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1871.

SPECIAL MEETING—12 M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, No. 265 BROADWAY, }
June 7, 1871.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,

Clerk Board of Department of Parks:

SIR—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks for Saturday, 10th instant, at 12 o'clock m., for the consideration of such business as may come before them.

Yours, etc.,

PETER B. SWEENEY,

President Board of Department of Parks.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields.

The minutes of the previous meetings of May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and June 6, were read and approved.

† The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the First Annual Report of the Department, which was read for the information of the Board.

Whereupon Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposed report now presented and read be approved, and adopted as the First Annual Report of the Department of Public Parks, made pursuant to the requisition of the Hon. A. Oakey Hall, Mayor of the city of New York ; that it be signed by the officers of the Board, and transmitted to the Mayor, with the various reports of the heads of bureaus attached thereto ; and that the same be printed, under the direction of the Treasurer, with illustrations, etc.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner SWEENEY offered the following :

Resolved, As the sense of the Board, that there should be no further delay in the legal proceedings for acquiring title to the Riverside Park, and that on the confirmation of the report of the Commissioners, immediate action be taken towards the improvement of the land acquired for the purposes of the park.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed, in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer-in-chief, to extend the contract heretofore made by the Department with J. H. Sullivan, for furnishing and laying Telford and Macadam pavement on the Sixth avenue, from the northerly line of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street to the northerly line of One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, so as to complete the superstructure of Sixth avenue as far as it is graded. Also for the purpose of affording a good roadway during the coming winter from Central Park to Macomb's Dam Bridge, a contract be made by and under the direction of the Treasurer for completing the superstructure of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues; the same to be approved by the Engineer-in-chief, and the contract to be made upon condition that the work shall be completed during the present season.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

The following communications were received :

From Charles Crary, President East Side Association, relative to Eastern Boulevard.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From Hon. A. Oakey Hall, Mayor, transmitting a letter from E. Folsom Baker, offering to present a fine specimen of hedgehog.

Ordered filed.

From W. R. Martin, President West Side Association, relative to preliminary surveys for improving Riverside Park.

Ordered filed.

From the same, inclosing two petitions in favor of Riverside Park.

Ordered filed.

From Jacob Voorhees, Jr., relative to the opening of One Hundred and Second and One Hundred and Eighth streets, from the Fifth avenue to the Harlem river.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

From J. W. C. Anderson, in relation to repairs to roof of house on Great Hill, Central Park.

Referred to Commissioner GREEN to report on to the Board.

From the Commissioners of Highways of the town of Tremont, Westchester county, relative to opening of Worth avenue.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

From Owens & Herbert, relative to the occupancy of "High Bridge Hotel."

Referred to Commissioner Fields to report on to the Board.

From Dr. S. W. Francis, presenting several birds and animals.

Ordered filed.

From Mr. Bacharach, relative to patent urinal.

Commissioner SWEENEY moved that the petition of Mr. Bacharach be granted, so far as to allow him to erect one of his patent urinals on the Battery, as an experiment.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

From C. H. Tucker, relative to expense incurred in changing line of track in Circle.

Laid on the table.

From D. C. Stam, relative to placing alabaster columns, from Knox Cave, Missouri, in Central Park.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From Joseph N. Aronson, relative to patent lamp.

Ordered filed.

From Roger J. Brennan, desiring an appointment as keeper.

Ordered filed.

From S. S. Jenkins, desiring appointment as Assistant Engineer.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

From Thomas Garoh, desiring appointment as gate-keeper.

Ordered filed.

From S. A. Holmes, desiring permission to photograph views in Central Park.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From Robert P. Noah, presenting a pair of Quatea.

Ordered filed.

From John Meehan, Assistant Engineer Department of Docks, relative to sketch of contemplated site of boat-basin at Battery.

Ordered filed.

From Colonel De L. Floyd Jones, presenting a buffalo calf.

Ordered filed.

From E. W. Perry, Jr., relative to Sunday concerts in city parks.

Ordered filed.

From Edward C. Marshall, relative to signs in arbors in Central Park.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner SWEENEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the ordinances, rules, and regulations of the public squares and places in the city of New York be published in the papers designated as corporation papers, according to law.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

A communication was received from Arthur Beckwith, relative to bridle-path in Central Park.

Ordered filed.

From R. G. Farmer, relative to placing lamps at park foot of Canal street.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said communication be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

From Hon. William M. Tweed, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to repairs required at Harlem Bridge. Whereupon the Treasurer reported that immediately upon the receipt of the communication an engineer was sent to the bridge with instructions to make a careful examination of the repairs necessary. Upon the day following a report was made, and upon the day following the report the repairs were in progress.

From B. F. Crane, Superintendent of Central Park, stating that upon examination of the gondola at Central Park it was found that the frame-work had completely rotted away, and that it would cost more to repair it than to build a new gondola.

Ordered filed.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, presented the following report :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of their doings and proceedings under the resolution of the Department, adopted May 3, 1870 ; also as to matters referred to them from time to time.

At a meeting of your Committee on May 6, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That a Casino be erected upon Central Park, with drives and pathways around the same.

That such Casino be located on the easterly side of the Park, nearly opposite Eighty-second street, and the plans therefor, now presented, be approved and adopted.

The building to be of iron, glass, etc., and the interior fitted for use as a public restaurant, and for the sale of ices, creams, etc.

The work to be proceeded with immediately.

Ordered, That Madison square be forthwith laid out and improved upon the plans now presented and adopted.

That Fifth avenue be widened by including within it a portion of the westerly side of the square, as shown upon the plan.

Also, that the sidewalk around the Worth monument be reduced as shown.

Further, that two circles, or resting-places, be established on Fifth avenue, as widened, near the centre of the roadway at Twenty-third street and Twenty-fifth street, and a large lamp be placed in each of such circles.

Ordered, That two fountains, each twenty-nine feet in diameter, be placed in Madison square, as improved, and at the points indicated on the plan thereof.

Also, that a cottage for the exclusive use of ladies and children be placed in such square, to which shall be attached a female attendant, and a park-keeper shall be at all times detailed for duty near such cottage to protect the same.

Ordered, That Union square be laid out and improved, upon the plan now presented and adopted.

Also, that a cottage for the exclusive use of ladies and children be placed in such square, to be under the care and charge of a female attendant.

A park-keeper shall be detailed for duty at all times near to such cottage, to protect the same.

At a meeting on May 13, a diagram, showing the property on Fifth avenue, between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fifth streets, and the names of the owners thereof, together with the written assent of said owners to the plans of buildings proposed to be erected by H. N. Trask at that place, was received and ordered on file.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, H. N. Trask is now erecting five buildings on the Fifth avenue, at the corner of Eighty-fourth street, and he desires to construct bay-windows thereto, according to plans submitted for the approval and consent of this Department; and

Whereas, All the owners of the residue of the land fronting on the avenue, between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fifth streets, have, in writing, approved of such plans, and consented, in writing, to the bay-windows, etc., being constructed in conformity therewith ; therefore

Ordered, That this Department consents to the erection of such buildings with said bay-windows, and also to the stoops and area railings attached to such buildings, in conformity with the plans thereof now presented and certified by the President.

The following resolution was also adopted :

Resolved, That pursuant to the request of owners of property on and around Union Square, the railing, granite posts, and coping attached, and now inclosing such square, be removed, and that the same be sold at public auction on the ground by and under the direction of the Treasurer.

At a meeting on May 15, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That C. S. Grafulla be engaged to furnish a band of the best musicians, to be styled the "Central Park Band," at ten dollars for the leader and five dollars for each musician, it being understood that no compensation is to be made should the weather prove stormy, and that the musical entertainments, com

mencing at the Central Park on Saturday the 20th instant, be given as follows :

Mount Morris Park, thirty pieces, Mondays, 6 to 8 P.M.

Tompkins Square, thirty pieces, Tuesdays, 6 to 8 P.M.

Madison Square, thirty pieces, Thursdays, 6 to 8 P.M.

Battery Park, thirty pieces, Fridays, 6 to 8 P.M.

Central Park, forty pieces, Saturdays, 3.30 to 6 P.M.

At a meeting on May 26, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The fountain on the Esplanade at Central Park should be completed as soon as practicable, and to this end it is desirable that the stone, seventeen feet in diameter, already quarried therefor by J. G. Batterson, after a series of failures extending over several years past, be utilized, if possible ; therefore,

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The following resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, That for the purpose of equalizing the salaries of the various employés of the Department, the whole subject of salaries be referred to the President, with power.

Resolved, That the Washington Square railing be transferred to Manhattan Square instead of Reservoir Square, and that Madison Park railing be removed to the latter square.

Resolved, That the granite posts and coping around Tompkins Square be forthwith cleaned, under the direction of the Treasurer ; and also, that the cleaning of the various stone structures

under the care of this Department be referred to him, with power.

Resolved, That the subject of earth-closets upon Central Park, in lieu of the present cottages, where the drainage is insufficient, or where they are connected with the lakes upon Central Park, be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That the westerly side of Central Park, and the various transverse and other roads, be adapted to the present grade of Eighth avenue, according to the report and plans of the Engineer-in-chief, subject to such modifications as the Treasurer shall direct.

Resolved, That the easterly side of the upper portion of Central Park be adapted to the grade of Fifth avenue, and that the subject be referred to the Engineer-in-chief and the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to fit up for use the building called the Dairy with such furniture as shall be deemed essential to make the place attractive as a resort for visitors to Central Park; also, that he may make such regulations respecting the manner of keeping the same as shall be considered expedient.

Also, that a new foot-path be made, connecting the Dairy with the main drive.

Resolved, That a shed or building be erected at some secluded place on the lake at Central Park, for storing boats and boat furniture.

Resolved, That arrangements be made for placing a clock in the tower of the Belvedere building on Central Park, the subject being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

At a meeting on May 13 the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the several public squares and places under the control of this Department.

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized, from to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

At a meeting on June 6, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a public place or triangle be laid out and established at the junction of East Broadway and Grand street, according to the map thereof prepared by Messrs. Ewen, Surveyors, and that the Engineer-in-chief forthwith proceed therewith, under the direction of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the President and Treasurer be appointed a Special Committee on the subject of the buildings for Museums of Art and Natural History, to be located on Manhattan square, to confer with any committees from the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History, and also the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The whole subject being referred to them with power.

At a meeting on June 9, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 393 of the Laws of 1870, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the amount of moneys appropriated for the maintenance of the Central Park, parks, and places, and other works under the control of the Department.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank 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 improving the Central Park.

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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Boulevard, from Fifty-ninth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be fur-

nished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem River.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697, Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Avenue St. Nicholas.

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee, as reported in this their report of this day, be and they are hereby approved and adopted as the action of the Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

HENRY HILTON, } *Executive*
THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated, New York, June 10, 1871.

Commissioner FIELDS moved the adoption of the resolution as recommended.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb.....	\$28,910 00
Charles Guidet, pavement.....	23,085 00
S. H. Ingersoll, pavement.....	8,070 00
John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work.....	3,536 00
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work..	3,332 00
David Babcock, sea-wall and piles.....	2,605 00
Tredwell, Jarman & Slote, uniforms.....	2,462 00
Irah Chase, lamp posts.....	2,275 00
Charles Reiche & Bro., birds and animals...	1,309 00
Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel.....	973 24
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	530 56
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	523 99
James Slattery, stone.....	327 96
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, tools.....	306 50
William H. Gray, harness, etc.....	289 40

Bill of J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	\$241 91
A. Cooper & Lauferswiler, flower-pots.....	231 50
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	194 70
Salamander Works, pipe.....	190 00
Murphy & Nesbit, brick and sand.....	131 80
Post, Vermilye & Co., spittoons.....	108 00
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	92 80
Bennett & Davidson, plants.....	90 85
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	75 75
Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	59 94
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	59 00
J. Della Torre, rope.....	37 00
James Flynn, damages.....	24 40
James L. Jackson & Bro., castings.....	22 35
C. T. Raynolds & Co., oil and brushes.....	10 85
Schillinger Artificial Stone Co., pavement...	8,500 00
Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel.....	2,053 31
Hugh McLaughlan, sand.....	957 54
National Steamship Co., freight.....	45 17
William B. Whiteman, damages.....	9 00
The Sun, advertising.....	3 20
George S. Greene, Jr., surveying and maps..	3,670 40
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, chain and hose.....	890 80
World Company, advertising.....	7 20
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	67 20
S. H. Ingersoll, pavement.....	6,027 25
C. V. Hough, filling and stone.....	10,325 92
D. E. Culver, broken trap-rock.....	7,087 71
F. K. Field, granite coping.....	4,500 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb.....	4,230 56
J. H. Midmer, stone.....	3,551 84
William Rumble, surveys and maps.....	2,539 20

Bill of A. D. Ewen, surveys, etc.....	\$2,099	33
Composite Iron Works Co., lamp brackets...	1,845	00
William Cartwright, vegetables.....	22	10
Salamander Works, pipe.....	20	00
James Prentice, plumb-bobs.....	18	00
John J. Reimer & Co., door-mats and brooms	12	50
James R. Royce, bags.....	12	00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	11	50
John P. Jube & Co., wheels.....	10	40
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	8	85
Bloss Brothers & Cogswell, advertising.....	8	25
N. Schainwald & Son, haberdashery.....	8	00
William O. Labagh, salt.....	3	25
New York Tribune, advertising.....	2	40
Allison & Kennaday, twine.....	2	34
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue, super- structure.....	25,200	00
J. H. Sullivan, Sixth avenue, superstructure..	11,115	00
Day's Vulcanized Concrete Co., pavement...	11,000	00
J. D. Minor, filling.....	3,600	00
John S. Masterson, stone.....	2,534	88
Murphy & Nesbit, brick and cement.....	2,139	60
Thomas J. Hinch, mould.....	1,654	00
Slote & James, stationery.....	342	59
Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	288	49
Tomes, Melvain & Co., police badges.....	264	00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	257	13
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone.....	241	52
Thomas Crimmins & Son, mould.....	178	20
W. L. Fisher, plants.....	178	05
J. W. Bartlett, lamps and brackets.....	1,822	00
A. Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	1,546	50
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	1,264	42

Bill of Tenth National Bank, interest.....	\$713 28
Cook & Chesebrough, Park wall.....	693 75
Patrick Dunnican, unloading stone.....	671 81
Theodore F. Tone, coal and unloading stone..	898 69
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	464 85
W. V. Crissey & Co., paints, oils, etc.....	306 51
Talcott & Scallon, oats and feed.....	263 75
William Rumble, interest.....	250 31
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	240 50
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	170 55
Post, Vermilye & Co., rubber clothing.....	130 00
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	125 10
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	121 30
Edwin R. Bertine, ensigns.....	118 50
A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	114 56
James Murtaugh, dumb-waiter.....	100 00
William H. Gray, harness, etc.....	96 00
Mealio & Co., cleaning hats.....	91 00
Owen McCabe, bread.....	69 23
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	68 40
James G. Dimond, repairing railing.....	48 26
James L. Jackson & Bro., brackets for harness	45 00
James Duffy, milk.....	44 50
New York Gas-light Company, gas.....	27 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	130 60
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	94 77
William H. Gray, harness, etc.....	73 00
William T. De Forrest, oil.....	63 00
W. H. Grant, expenses.....	61 48
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, hose.....	50 00
W. C. Wilson, plants.....	32 70
Salamander Works, pipe.....	20 15

Bill of John Harden, instruments	\$19 00
J. Nason & Co., iron crooks.....	18 15
J. Della Torre & Co., rope.....	15 91
H. A. Rogers & Co., couplings.....	13 50
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	12 77
William Carr, car fare	11 31
N. Schainwald & Son, silk.....	6 75
E. W. Bullinger, "Counting House Monitor"	6 00
John J. Budd, putty.....	6 00
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials	5 70
New York Times, advertising.....	4 80
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	244 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Company, curb.....	236 25
Total.....	<u>\$209,311 79</u>

Dated June 10, 1871.

THOS. C. FIELDS, HENRY HILTON, PETER B. SWEENY, President <i>ex officio</i> ,	}	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>
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Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the subject of repairing the Bloomingdale road where required between Eighty-fourth street and One Hun-

dred and Fifty-fifth street, and the making of temporary connections with intersecting streets where interfered with by the Boulevard work, be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, at two o'clock the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioner HILTON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT.

Clerk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioners HILTON and FIELDS.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

No members being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

No members being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

No members being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

No members being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

No members being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

No members being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioners HILTON and FIELDS.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioner HILTON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT.

Clerk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields.

The minutes of the previous meetings of June 10, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and September 5 were read and approved.

The following communications were received, and having been acknowledged, were ordered filed :

From workmen, for increase of pay.

From W. E. Morris, donating two black bear cubs.

From George L. Cannon, presenting peacock.

From D. H. Olmsted, presenting photographs.

From Rear-Admiral B. F. Sands, Superintendent U. S. Naval Observatory, transmitting copy of astronomical and meteorological observations.

From Arthur Hughs, presenting iguana.

From Thomas D. Winchester, presenting alligator.

From William Krohne, presenting coatimundi.

From J. W. Alsop, presenting collie pups.

From Colonel D. L. Floyd Jones, presenting two wolves.

From Edward F. Lupton, presenting a macaw.

From M. A. Duff, offering to sell a star of the Legion of Honor.

From the Commissioners of Emigration, transmitting resolution of thanks for beautifying the Battery.

From George W. Oakely, relative to increase of pay.

From Thomas Nolen and others, asking the appointment of Louis Stock as park-keeper.

From William Joyce and others, asking the appointment of John Rainer as clerk.

From Richard A. Storrs, Deputy Comptroller, transmitting preamble and resolution adopted by the Board of Apportionment.

From M. O. Davidson, relative to railroad crossings in Westchester.

From S. R. Graves, relative to importing sheep.

From W. G. Wood and others, relative to the completion of Seventh avenue.

From H. F. Spalding, relative to railroad crossings in Westchester.

From J. O. Belknap, desiring to erect fountains in city parks.

From W. B. Dubois, relative to lightning rods.

From stonebreakers, for increase of pay.

From E. J. Peck, relative to bee culture.

From W. J. Allen, relative to goat carriages.

From Commissioners for the Improvement of Highway between Yonkers and Kingsbridge, relative to crossing at Spuyten Duyvil and Port Morris Railroad.

Laid on the table.

From Hon. William M. Tweed, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to legally opening One Hundred and Twenty-second street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Whereupon, on motion of Commissioner SWEENEY, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks be authorized, on behalf of this Department, to carry into execution by contract or otherwise, as allowed by law, the regulating, grading, etc., of that portion of One Hundred and Twenty-second street lying between the Sixth and Seventh avenues.

From School Trustees in Twelfth Ward, asking that One Hundred and Eighty-second street be opened.

Referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report.

From property owners on Inwood street.

Referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report.

From New Yorker Demokrat, transmitting bill for advertising.

Laid on the table.

From property owners on Seventh avenue, relative to completion of same.

X Whereupon Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the roadway of Seventh avenue be completed with a Telford McAdam pavement its entire width, similar to Sixth avenue, the centre line of trees, as originally proposed for the roadway, being omitted.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

X From Captain N. R. Mills, relative to force, and disposition of the same.

Commissioner HILTON moved that the same be printed as a document, and referred to the Executive 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

(See Document No. 26.)

From John G. Perzel, for permission to sell candy on the Central Park.

Laid on the table.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer-in-Chief, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street.

Whereupon Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it expedient for the public interest to acquire title for the use of the public to all those parts of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street lying between the Seventh avenue and the new avenue, parallel to, and distant westerly from the easterly side of the Eighth avenue two hundred and eighty-nine $\frac{625}{1000}$ feet, and that the President take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks to acquire title to all the lands included in the lines of said One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street lying between the aforesaid avenues, and to sign on behalf of the Department of Public Parks, 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 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

From Henry Mehles and others, of the town of West Farms, in reference to opening Worth avenue, and a report from W. H. Grant, Engineer, in reference to the same.

Commissioner HILTON moved that it be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

From Stoker, Taylor & Co., relative to Asphalt Pavements.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From M. O. Davidson, proposing to make surveys in Westchester county, and a report from Mr. W. H. Grant, Engineer, relative to same.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From Mrs. M. Rodgers, relative to damage to her house on the Boulevard.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

From H. P. & W. F. Neibuhr, for permission to place watering-trough in front of their premises.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

From Daniel F. Tieman, for permission to erect stone wall in front of his premises on Manhattan street.

Whereupon, Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That permission be granted to Daniel F. Tieman to construct a stone area wall in front of his property, on Manhattan street, commencing about one hundred and sixty feet west of the line of Eleventh avenue, and extending along said Manhattan street, about four hundred and ten feet, to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street. Said wall may be constructed so as to afford an area, in front of said property, of not exceeding five feet. But upon condition, however, that the same be built in such manner as the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department shall approve, and upon the further condition that the same shall only be permitted to remain during the pleasure of this Department.

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

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

The TREASURER presented a communication from Superintendent of Central Park, respecting the paralyzed grizzly bear complained of by anonymous writers in the newspapers ; and stated that it appears that there is no real cause for the complaint. That the large grizzly being very tame and playful, occasionally wants to play more than the one that is paralyzed desires to, and consequently when the latter is urged to play against his will, answers by growls, which a few timid people consider horrible.

A report was received from Julius Munckwitz, relative to examination of stone for fountain basin.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be entered at length on the minutes.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 BROADWAY, }
May 15, 1871. }

HON. HENRY HILTON,

Vice-President Department of Public Parks :

SIR—At your request I visited the granite quarry of Mr. Batterson at Westerly, Conn., and examined the granite block intended for the large basin to terrace fountain at the Central Park. The block measured in the rough seventeen feet in diameter, and is of the requisite thickness; on one side it had a flaw which was taken out, and which will reduce the stone to sixteen feet when finished, instead of seventeen feet, as required by the drawings.

It being uncertain at what time another stone of those dimensions can be quarried out again, and it being desirable to have the fountain finished, I would advise to flatten the curve line of basin and to extend the lower mouldings of bronze work further down as indicated on drawing; by which means the basin will retain its size and the work of finishing the job can be proceeded

with immediately; the stone is otherwise sound and perfect in color, without any flaws whatever, and I think it quite difficult to find another stone of those dimensions without any defects.

Respectfully,

JULIUS MUNCKWITZ,
Superintending Architect, Department of Public Parks.

From Charles E. Bradley, calling attention to deed of bravery of Officer Kelly at Central Park.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

From Mrs. W. J. Hubbard, relative to purchase of Houdon's Statue of Washington.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

From Duggin & Crossman, for permission to erect bay-window on house at north-east corner of Park avenue and Thirty-eighth street.

Laid on the table.

From John C. Draper, Professor of Natural History, relative to Museum of Comparative Anatomy.

Commissioner HILTON moved that the same be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

A report was received from M. A. Kellogg, Engineer-in-Chief, relative to the Battery wall.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report 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 determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

(See Document No. 27.)

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of C. A. Harrington, broken stone.....	\$7,293 40
D. E. Culver	
Fisk Pavement Company, pavement	3,647 47
Peekskill Gravel Company, gravel	3,599 40

Bill of Stoker, Taylor & Co., urinals.....	\$3,032 38
Thomas Handibode, filling.....	2,800 00
Dimond Bros., iron work.....	2,334 25
George S. Greene, Jr., surveys and maps ..	1,911 76
Henry Parry, granite panels.....	1,000 00
Composite Iron Works Company, window guards and tables.....	1,065 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	901 18
Janes & Kirtland, urinals.....	629 02
Thomas & J. D. Crimmins, manure.....	428 75
Bigelow Blue-stone Company, curb.....	420 75
Murphy and Nesbit, building materials....	376 00
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, hose, etc.....	358 00
C. T. Reynolds & Co., white lead.....	265 50
P. C. Coffin, hardware.....	233 09
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc....	232 44
Janes & Kirtland, elevator.....	250 00
J. T. & J. B. Smith, mason work.....	229 98
P. Van Gieson, sprinklers.....	204 00
W. C. Wilson, plants.....	145 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Company, gas.....	141 40
United States Express Company, freight...	105 00
Townsend & Co., coal.....	100 00
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	96 29
J. J. Riceman, carpentry.....	91 96
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	84 90
Salamander Works, pipe.....	83 00
Smith & Buller, badges.....	79 50
J. F. Werner, tide indicator.....	78 50
Talcott & Scallon, meal and feed.....	63 00
Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company, knobs.....	63 00

Bill of W. L. Fischer, plants.....	\$62 75
A. T. Briggs, casks.....	60 00
James Prentice, instrument.....	56 00
Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	41 87
Bradley & Smith, brooms and brushes....	41 50
Rocky Mountain Vermilion Paint Company, paints.....	39 96
Thomas Bourke, boat.....	27 00
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	32 60
C. B. Van Dyke, chairs.....	24 00
Toures, Melrain & Co., whistles.....	24 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	23 28
William H. Gray, horse sheets.....	18 50
Richardson & Gould, plants.....	15 58
Journal of Commerce, subscription.....	15 00
Williams & Guion, interest on invoice rollers	14 43
George Such, plants.....	12 54
Bigelow Blue-stone Company, curb and flag- ging.....	37,510 00
Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, pave- ment.....	12,320 00
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	1,758 48
John S. Masterson, stone.....	1,271 36
New York Printing Company, printing...	951 79
Talcott & Scallon, oats and hay.....	619 55
Bigelow Blue-stone Company, curb.....	548 64
Vanderbilt Brothers, seed.....	551 81
Lorenz & Wiegand, plants.....	309 35
J. Della Torre & Company, safe, etc.....	151 23
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	132 83
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	101 08
William H. Gray, harness.....	100 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	98 70

Bill of Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	\$90 00
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	83 80
William V. Crissey & Co., oil, drugs, etc ..	76 63
Harlem Gas-light Company, gas	74 20
C. T. Reynolds & Co., white lead and gold leaf.....	65 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	54 15
Walter R. Wood & Co, Ohio stone.....	54 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	53 00
William Rumble, instrument	50 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	49 20
James Cumings, castings.. ..	43 58
Salamander Works, pipe.....	42 00
John J. Remier & Co., brooms.....	13 50
A. Lumley, worsted.....	12 50
Landers, Tracy & Clark, mower-parts.....	10 61
Frazer Lubricator Co., axle-grease.....	9 00
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	6 50
J. W. Tyler, putting up awning.....	6 00
R. H. Allen & Co., Canada peas.....	5 50
John P. Jube & Co., wagon materials.....	4 81
Insurance and Real Estate Journal, sub- scription.....	3 00
Evening Post, advertising.....	2 70
World Company, advertising.....	2 40
James M. Russell, powder and fuse.....	750 00
Thomas C. Cornell, surveys and maps.....	6,515 46
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	3,390 00
A. Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	1,021 12
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	55 12
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	66 20
Benoit & Wood, tracing cloth.....	18 75
Scharf Pavement Co., pavement.....	13,502 65

Bill of James L. Jackson & Brother, iron work...	\$492 92
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	644 06
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, chain.....	776 36
W. L. Fischer, plants.....	18 00
Piersons & Co, iron.....	32 75
Matteo Douadi, plants.....	48 50
Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel.....	5,529 68
Kretschman Brothers, plants.....	20 25
Munn & Company, advertising.....	24 00
Patent Water & Gas-pipe Co., pipe.....	17 55
Knickerbocker Ice Company, ice.....	15 29
Colgate & Company, soap.....	13 50
Charles Reich & Bro., bird food.....	9 00
Post, Vermilye & Company, horse cover...	7 50
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	7 28
Allison & Kennaday, cord.....	6 15
J. H. Sullivan & Company, Seventh avenue work.....	9,653 00
David Babcock, sea-wall and basin.....	6,547 50
John P. Canning, Jr., avenue St. Nicholas work.....	7,376 00
D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	3,811 04
Thomas J. Hinch, manure and filling.....	3,313 24
Bigelow Blue-stone Company, stone for bridge.....	3,000 00
James C. Hoe & Company, lumber.....	2,875 16
James C. Hoe & Company, lumber.....	2,212 00
Thomas Cummins, grading Seventh avenue.	1,207 50
Henry Parry, granite panels.....	1,000 00
Patrick Dunnican, unloading stone.....	600 00
D. J. Tyson, Jr., vegetables.....	505 35
Murphy & Nesbit, brick.....	481 00

Bill of C. T. Reynolds & Company, paint, brushes, and oil.....	\$361 89
New York Star, advertising.....	309 60
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	192 28
World Company, advertising.....	189 90
Vanderbilt Bros., seeds.....	185 00
James C. Hoe & Company, lumber.....	156 94
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, oils, etc.	138 40
Fisher & Bird, marble slab.....	125 00
Sanderson, Bros. & Co., steel.....	125 71
James M. Thorburn & Co., flower stakes...	274 00
The Sun, advertising.....	267 60
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	266 80
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	252 36
Tredwell, Jannan & Slote, uniforms.....	228 00
James L. Jackson & Bro., bird houses.....	94 01
Townsend & Co., coal.....	90 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	68 00
George M. Van Nort, papers and postage..	39 60
R. Buist, Sr., plants.....	37 40
J. Della Torre & Co., rope.....	29 11
W. C. Wilson, plants.....	28 75
John P. Jube & Co., carriage materials....	28 00
Daniel Howell, trucking.....	25 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes and chamois skin	24 00
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	21 25
James S. Barron & Co., pails and baskets..	13 00
Richardson & Gould, plants.....	12 92
A. T. Stewart & Co., muslin.....	12 56
H. A. Rogers & Co., cotton waste.....	12 50
Combination Rubber Co., rubber cloth....	12 32
Daily Patriot, subscription.....	10 00

Bill of E. Treadwell's Son, biscuit.....	\$2 60
Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....	2 15
John J. Remier & Co., brooms.....	2 13
Lalance & Grosjean Manufacturing Co., cups.....	1 25
Landers, Frary & Clark, mowers.....	120 00
A. Damahaut, expenses.....	129 99
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	13 80
Tenth National Bank, interest.....	53 24
J. H. Sullivan, Sixth avenue superstructure	13,514 04
J. H. Sullivan, Sixth avenue percentage...	7,000 00
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, chain.....	671 89
James Slattery, manure.....	232 19
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	219 60
Owen McCabe, bread.....	75 00
James Duffy, milk.....	30 00
 Total.....	 \$195,412 85

Dated New York, July 11, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON. } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Isaac H. Dahlman, horses.....	\$5,925 00
Peekskill Gravel Company, gravel.....	4,241 40
J. H. Midmer, broken stone.....	3,860 67
Murphy & Irwin, brick and cement.....	2,140 60
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	1,407 07
Theodore F. Tone, unloading stone.....	1,156 23
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	714 17
Charles Reiche & Bro., birds and animals..	672 00
Bigelow Blue-stone Company, granacke stone.....	449 32
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	417 30
Metropolitan Record, advertising.....	202 50
John L. Kipp, carts.....	169 00
New York Tribune, advertising.....	148 50
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	139 84
A. Dumahant, expenses.....	129 99
Sanderson Brothers & Co., steel.....	122 53
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	84 40
H. Vanselor and E. Droste. deer.....	70 00
William H. Grant, expenses.....	61 52
George Such, plants.....	54 90
William Cartwright, vegetables and eggs..	51 70
P. R. Barnes, plants.....	51 50
William V. Crissey & Co., drug, oils, etc...	45 32
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	26 45
A. T. Briggs, casks.....	24 00

Bill of Composite Iron Works Company, jets and marble paint.....	\$21 27
John W. Orr, boxwood blocks.....	18 00
James S. Barron & Co., brooms and pails..	17 50
Adams Express Company, freight.....	16 00
Livingston, Fox & Co., freight	10 00
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	6 88
John J. Budd, putty.....	6 00
A. Imhoff, hardware.....	5 72
J. Della Torre & Co., blocks.....	2 25
Wotherspoon Brothers, plaster.....	2 15
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	1,781 94
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue pave- ment.....	19,215 00
Scharf Pavement Company, pavement....	8,753 78
Thomas & J. D. Crimmins, mould.....	2,149 92
James Slattery, sand.....	1,500 00
Kunhardt & Co., freight.....	734 44
A. L. Bliss & Co., cleaning posts and coping.	726 92
A. T. Stewart & Co., exchange.....	58 27
F. K. Field, granite coping.....	6,187 50
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., curb.....	3,348 52
Irah Chase, lamp-posts.....	7,600 00
Schillinger Artificial Stone Co., pavement.	5,720 00
C. A. Harrington, broken stone.....	3,920 34
D. E. Culver, broken stone	3,900 72
John H. Midmer, broken stone.....	3,860 67
Composite Iron Works Co., tree guards....	2,000 00
W. W. Burnham, plants.....	1,862 22
Murphy & Nesbit, brick and cement.....	1,392 45
Walton's Lantern and Manuf. Works, pipe.	950 02
Babcock, Brainerd & Co., granite	864 78
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber	700 44

Bill of Talcott & Scallon, hay and feed.....	\$689 89
James L. Jackson & Bro., railings, etc....	662 00
Owen Teague, manure.....	316 46
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	255 35
Thomas & J. D. Crimmins, mould.....	240 00
C. T. Reynolds & Co., white lead.....	230 00
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	229 26
W. W. Burnham, plants.....	206 75
A. T. Stewart & Co., shades and coat lining.	195 34
Irish citizen, advertising.....	165 75
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	163 74
Piersons & Co., iron.....	141 90
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., gas.....	135 45
Sunday Times and Messenger, advertising.	129 60
Daniel Howell, trucking.....	123 50
B. L. Solomon & Sons, chairs.....	120 00
Rockwood & Co., photographs.....	111 50
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	106 40
Devlin & Co., uniforms.....	85 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	80 70
Combination Rubber Co., hose.....	80 00
William H. Gray, fly nets.....	77 00
Isaac Buchanan, plants.....	63 50
J. Della Torre & Co., blocks, bunting, etc..	56 42
Sprague & Co., caps.....	50 00
James M. Russell, fuse.....	50 00
George Such, plants.....	49 10
D. Van Nostrand, architectural works.....	42 80
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	32 00
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	31 26
Jacob S. Carter, damages.....	27 25
Gabriel Marc, plants.....	25 00
W. C. Wilson, plants.....	24 60

Bill of A. Sylvester Taylor, Jr., birds.....	\$15 00
James Prentice, repairing instruments.....	15 00
William O. Labagh, salt.....	14 70
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	12 29
Charles Reiche & Bro., bird food.....	9 00
World Company, advertising.....	7 20
Vanderbilt Brothers, seeds.....	6 00
George H. Kitchen & Co., spittoons.....	5 25
James S. Barrow & Co., brooms.....	4 50
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	4 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	4 00
Wotherspoon Brothers, plaster.....	2 15
Matteo Donadi, plants.....	12 00
F. W. Christern, books.....	65
Total.....	\$104,808 85

Dated New York, July 25, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Francis Dugan, roofing.....	\$1,478 27
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	4,154 00
Composite Iron Works Company, tree guards and stands.....	4,134 50
Henry Wagner, filling.....	3,683 71
Murphy & Nesbit, bricks and cement.....	2,077 60
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	1,129 95
M. Bartlett, animals.....	1,550 00
Anthony Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	1,101 99
James Slattery, sand.....	750 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	630 17
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	603 65
Talcott & Scallon, hay and oats.....	437 23
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	190 31
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	166 86
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Compa- ny, barrow trays, etc.....	139 65
Babcock, Brainerd & Co., granite caps.....	137 13
Salamander Works, pipe.....	125 00
Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel.....	114 99
G. Noble, Jr., birds and animals.....	97 50
Piersons & Co., iron.....	85 32
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	79 16
Robert Jardine, filling.....	60 27
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	13 10
Argus Company, subscription.....	10 00
Archer & Panoast Manufacturing Co., lan- terns.....	50 00
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	39 50
William H. Gray, fly-nets.....	22 00

Bill of John P. Jube & Co., shafts and bolts.....	\$18 88
James S. Barrow & Co., brooms.....	18 38
John J. Budd, putty.....	6 00
Vanderbilt Brothers, seed.....	5 40
J. Becker, frame.....	2 25
N. Schamwald & Son, thread.....	1 55
Joseph Rowe, caulking bridge.....	7 00
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., curb.....	11,725 00
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., curb.....	8,300 00
F. Von Muller, figures for fountain.....	6,614 33
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., curb.....	6,494 50
William Rumble, surveys and maps.....	3,511 28
✓ John P. Cummings, Jr., grading Avenue St. Nicholas.....	3,160 00
John P. Cummings, Jr., percentage.....	3,000 00
J. C. Hoe & Co., cases at Museum.....	3,000 00
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., curb.....	2,300 00
C. H. Riley, filling.....	2,295 56
F. K. Field, granite coping.....	1,912 50
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	1,616 76
J. W. Bartlett, lamps.....	1,535 75
John P. Cummings, Jr., filling.....	1,344 00
J. C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	1,106 52
J. C. Hoe & Co., account cottage at Battery...	1,000 00
P. Dunnican, broken stone.....	602 63
Composite Iron Works Co., tree guards.....	480 00
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	381 00
Charles Ammann, plants.....	241 86
C. T. Reynolds & Co., painters' tools, etc....	233 08
Talcott & Scallon, oats and meal.....	175 50
William V. Crissey & Co., paints.....	170 28
H. N. Swift, mower parts.....	166 00
Murphy & Nesbit, bricks.....	157 67

Bill of Tredwell, Jarman & Slote, uniforms.....	\$152 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	149 20
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	123 71
Salamander Works, pipe.....	117 10
New Yorker Staats Zeitung, advertising.....	109 80
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	91 65
James M. Thorburn & Co., plant labels and seed.....	82 75
Sanderson Brothers & Co., steel.....	76 37
Vanderbilt Brothers, seed.....	61 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	55 20
James Prentice, instruments.....	48 50
W. C. Wilson, plants.....	41 20
Combination Rubber Co., rubber goods.....	40 33
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	33 53
J. Della Torre & Co., rope, oars, etc.....	32 12
Joseph Nason & Co., pipe.....	30 29
A. T. Stewart & Co., muslin.....	27 16
H. A. Rogers & Co., hardware.....	27 00
J. W. Van Dewater, chairs.....	21 00
William H. Gray, repairing wagon.....	21 00
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	18 60
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	6 46
George H. Kitchen & Co., spittoons.....	5 25
J. Becker, frame.....	1 50
Total.....	<u>\$86,018 26</u>

Dated New York, August 1, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and ordered on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following report, which was ordered entered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Thomas Handibode, filling	\$1,900 00
Cook & Cheesebrough, Ohio stone	1,589 92
Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel	670 54
Scharf Pavement Co., pavement	265 32
Antony Imhoff, repairing bridge	921 69
Marvin & Co., rent	2,000 00
Thomas Murphy, filling	1,797 60
New York Printing Company, printing	703 19
Paul C. Coffin, hardware	653 68
H. A. Rogers & Co., springs	563 00
James C. Noe & Co., lumber	439 30
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., curb and gutter-stone	329 50
William V. Crissey & Co., oil, putty, and paints	313 45
Talcott & Scallon, oats and feed	291 75
Composite Iron Works Co., tree guards	291 75
Frank Hochrein, meat	260 28
C. T. Reynolds & Co., paint and white lead	247 70
Sanderson Brothers & Co., steel	206 12
Dimond Brothers, iron work	205 55
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings	170 36

Bill of William H. Gray, harness.....	\$160 80
P. Van Gieson, sprinklers.....	144 00
J. Della Torre & Co., rope and blocks.....	131 26
Lorenz & Wiegand, plants.....	125 85
Salamander Works, pipe.....	125 00
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	123 74
A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	120 98
E. H. Reeves & Co., mowing machines.....	100 00
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	84 02
Owen McCabe, bread.....	64 68
Andrew Smith, tools, etc.....	49 80
William Gibson, hard lumber.....	41 91
Matteo Donadi, plants.....	32 00
Daniel Draper, small articles for meteorologi- cal department.....	25 90
Combination Rubber Co., rubber goods.....	23 90
William Cartwright, vegetables.....	22 16
James Dobbin, horse-shoe nails.....	16 20
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	15 50
James Duffy, milk.....	15 50
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	12 60
James S. Barron & Co., brooms.....	12 50
James Prentice, steel tape.....	10 00
Mrs. Dubois, plants.....	7 50
A. T. Briggs, cask.....	4 00
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	<u>\$15,290 50</u>

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Dated New York, August 8, 1871.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and ordered on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Day's Vulcanized Concrete Company, pavement.....	\$17,600 00
Charles Guidet, pavement.....	12,431 82
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue pavement.....	9,135 00
C. V. Hough, filling.....	4,500 00
F. K. Field, piers for conservatory.....	4,300 00
Bell Brothers, locust posts.....	3,000 00
David Babcock, piles.....	2,500 00
Henry Wagner, filling.....	2,250 00
Peekskill Gravel Company, gravel.....	2,017 83
James C. Hoe & Co., cases in Museum....	2,000 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	1,747 70
Marvin & Co., safe.....	1,200 00
James Prentice, instruments..	407 00
Janes & Kirtland, urinals.....	326 04
James L. Jackson & Bro., ironwork.....	297 00
Hojer & Graham, signs.....	111 60
W. H. Grant, expenses.....	75 55

Bill of Michael Burke, use of boat.....	\$27 50
George C. Marshall, Evening Post.....	15 00
J. H. Sullivan, Sixth avenue and One Hundred and Forty-fifth street work.....	25,788 16
Bigelow Blue-stone Company, curb and basin head.....	6,862 26
Composite Iron Works Company, waiting houses and settees.....	4,721 50
Peekskill Gravel Company, gravel.....	4,295 41
+ J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work.....	3,220 00
D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	2,385 85
Murphy & Nesbit, brick and cement.....	2,773 35
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	2,580 00
Thomas Murphy, filling.....	1,797 60
Thomas J. Hinch, filling.....	1,350 00
Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work..	1,312 50
James C. Hoe & Co., stairway, etc.....	1,280 00
W. Westerfield, sprinkling wagons.....	1,140 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	1,130 41
H. A. Rogers & Co., plumbers' ware.....	1,093 59
Bigelow Blue-stone Company, curb.....	986 11
New York Printing Company, printing....	787 17
R. A. Brick & Co., pipe.....	726 30
L. M. Grenell, scroll sawing.....	505 80
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	406 26
S. H. Ingersoll, pavement.....	331 90
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	303 57
Salamander Works, pipe.....	275 00
James Prentice, instruments.....	224 00
Pinchot, Bruen & Hobart, oil and paints...	217 21
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	214 34
Talcott & Scallon, oats.....	170 00
T. P. Howell & Co., tan bark.....	160 00

Bill of J. Decomp, moulds and casts	\$120 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Company, gas	98 00
Janes & Kirtland, urinals.....	94 40
Sanders, Frary & Clark, mowers.....	90 00
John Cadness, plants.....	75 50
Tenth National Bank, interest.....	65 74
James Cannings, castings.....	48 90
Miller & Coates, tile.....	45 75
Piersons & Co., iron.....	43 37
G. Noble, birds.....	36 00
William V. Crissey & Co., paints.....	32 75
Sanderson, Brothers & Co., steel.....	32 18
Peter Cooper's Glue Factory, glue.....	31 28
Thomas & J. D. Crimmins, stone.....	25 47
Van Nest Brothers, wheels.....	24 49
James M. Thorburn & Co., wheat, wax and bast.....	23 40
James S. Barron & Co., brooms.....	21 50
J. Della Torre & Co., rope.....	14 32
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, red lead.....	12 50
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	9 00
Charles Reiche & Bro., bird food.....	9 00
Louis Waefelaer & Co., large jet.....	8 50
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	7 40
F. W. Christern, books.....	6 02
Combination Rubber Co., horse cover hood.	5 00
William O. Labagh, salt.....	3 00
Total.....	\$131,963 80

Dated New York, August 22, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and ordered on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas

work	\$7,328 00
George A. Jeremiah, water wagon.....	2,340 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	1,622 14
James Slattery, sand.....	1,500 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., plumbers' material.....	623 02
Salamander Works, pipe.....	458 50
Composite Iron Works Company, posts.....	372 00
Talcott & Scallon, hay and corn.....	338 46
Dimond Brothers, repairing railings.....	283 47
William Gibson, stone boats.....	250 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	229 80
John P. Jube & Co., axles, etc.....	216 57
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	167 01
C. T. Raynolds & Co., paints, etc.....	150 90
Townsend & Co., coal.....	90 00

Bill of William V. Crissey & Co., paints, etc.....	\$75 66
J. W. Vandewater, furniture.....	75 65
William H. Gray, harness.....	31 50
Van Nest Brothers, carriage bolts.....	34 29
J. Della Torre & Co., rope.....	31 70
James S. Barron & Co., brooms and brushes..	28 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	27 00
Pinchot, Bruen & Hobart, oil and beeswax...	25 20
James Prentice, instruments.....	20 00
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	16 57
L. Schepp, cocoa-dust.....	12 00
A. T. Stewart & Co., muslin.....	11 21
W. Willard & DeBevoise, engine.....	760 00
Commercial Advertiser, subscription.....	9 00
William Menzies, sawdust.....	9 00
W. L. Fischer, plants.....	8 10
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	383 90
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	215 46
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings	179 14
Sanderson Brothers & Co., steel.....	174 43
Salamander Works, pipe.....	169 20
Talcott & Scallon, oats..	165 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	89 26
J. Della Torre & Co., rope and canvas.....	65 30
William V. Crissey & Co., paints.....	64 75
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, iron pipe.....	64 17
S. Beeching, daily papers.....	44 10
James M. Thorburn & Co., grass seed.....	37 61
R. A. Brick & Co., pipe.....	17 13
Combination Rubber Company, hose.....	9 00
James S. Barron & Co., woodenware.....	7 00
Richard Dudgeon, repairing jacks.....	6 00

Bill of Van Nest Brothers, axles.....	\$3 23
Luther Tucker & Son, "Country Gentleman".....	3 00
Total.....	\$18,842 48

Dated New York, September 1, 1871.

THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Auditing*
 HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and ordered on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, presented the following report:

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of their doings and proceedings under the resolution of the Department, adopted May 3, 1870, also as to matters referred to them from time to time.

At a meeting of your Committee on May 1, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York,

the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of constructing, erecting, and maintaining buildings for museums of art and natural history on the Central Park.

At a meeting on June 10, a communication from John Scott, President Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, relative to their pavement, was received, whereupon it was

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to contract with the Schillinger Pavement Company for laying their approved composition pavement on the Battery walks, where not already laid, at the rate of not exceeding thirty cents per superficial square foot.

The same to be laid at least four inches in thickness and in the proportions of cement and sand specified in the written communication of the President of the Company to the President, dated May 27, 1871, and now on file in this Department, and be put down in the manner there stated.

Further, that such contract shall be upon condition that no payments thereon shall be made except upon the certificate of the Engineer-in-chief as to quantity, etc., and that the same has been prepared and laid to his satisfaction, in conformity with the terms and in the manner specified in said communication of May 27, 1871.

At a meeting on June 13, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Central Park shall keep a record of the names of all persons who have been, or shall hereafter be dismissed from work in the Department for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or other cause. That, if any person so dismissed shall hereafter present a "permit ticket" for employment, the Superintendent shall write across the same the words

“previously discharged,” and return the ticket to the person presenting it, informing him that he cannot be put at work without a “special order” to that effect.

Further, that in all such cases the person holding the ticket will not again be put at work under the Department without a special order.

At a meeting on June 15th, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to employ temporarily such surveyors and assistants in connection with the Westchester Division and Harlem river improvements, as may be considered expedient. Also, that he procure the necessary supplies and materials required in the performance of the work by the persons thus employed.

At a meeting on June 16th, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, be divided into a roadway of sixty (60) feet, and walks on each side thereof twenty (20) feet in width. That the superstructure of the roadway be similar to that now upon Sixth avenue, viz., a Telford foundation of eight inches, with six inches of broken stone of gneiss, surfaced with four inches of broken stone of trap-rock, and gravelled. The curb to be five inches edge and twenty inches in depth ; the roadway to be sixty feet between the curbs. That a line of trees be planted on each sidewalk, distant four feet from the curbs, and a line of sewer, Croton water, and gas pipes placed under each sidewalk, according to the plan therefor now submitted and approved, of the Engineer-in-chief.

Resolved, That there shall hereafter be stationed at and upon the bridge crossing the Harlem river at Third avenue, two park-keepers or policemen and four gatekeepers as assistants, who shall at all times preserve order at such bridge, and regulate and direct the travel over and upon the same. That, whenever the draw of such bridge shall be opened, an assistant shall be stationed at each end thereof, who shall extend chains across the bridge and maintain the same until the draw shall be closed.

Resolved, That in reconstructing bridge No. 26, and in removing the wooden parts now decayed, the abutments be lengthened sufficiently to permit a roadway over the same of not less than forty-five feet in width. The whole subject being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

At a meeting on June 26, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That on July 4, 1871, there shall be exhibited the usual fireworks at the following places in the city, viz.: City Hall Park, Madison square, Tompkins square, Mount Morris square, Kingsbridge road and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, and Battery. Also, that during the display of fireworks music shall be furnished as usual. The whole subject being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That the Schillinger Company's pavement be laid on the sidewalk of One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, in front of Mount Morris square, and that the curb be reset, or new curb laid, as may be deemed advisable. Also, that an asphalt pavement be laid upon the walks of Mount Morris square when the same may appear necessary. The whole subject being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That in constructing the roadway of the Boulevard

north

~~work~~ of Manhattan street the centre piece for trees, etc., be omitted, and that the roadway extend from the curbstones on each sidewalk.

At a meeting on June 29th the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as such amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

At a meeting on July 13th the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

At a meeting on July 15, the following resolutions were adopted :

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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank of the city of New York,

the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for payment of work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Sixth avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem river.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for payment of work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for improving the Central Park.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for payment of work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the several public squares and places under the control of this Department.

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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, and improving the Eighth avenue, from Seventy-seventh to Eighty-first street.

At a meeting on July 26th, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), from the Tenth National Bank of

New York, is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

At a meeting on August 17, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for payment of work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the several public squares and places under the control of this Department.

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), from the Tenth National Bank of New York, is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for

regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Tenth avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to the Harlem river.

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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Eighth avenue, from Seventy-seventh to Eighty-fourth street.

At a meeting on August 21, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Civil and Topographical Engineers of the department having in charge the tunnelling and bridging of Harlem river, be authorized, under the direction of the Treasurer, to take the advice and opinion of Mr. E. S. Chesebrough, Engineer of the Chicago tunnel, upon the subject of the Harlem river improvement, the matter being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That Tenth avenue be laid out and completed with a roadway of seventy feet in width between the curbs, and sidewalks fifteen feet in width; that a sewer, and water and gas pipes be placed under each sidewalk, as shown on a plan submitted by the Engineer-in-Chief, the plan adopted being marked _____ in red ink.

Resolved, That the roadway of Seventh avenue be laid with the Telford and McAdam pavement, omitting the line of trees in the centre, as originally proposed.

Resolved, That Manhattan street be laid out and completed with a roadway of seventy feet in width between the curbs, and sidewalks fifteen feet in width.

That a sewer and water and gas-pipes be placed under each sidewalk, as shown on a plan submitted by the Engineer-in-Chief. The plan adopted being marked — in red ink.

Resolved, That the work of laying the superstructure, and setting the curb and gutter stones of Avenue St. Nicholas be proceeded with forthwith, and the Treasurer is directed to procure the necessary material for the purpose.

Resolved, That Seventy-seventh street, adjoining Manhattan square, be graded eighty feet in width, and similar to Eighty-first street, on the northerly side of the square.

At a meeting on August 31st, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the plan for the improvement of Madison square, heretofore adopted, be modified by narrowing the easterly side thereof and widening the carriage-way of Madison avenue, commencing at about Twenty-fifth street, and extending southerly by a curved line to Twenty-third street, similar to the plan adopted on the westerly or Fifth avenue side of the square. Also by widening the carriage-way of Twenty-third street, about fifteen feet, and thus making the line of access from Broadway to Madison avenue more direct and convenient than at present.

The subject being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

At a meeting on September 1st the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of

New York is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

At a meeting on September 8th, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the lawn known as the West Meadow, on Central Park, extending about three hundred and fifty feet east of the West Drive, and between Ninety-seventh and One Hundredth streets, be appropriated temporarily, and set apart as a ball or play-ground for boys, and subject to the same rules and regulations now controlling the present ball-ground at the southerly end of the park.

Resolved, That a drain be forthwith constructed to carry off the offensive surface water or drainage entering the Park at One Hundred and Tenth street, near Sixth avenue, and flowing into Harlem lake, and making that lake at times very offensive, and the subject of frequent complaints. That the drainage be carried off through an old sluice passing under the north-east corner of the Park near Fifth avenue, the water from which passes outside of the Park.

The whole subject of the drain or sewer, and its construction, being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee, as reported in this their report of this day, be and they are hereby approved and adopted as the action of this

Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

HENRY HILTON, } *Executive*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

PETER B. SWEENY,

President.

Dated New York, September 12, 1871.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank 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 improving the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with 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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioner HILTON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioners HILTON and FIELDS.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner HILTON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from J. Grenville Kane, Secretary of the Department of Docks, inclosing a copy of an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation on the respective jurisdictions of the Department of Docks and the Department of Public Parks over the portion of the water front of the city therein referred to.

Commissioner HILTON moved that the same 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 determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

(See Document No. 28.)

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

From S. B. Brownell, desiring to deposit an india-rubber tree in the green-house at Central Park.

From E. B. Kenyon, presenting an eagle.

From A. Mouton, presenting an agouti.

From Carl F. Heyse, Consul, Swinemunde, Prussia, presenting two eagles and one crane.

From Browning & Archibald, presenting a Hindoo god.

From Alexander Shaler, Major-General, relative to use of Tompkins square by troops of First Division, N. G. S. N. Y.

From Clark & Waite, presenting a deer.

From J. G. Batterson, relative to large basin for fountain at Central Park.

From James Watson, relative to use of lake at Park for sailing small boats.

From William Lalor, offering to present prepared specimens of cattle.

From John Roberts, desiring appointment as park-keeper.

From Douglas Taylor and others, recommending Lawrence Feeny for appointment as park-keeper.

Reports were received from William H. Grant, Engineer-in-chief, Bureau of Civil and Topographical Engineering, and F. A. Pollard, acting Chief Landscape Gardener, presenting their views as to the effect which would be produced by the suspension of work at this time.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said reports be entered at length on the minutes, and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
BUREAU OF CIVIL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL ENGINEERING, }
September 28, 1871. }

HON. HENRY HILTON,

Acting President Department of Public Parks :

SIR—In conformity with your request of yesterday, I submit the following statement as to the effect upon work in charge of this Bureau by suspending further progress.

The repairs of McComb's Dam Bridge were recently completed, excepting the draw, which could not be repaired while in use for navigation. Preparation has been made for repairing the draw; the materials have been ordered, and a large portion have been delivered, and scaffolding has been prepared for the work. It was the intention to close the draw, but not the roadway, in about two weeks, and it is estimated by the foreman of the carpenters that, with uninterrupted progress—the draw remaining closed—the work could be done on or before the 1st of December.

If the work is now suspended it leaves the bridge all in good order, except the draw, which is unsafe as a part of the roadway. By great care it has been kept in use during the summer, but I am satisfied it is not safe to keep it in use much longer.

[*Tuesday,*

I should add that besides the draw about a week's time will be required to complete the anchorage of braces to one of the spans of the bridge, which are necessary for the security of that part of the bridge in high winds. This has been made necessary by the erection of a screen to the Spuyten Duyvil and Fort Morris Railroad.

Fordham Bridge is now undergoing repairs, and is impassable to the public. The materials have been delivered, and masons and carpenters are doing the work as fast as possible. I do not think the work can be completed before the end of next week.

The topographical and other field and office work of the Bureau now in progress can be suspended without further public detriment than that arising generally from an unprepared cessation of a good deal of variety of work and extended operations. Some field work could be left in an imperfect state, and, by the loss of stakes, would have to be done over again. Office work, partially perfected drawings, plans, etc., could not be left in a clear condition, but this would admit of remedy upon resumption of work.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM H. GRANT,
Chief Engineer Topographical Department.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
BUREAU OF LANDSCAPE GARDENING,
September 27, 1871. }

HON. HENRY HILTON,

Acting President and Treasurer,

Department of Public Parks :

SIR—In reply to your inquiry as to the effect which would result from a discontinuance at the present time of the work under

my charge, I beg to state as follows : We would first lose a force of laborers, gardeners, and foremen whom I have no hesitation to represent as having been brought by careful selection and training to a high state of efficiency ; many of them we have already been compelled to discharge in consequence of your instructions to confine ourselves merely to the maintenance portion of the work. Thousands of dollars' worth of valuable exotic plants, which we are now preparing to place in the green-house and other places of shelter, would be left to perish from frost. For these, adequate shelter has not as yet been provided, except by your approval of plans for green-houses, frames, etc., lately submitted to you for the purpose. During the season you have provided for us a large number of most desirable and valuable stock plants, which we purpose to propagate during the winter for use next spring and summer in the various parks. To relinquish our purpose now would certainly cause a loss of some thousands of dollars by the destruction of these plants, and would also necessitate next spring a large outlay of money in the purchase of plants suitable for bedding purposes, etc., which last expense could certainly be obviated by the construction of propagating-houses, etc., where the plants could not only be cheaply provided but could be brought to that perfect and desirable state of cultivation not otherwise to be secured except at an exceeding cost. On the Central Park a great number of tender plants, which require protection from frost, would be lost. Many shade trees should be planted this season in the down-town parks.

If we now neglect to secure the many thousands of trees, necessary for planting along the Boulevards and other public streets being laid out by the Department, I greatly fear that next spring it will be very difficult to secure the same even at a greatly increased cost. I have taken pains to thoroughly examine the tree market, and I find the stock within convenient range of

the city very much diminished. I would also state that a large number of most suitable trees for our purpose are about being sold at auction this fall, in order to disencumber the ground they occupy. If we were enabled to secure these now, we could put them under cultivation at once, and carefully bring them to that uniform size and state of development so desirable for line trees, but which could not be achieved if we should be compelled to secure our trees in small lots from different localities.

Besides all this, should the contemplated stoppage of the work take place, a large area of the ground in the city parks, on which much labor has been expended to bring it to the proper shape, and to prepare it for seeding, would run waste and would become so hardened that upon the resumption of the work a great part of it would have to be done over again.

If the drainage in the various parts now being laid out be not soon completed, a loss of many of the finest trees may be expected.

Your obedient servant,

FRANK A. POLLARD,
Acting Chief Landscape Gardener.

The Treasurer presented several communications received from Andrew H. Green, Deputy Comptroller of the city, relative to the expenditures of the Department on Maintenance and other accounts; also as to the issuing of Assessment Bonds and Park Improvement Bonds, with answers to the same.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said communications be entered at length on the minutes and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 September 28, 1871. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

Will you please furnish this Department, at your earliest convenience, a statement showing the expenditure made by your Department, from January 1, 1871, to this date, upon the following accounts :

1. Central Park Maintenance and Government.
2. Of all the other Public Parks of the city.
3. City Parks Improvement.
4. Road or Public Drive (Boulevard) Fund.

And oblige, yours very truly,

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Deputy Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 NEW YORK, October 5. }

To the Department of Parks :

Since my communications of 26th and 29th ult., the injunction order of the Supreme Court has been so far modified as to

admit of this Department raising money on assessment bonds, to meet certain classes of expenditures under your Department.

The Board of Apportionment has also, since those dates, taken the necessary action to admit of the issue of certain assessment bonds, and I have this day deposited to the credit of the Department of Parks, in the Tenth National Bank, on account (balance) of your requisition of date 15th of June, cash for Road or Public Drive (Boulevard) Fund, the sum of \$100,000, toward payment of the laboring men.

With respect to the class of bonds and stock known as the Park Improvement Stock, as doubt has been expressed relative to the sufficiency of the law for its issue, it seems to me best that the necessary proceedings be at once taken by some person having a claim on your Department, to submit the question by mandamus or otherwise to the Supreme Court. I shall do all in my power to expedite the proceedings, so that no delay may take place in obtaining a judicial ruling on the subject.

I am without a reply to my communication of the 28th ult., relative to the amount of expenditures by your Department under various heads of account.

Very respectfully,

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Deputy Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
No. 265 Broadway, }
NEW YORK, October 7, 1871. }

TO HON. ANDREW H. GREEN,
Deputy Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—In answer to your favor of the 5th instant, calling on this Department to report to you its expenditures, etc., I

have to say that there has been no meeting of our Board since its receipt, and I have no answer to make on its behalf.

I suppose there is no one who knows better than yourself that, under the laws and existing ordinances affecting our City Government, there is no power vested in the Comptroller's or any other Department to call upon us to make a report on any subject; that power being vested in the Mayor alone as Chief Magistrate. Still, there appears to me no objection to communicating to you the same information we are daily giving to the press reporters and the public generally in respect to our accounts, and indeed all other matters within our Department, as to which inquiries may be made from motives of curiosity or otherwise.

As our accounts, up to the first of each month, are always made up by our book-keeper within a few days thereafter, I requested our Comptroller, Mr. Van Nort, to have the usual statement prepared for general information and for my use.

He has done so, and a copy of which I inclose.

As public information is accessible to all, I take pleasure in communicating it to you.

Very respectfully yours,

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
No. 265 Broadway, }
NEW YORK, October 5, 1871. }

HON. HENRY HILTON,

Treasurer, Department of Public Parks:

SIR—The following is a statement of the expenditures of this Department, from January 1 to October 1, 1871, on the accounts hereinafter named:

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Central Park, Maintenance and Government of..	\$365,068	19
Parks and Places, Maintenance and Govern- ment of		80,854 51
Central Park Improvement	\$851,717	59
City Parks Improvement	689,148	95
	<hr/>	1,540,866 54
Boulevard.....		524,155 52
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Total.....	\$2,510,944	76

Respectfully,

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Comptroller, Department of Public Parks.

The TREASURER stated that he had requested Mr. Robert Protheroe, an expert accountant, to examine the books of record and accounts in the Bureau of the Comptroller of Accounts and the various offices connected with the Department, and presented a report from Mr. Protheroe in reference to the same.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the same be entered at length on the minutes and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

NEW YORK, September 5, 1871.

To the HON. HENRY HILTON,
Department of Public Parks:

SIR—In compliance with your request I have examined into the system of keeping the Department Books of Record and the

character of the vouchers on file, and would respectfully report :

That the Department books, kept by the Comptroller, G. M. Van Nort, Esq., properly exhibit all the necessary accounts, setting forth the funds received under appropriations by the several laws of the State for the construction of parks, their maintenance, museum and observatory fund, and the opening of public roads and boulevards ; also the disbursement of these funds as applicable to the cost of such improvements, including labor, the items thereof being verified by a proper system of vouchers, certified and duly audited and kept on file.

That the books, accounts, and vouchers kept by the Disbursing Officer, Mr. Van Valkenburg, at the Arsenal building, appear to be appropriate and adequate to the correctness of details of the several classes of labor employed by the Department, and, with but few improvements as to the vouchers, may be considered nearly perfect.

The system of keeping the books and accounts kept by the Property Clerk, Mr. Dumahaut, may be somewhat improved, so that he may have on file proper vouchers signed by the several superintendents or their clerks for the receipt and appropriation of all classes of the property purchased and paid for by the Department, as a large portion thereof, such as lumber, iron, etc., is not delivered to the Property Clerk for distribution, but at divers parks, avenues, and other places for immediate use, the absence of such vouchers being a bar to the ready auditing of the records.

To provide for such vouchers it would be necessary to have a clerk or responsible person at each of such places, and at the various yards and shops, upon the parks and other works of the Department, the expense of which, I understand, would be great

and probably far exceed any resulting benefit, inasmuch as the property once delivered upon the parks is under the care of the park-keepers, and cannot be removed without written authority.

This system, if adhered to, will of course insure the appropriation of all property once delivered to the uses of the Department. The record of receipt being with the Property Clerk, and communicated daily to the Treasurer, seems to me, under these circumstances, to be all that can reasonably be required.

The material and important question, however, to which my attention has been specially directed, is whether the system in use for keeping the time and labor of the various employés of the Department is susceptible of improvement, or capable of being made more certain.

My answer to this is, that no system can probably be devised that there might not additional checks be suggested, but every such check must be generally attended by additional expense, and the question then returns whether the system in use is in actual need of such additional expense, or whether it is not reasonably certain without it.

In my opinion, the system you have adopted is so far certain that it does not justify the adding of further expense to make it more so.

The method of making the daily returns of labor to the Paymaster, to the Superintendent, and to the Department, constitutes in itself three checks upon the pay-roll, and without extensive combinations of many persons holding responsible positions of trust in separate bureaus of the Department no false returns of labor or of payments of money could be effected.

All these returns being made to the Comptroller or Treasurer,

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and at all times capable of comparison before any check for payment of labor is prepared or signed, it would seem to follow, that any variance would be so apparent that it would be at once detected.

Besides, all checks for the disbursements of money, as I am informed, are signed by you with reference alone to the certified vouchers before you, and then intrusted to the Comptroller to be countersigned and delivered to the party named in it, a final safeguard the perfecting of which necessarily presents to you and to him such evidence of correctness that it would appear almost impossible to practise upon you any fraud to the injury or loss of the Department.

I have to acknowledge the courtesy and attention extended to me by all the officers and clerks of the Department in giving me free access to all books and vouchers for inspection, and all information requested or desired.

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT PROTHEROE.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Executive Committee, presented the following report :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of their doings and proceedings under the resolution of the Department, adopted May 3, 1870, also as to matters referred to them from time to time:

At a meeting of your Committee on September 28, the Treasurer reported that the following communication had been sent

[Tuesday,

by him to the Comptroller of the City of New York, on the 20th September, 1871 :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
New York, September, 20, 1871. }

To the Comptroller of the City of New York :

SIR—On behalf of this Department it becomes my duty to again call your attention to the necessity for furnishing the requisite funds for carrying on the public works and park improvements under our charge.

We are already deficient about \$280,000 for past expenditures, and our laborers' pay-roll, payable to-morrow, for the labor performed during the two weeks ending Saturday last, amounts to near \$113,000.

The Department has already made requisitions, pursuant to law, upon the Comptroller, for the purposes indicated in the accompanying statement, and on which there remains unpaid \$825,000, which, when received, must be applied by us toward the improvements indicated.

Having so frequently made personal applications for funds, which have not been met, please inform us to-day what we may expect from you in regard to the pay-roll of the laborers due to-morrow.

On behalf of the Department of Public Parks,

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
No. 265 Broadway, New York, Sept. 20, 1871. }

Statement of requisitions made on the Comptroller of the City of New York, in accordance with resolutions of the Department of Public Parks, amounts received thereon, and balance due on said requisitions, on account of the following works :

TITLE OF ACCOUNT.	Amount of Requisitions on Comptroller.	Cash received on Requi- sitions.	Balance due.
	1871.	1871.	
Boulevard.....	June 9 \$200,000	Aug. 23 \$50,000	\$150,000
Seventh avenue.....	" 9 100,000	June 30 25,000	75,000
Sixth avenue.....	July 15 100,000	July 19 50,000	50,000
Avenue St. Nicholas..	June 19 100,000	Aug. 12 25,000	75,000
Central Park	July 15 200,000	" 23 100,000	100,000
City Parks.....	Aug. 16 200,000	200,000
Manhattan street	" 17 100,000	Aug. 23 25,000	75,000
Tenth avenue.....	" 18 100,000	100,000
Total..... \$1,100,000 \$275,000	\$825,000

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Comptroller D. P. P.

That on the 27th September, on the affidavit of Mr. Van Nort, on behalf of this Department, the injunction of Judge Barnard, granted in the suit of John Foley *against* The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York and others, was modified by order, as follows :

SUPREME COURT.

JOHN FOLEY <i>against</i> THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COMMONALTY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK and others.	}	ss. :
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GEORGE M. VAN NORT, of said city, being duly sworn, says :
 That he is Comptroller in the Department of Public Parks in
 said city ; that said Department has no moneys on hand or
 under its control wherewith to pay the laborers or employés
 thereof, or wherewith to purchase tools and materials necessary
 for the prosecution of the public works under its charge.
 Further, that requisitions have been duly made, according to law,
 upon the Comptroller of said city for moneys to be applied by
 said Department towards the labor and works aforesaid, but that
 said Comptroller has neglected to respond thereto, although fre-
 quent application has been made by deponent therefor.

GEO. M. VAN NORT.

Sworn to before me this 27th }
 day of September, 1871. }

WILLIAM H. BARKER,
Notary Public.

SUPREME COURT.

JOHN FOLEY <i>against</i> THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COM- MONALTY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK and others.	}	At Special Term.
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Present—HON. GEORGE G. BARNARD, Justice.

September 27, 1871.

On the application on behalf of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York:

Ordered, That the injunction granted in this action, so far as it prevents the issuing and disposal of any bonds of the city of New York for park improvements, or so far as it affects the issuing and disposal of any assessment or other bonds of said city or county for the improvement of boulevards or avenues, or so far as it affects the raising of any moneys to be applied by the Department of Public Parks towards the prosecution of any public works under their care and control, be and the same is hereby vacated and annulled.

Further, That nothing contained in any injunction granted in this action shall be held or construed as a restraint upon the Comptroller of said city, or the Board of Apportionment therein, from issuing any bonds of said city or county, or taking any measures for the purpose of raising money for which requisition has been made by the said Department of Public Parks, or which said Department may hereafter deem necessary in the prosecution of the several works and improvements under their charge, or for the payment of the laborers, contractors, or employes of

said Department, or other objects of expenditure of said Department.

(A copy.)

CHAS. E. LOEW, *Clerk.*

That the affidavit and order so granted thereon were served on the Comptroller of the city of New York on the same day.

Several hours afterwards the following communication was received by the Treasurer from Andrew H. Green, Esq., as Deputy Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, September 26, 1871. }

To the Department of Parks:

A communication dated the 20th instant has been received from the Department of Parks, informing this Department that "the Parks Department is already deficient about \$280,000 for past expenditures, and that the laborers' pay-roll payable to-morrow amounts to near \$113,000, and requesting to be informed what you may expect from this Department in regard to "the pay-roll of the laborers due to-morrow."

This communication is accompanied by a statement of requisitions made by your Department, amounting from June last, a period of about three months, to \$1,100,000.

I was at the time of its receipt, and still am, earnestly engaged in making arrangements for the earliest possible payment of mechanics, laborers, and others in the employ of the city government; and, while not unmindful of their needs for the prompt payment of wages, I am equally impressed with the duty of public officials to see that, before they enter upon undertakings involving vast expenditures, the lawful authority to employ and to

pay is complete, that there may be no delay in paying wages which are a matter of right and not of favor, when due.

The Departments of Finance and of Parks are both restrained by the Supreme Court, the one from contracting and the other from paying obligations in excess of the authorization of the Board of Apportionment. This Department is authorized to pay over to the Department of Parks such moneys only (except, perhaps, the avails of assessment bonds) as are set apart for it by the Board of Apportionment, of which board your President is a member. All the moneys that it is authorized to expend in the care of the parks for the year ending December 31 next have long since been furnished by this Department to you. And an amount equal to the amount of all the bonds and stock authorized by the Board of Apportionment to be issued for the Department of Parks has also been paid over.

From your communication I perceive that you are still incurring heavy obligations against the city.

It is not to be supposed that the court intended to leave the Department of Parks free to contract debts to laborers and others, and at the same time forbid this Department to pay; both Departments are alike enjoined—you from contracting, and we from paying.

Even if the injunction order of the court, which now restrains this Department, were to be removed, it would appear from the opinion of Judge Barnard in the Foley case that the "Two per cent. Act" repeals all the laws authorizing the issue of bonds, except the laws which give to the Departments (Departments of Parks and Docks), as such, power to raise money by bonds.

It seems, then, that this Department has now no power to issue bonds under these laws. I observe, however, from the language

of the same learned judge, which I quote, that your Department and "the Department of Docks have a right to issue bonds whenever, in their judgment, it may be necessary for the purpose of carrying on the proper duties intrusted to them by law."

It does not appear, however, that the very complicated statutes upon this whole subject were pertinent to the case above referred to, nor that, if they had been presented to the court, that this would have been its final judgment.

In brief, then, it seems—

First—That this Department has already paid over to the Department of Parks all the moneys it is authorized to raise for the care and improvement of parks, and all that the Department of Parks is entitled to expend for these purposes, under laws requiring this Department to pay.

Second—That this Department is enjoined by the court from raising money on any bonds, assessment or other, and from making any further payments to the Department of Parks, and the Department of Parks from incurring any further liabilities.

Inclosed are extracts from the injunction order, decision, and law above referred to, and also a statement showing that the sum of \$2,996,000 has been paid on various accounts to the Department of Parks from January 1 up to August 23, 1871.

Very respectfully,

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Deputy Comptroller.

(Extract from the opinion of Justice Barnard in the Foley case):

The three defendants are also charged with having run the city in debt, having incurred past liabilities and corrupt claims and

demands against them so far in excess of the legal and proper appropriations made by the Legislature. Their answer to that was that the Two per cent. Law didn't repeal all the laws previously existing for the purpose of raising revenue in this county. In that I differ with them. I think that the Two per cent. Act repealed all the laws except those laws that gave those parties power to raise moneys, and gave no power to raise bonds to them as such. That was given to the Department of Parks and the Department of Docks; therefore the expenditures they have made will not be taken into the Two per cent. If there are any expenditures made over and above the Two per cent. Act, amounting to more than realized therefrom, it would be a proper cause for an injunction.

The Department of Docks and Parks have a right to issue bonds whenever, in their judgment, it may be necessary for the purpose of carrying on the proper duties intrusted to them by law.

(Extract from the injunction order of Justice Barnard in the Foley case):

And it is further ordered, that the defendants, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, and its various officers, agents, and departments, be and they hereby are restrained and enjoined from incurring any expenses, whether the object of expenditure shall have been ordered by the Common Council of said city or not, unless an appropriation shall have been previously made by the aforesaid Board of Apportionment covering such expense, or from auditing or ordering to be paid claims against the city to a greater amount than the sums which shall be set apart by the said Board of Apportionment during the year 1871, for the purposes of the said city or the government thereof during the said year, in accordance with the provisions of third section of said statute.

And it is further ordered, that the defendant, Richard B. Connolly, as Comptroller of the city and county of New York, be and he hereby is restrained and enjoined from paying any claims against either the city or county of New York, unless the same shall have been first audited as required by law, and from paying any such claims in excess of the amounts set apart for such purposes by the aforesaid Board of Apportionment, in accordance with the provisions of the third section of said statute, and from paying or issuing any bonds or raising any money for the purpose of paying any claims, accounts, debts, or bills contracted with or incurred by the New York Transcript Association, the New York Printing Company, the Manufacturing Stationers Company, and the New York Leader Association, or any or either of them, or any person or persons for or in their behalf, or for or in behalf of any or either of them, for work, or printing or advertising done, or claimed to be done, by them or either of them, or goods sold and delivered by them or either of them, to or for the city or county of New York, or to or for any Department or purpose of the government of said city or county.

(Extract from chap. 583, Laws of 1871.)

SEC. 2. From the sum so raised in each of said years shall be paid all the expenses of the city and county governments for all their Departments and purposes for each of said years, and also the interest on the city and county debts, the principal of such debts falling due, and the proportion of the State tax, payable by said city and county in each of said years respectively; and no liabilities shall be incurred for any purpose in either of said years which shall, with the State tax for such year, and the principal and interest of the city and county debts payable in such year, make the aggregates of the expenses of the city and county governments, together, for each of said years, amount to more

than two per cent. upon the valuation aforesaid, with the addition hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 5. No liability for any purpose whatsoever shall be hereafter incurred by any Department of the city of New York, or officers of the county of New York, exceeding in amount the appropriation made for such purposes, nor shall the city or county of New York be held liable for any indebtedness so incurred.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 September 23, 1871. }

ANDREW H. GREEN, Esq., *Deputy Comptroller*.

DEAR SIR—In accordance with instructions received from you this day, to ascertain the payments made to the Department of Public Parks, for the year 1871, I report that the total payments from January 1, 1871, to this date, upon requisitions of the said Department, amount to two million nine hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars (\$2,996,000).

In addition to this, requisitions have been made by the Parks Department for the further sum of nine hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$975,000).

Respectfully yours,

RICHARD A. STORRS.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the following be sent by the Treasurer to the Comptroller of the City of New York, in answer to the communication of said Andrew H. Green, Esq., as Deputy Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
No. 265 Broadway, New York, }
September 28, 1871. }

To the Comptroller of the City of New York :

SIR—On the 20th instant, having, after repeated applications, failed to obtain from you the money necessary for carrying on the works, in constructing the boulevards, avenues, etc., and improving the Public Parks placed by law under our care and management, we addressed you a written communication, stating our necessity for near \$400,000 to meet the laborers' pay-roll then due, and deficiencies for then past expenditures. You promised our Comptroller, who handed you the communication, that we would hear from you during that day. No answer being sent, our Comptroller again called, but was denied admittance to you. The necessity for the payment of the laborers, numbering at that time over four thousand, being pressing, the President of this Department, upon his personal responsibility, provided the necessary sum, amounting to over \$112,000, and from which they were paid. Application has since been made at your office by our Comptroller, but he has been denied admittance as before.

Having reason to believe that the injunction granted by his Honor Judge Barnard, in the suit of John Foley against the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York and others, might be considered an excuse for not answering our communication, we yesterday caused application to be made to that judge for an order vacating the original injunction granted by him *ex parte* to a certain extent, and modify it in accordance with the decision rendered by him upon the hearing. We did this because we were informed that no steps had been taken by the plaintiff in that suit since the hearing, to reduce the decision of the judge to writing in the form of an order of the court.

Judge Barnard, on application, at once granted the order modifying the original injunction in accordance with his decision, stating at the time, that no restraint or difficulty existed in respect to raising money by stock, assessment bonds or otherwise, when required by this Department to carry on the works or improvements under its charge.

This order was served upon you personally about noon of yesterday.

Some hours thereafter you sent us a written communication from your Deputy, which, after a careful reading, we have concluded that its purport, as near as we can understand it, is as follows :

I. That it is the duty of public officials, before entering upon undertakings involving vast expenditures, to see that their authority to employ and pay is complete, and that there will be no delay in paying wages when due.

II. That the Department of Finance and the Department of Parks are restrained by injunction from contracting or paying obligations in excess of the authorization of the Board of Apportionment.

III. That the avails of assessment bonds in your hands are not subject to this restraint.

IV. That all the moneys authorized to be expended by this Department in the care and maintenance of public parks for the present year, ending December 31 next, have been furnished us by you.

V. That you also have paid over to us, since January 1, 1871, an amount equal to the amount of all the stock and bonds

authorized by the Board of Apportionment under the act of April 19, 1871 (chap. 583 of Session Laws).

VI. That it is not to be supposed the court intended to leave the Department of Parks free to contract debts to laborers and others, and at the same time forbid the Comptroller to pay. That both are alike enjoined.

VII. That Judge Barnard has decided that the Two per cent. Act repeals all laws authorizing the issuing of bonds, except the laws giving the Departments of Docks and Parks such power for the purpose of raising money. That, therefore, the Comptroller has no power to issue bonds under these laws.

And finally, you declare that you have paid over to us all the moneys authorized to be raised for the care and improvement of the parks, and which we are entitled to expend for such purposes. Also, that you are enjoined by the court from raising money on any bonds, whether they be assessment bonds or other bonds of the city, and from making any further payments to us, and that we are enjoined in like manner from incurring any further liabilities.

A statement of Mr. Richard Storrs is inclosed, showing that this Department has received from you during the present year, upon requisitions made according to law, for moneys amounting, up to September 23, 1871, to the sum of \$2,996,000.

Having thus fairly given the substance of your communication, we will now answer it in the order stated.

I. We acknowledge our duty as public officials to inform ourselves of our authority in every case before incurring liabilities. In this respect we find that our practice in carrying on the works committed to our care has been in all things similar to that of

the late Commissioners of the Central Park, to whose powers and duties we succeeded. Any difference you know of we will be pleased to have indicated.

II. To your second proposition we have to say, that several hours previous to sending us your communication there had been served upon you the written order of Judge Barnard, annulling any restraint by injunction which you seemingly supposed previously existed with respect to this Department, or to yourself in connection with it.

III. We agree with you that assessment bonds, which you are authorized and required by law to issue upon our requisitions to complete the boulevards and avenues under our care, and which bonds are subsequently paid by moneys collected by assessment upon property benefited, were never subject to any restraint by injunction. And we further assert, that as to said bonds the Board of Apportionment have no right or authority to control the issuing by you.

IV. Your fourth proposition should have been explained by adding: That for many years past the cost of maintaining the Central Park alone, under the late Park Commissioners, was about \$340,000 per annum; also, that the usual appropriation made for the care of the various city parks was about \$70,000 per annum.

Further, that during the period stated a day's labor consisted of ten hours' work. In the spring of the year 1870 the Eight-hour Law was passed, and all public officials were required to conform to it under penalty. We did so conform, and the effect was to increase the actual cost of maintenance of these parks one-fifth, by lessening the product of the labor required to that extent.

It follows that the yearly appropriation for Central Park should have been increased to \$408,000, and the City Parks to \$84,000, to produce an equivalent to that expended in former years. These amounts would, if allowed, have entitled us to receive up to the 1st of October next the sum of \$369,000. Instead of which we have, as you state, been paid only \$186,000.

It would thus appear that in all this there is no cause of complaint against us.

V. In your fifth proposition we have to complain that it mingles, improperly and unnecessarily, requisitions made by us prior to the passage of the Two per cent. Law (April 19, 1871), and not amenable to its provisions, with those made by us subsequently, and none of which, excluding assessment bonds, were controlled by it. We attach hereto a statement of all unfilled requisitions made by us during the past or present year, and the amount up to this date paid by you upon each. Also showing which of the requisitions called for the ordinary assessment bonds, and those calling for bonds of the funded debt of the city. All the money we have received upon these requisitions has been faithfully applied by us to the purposes indicated, and the results are to be seen in the many miles of boulevards, avenues, and streets completed by us, and now open to public travel.

VI. To your sixth proposition we have to say, that it was evidently written without an exact knowledge of what Judge Barnard did intend to accomplish by his injunction. It is quite probable, after reading his order made yesterday, you will perceive that you are under a misapprehension in this respect.

VII. To this we answer, that Judge Barnard has not decided that the Two per cent. Act repeals all laws authorizing the issuing

of bonds, except the laws relating to the Departments of Docks and Parks, and that therefore the Comptroller has no power to issue bonds under those laws. We believe, upon reflection, you will agree that the statement to that effect is also a misapprehension on your part.

Your final declaration of conclusions, we must say, are not, in our judgment, justified by the premises.

We have shown that you have not paid over to us all the moneys authorized by law to be raised for the care and improvement of the works under our charge, or which we are authorized and directed by law to expend for the purpose, and our requisitions in this respect have not been filled. You are under no restraint respecting them, either by reason of the Two per cent. law or the injunction, and we insist that we are entitled, under the laws relating to this Department, to have paid over to us the amount of our unfilled requisitions, shown by the accompanying statement, less the sums which have been paid by you thereon.

The remaining portion of your final declaration, that you are under restraint by injunction, was known to you to be untenable at the time you sent us your communication, because, as before remarked, some hours previously you had been personally served with Judge Barnard's order removing all such restraint, if any such ever existed.

Having thus answered and fully disposed of all your objections, we have now again to call your attention to the pressing necessity for furnishing this Department with money needed for the laborers and workmen in its employ for wages past due, and also to provide for the current expenditures in the purchase of

tools, materials, etc., and carrying on the works the law has confided to our care and management.

It is proper, however, to add in conclusion that we have been led to a vigorous prosecution of the completion of the boulevards and avenues referred to, by the frequent and urgent solicitations of property owners and committees of property owners of the lands upon and adjacent to these improvements, and on whom the assessments for these expenditures are imposed by law.

Many of these assessment rolls for work done by us are now in your office awaiting collection, and, when collected, will go far towards reimbursing the city for the moneys heretofore advanced to the Department on account of them. We also communicate for your information a copy of a report made by our Engineer-in-Chief upon the effect a cessation of the work now in progress will produce.

It may perhaps be remembered that now is the season when such work can best be performed; and aside from the injury which a suspension of work will cause to the workmen and laborers already employed, we think the public will be best served by its continuance.

The injury and waste which will necessarily result from the discharge of all police maintenance and laboring force upon Central Park and the various city parks, and the engineers, clerks, and other employes of the department, seems to us so obvious that it needs no comment.

We trust, under the circumstances, that you will reconsider your communication of yesterday, and let us know the result at

the earliest moment, as the pay-roll of the engineers, police, and all other employés of a permanent class in the Department becomes due on Saturday next.

On behalf of the Department of Parks,

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer.

Statement of moneys received from January 1, 1871, to April 19, 1871, inclusive, on requisitions made on the Comptroller of the City of New York, in accordance with resolutions of the Department of Public Parks, and balance due thereon :

DATE.	TITLE OF ACCOUNTS.	Amount of Requisition.	CASH RECEIVED.		Amount due on Requisition.
			Funded Stock.	Assessment Bonds.	
1870. Oct. 25	Boulevard (balance).....	\$100,000		\$100,000	
1871. Jan. 26	Boulevard	200,000		200,000	
" 26	Museum and Observatory.	250,000	\$150,000		\$100,000
1870. Dec. 7	City Parks	100,000		100,000	
1871. Jan. 26	City Parks	100,000		100,000	
Mar. 20	Boulevard	200,000		200,000	
" 20	Avenue St. Nicholas (balance)	75,000		75,000	
" 20	Avenue St. Nicholas.....	100,000		100,000	
	Total.....	\$1,125,000	\$150,000	\$875,000	\$100,000

Statement of moneys received from April 19, 1871, to September 28, 1871, on requisitions made on the Comptroller of the City of New York, in accordance with resolutions of the Department of Public Parks, and balance due thereon :

DATE.	TITLE OF ACCOUNTS.	Amount of Requisition.	CASH RECEIVED.		Amount due on Requisition.
			Funded Stock.	Assessment Bonds.	
1870.					
.....	Sixth avenue (balance)	\$50,000 00		\$50,000	
1871.					
April 21	Sixth avenue	100,000 00		100,000	
" 28	Parks and places	200,000 00	\$200,000		
1870.					
Dec. 6	Central Park (balance)	100,000 00	100,000		
1871.					
April 28	Central Park	200,000 00	200,000		
1870.					
Sept. 13	Seventh avenue	100,000 00		100,000	
1871.					
May 31	Seventh avenue	100,000 00		100,000	
" 31	Parks and places	200,000 00	200,000		
June 14	Central Park, maintenance and care of sundry works..	320,666 67		*186,000	
" 15	Avenue St. Nicholas	100,000 00		25,000	\$75,000
" 15	Seventh avenue	100,000 00		25,000	75,000
" 15	Boulevard	200,000 00		50,000	150,000
" 15	Central Park	200,000 00	200,000		
July 17	Parks and places	200,000 00	200,000		
" 17	Central Park	200,000 00	100,000		100,000
" 17	Sixth avenue	100,000 00		50,000	50,000
1870.					
Dec. 21	Eighth avenue, from Seventy- seventh to Eighty-first st..	10,000 00		*10,000	
1871.					
July 25	Eighth avenue, from Seventy- seventh to Eighty-first st..	100,000 00	100,000		
Aug. 17	Parks and places	200,000 00			200,000
" 17	Manhattan street	100,000 00		25,000	75,000
" 18	Eighth avenue, from Seventy- seventh to Eighty-first st..	100,000 00			100,000
" 18	Tenth avenue	100,000 00			100,000
	Total		\$1,300,000	\$525,000	\$925,000
			* Taxation	196,000	
				\$721,000	

RECAPITULATION.

Received from January 1 to April 19, 1871 :

Fund and Assessment Bonds..... \$1,025,000

Received from April 19 to September 28, 1871 :

Fund and Assessment Bonds..... 2,021,000

Total..... \$3,046,000

Assessment Bonds..... \$1,400,000

Funded Stock..... 1,450,000

Raised by Taxation..... 196,000

Total..... \$3,046,000

Balance due on requisitions :

Funded Stock..... \$500,000

Assessment Bonds..... 525,000

Total..... \$1,025,000

GEORGE M. VAN NORT,

*Comptroller Department of Public Parks.*REPORT OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
OFFICE OF ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
NEW YORK, September 27, 1871. }HON. HENRY HILTON, *Vice-President and Treasurer,*
Department of Public Parks :

SIR—Agreeably to your instructions, I hereby respectfully submit a brief report of the effect of suspending operations upon the work now being prosecuted by the Department of Public Parks under my charge.

The suspension or stoppage of any work of a similar character for an indefinite period is always attended with much expenditure, damage, and loss, which expenditure, damage, and loss depend upon the extent of the work affected. This fact is well established and acknowledged by all contractors and other persons engaged in the construction of like works.

The work now being prosecuted under the direction of the Department extends from the Battery to the Harlem river at High Bridge, and consists of the improvements and repairs of all the city parks and the Central Park, the completion of the superstructure of the Sixth avenue, a distance of about two miles, and of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, a distance of one-tenth of a mile; the regulating, grading, and superstructure of the Boulevard, a distance of about five miles, and of the Avenue St. Nicholas, about two and a half miles; also of the Seventh avenue, about two and two-fifth miles; the regulating and grading of Manhattan street, from Avenue St. Nicholas to the Twelfth avenue, a distance of about six-tenths of a mile, and of the Tenth avenue, north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, about two miles; total length of about fourteen and a half miles. The principal items of expenditure, damage, and loss attending the sudden and indefinite suspension of operations upon these works, so extended, are the following: The collection, removal, and storage of all tools, implements, and materials, and the removal and housing of machinery; the removal and distribution of the same again when the work is resumed.

The damage attending the breaking up of the force of well organized and disciplined foremen and men, who have been selected, engaged upon, and have become skilled in the various works, more especially those engaged upon the construction of the roadways, the laying of the Telford pavement, setting the

curb, spreading the stone and gravel, and the rolling and finishing of the roads, and which work cannot be done by unskilled workmen.

The stoppage of the delivery of the materials required for the construction of the roads, which are at present being furnished with regularity, and in such manner and quantities as to avoid unnecessary expense and delay, and the perfecting of the same upon the resumption of the work.

Upon the Sixth avenue and One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, the interest upon the assessment bonds, the work being so far advanced as to be completed in a few weeks. The payment of the extra claims and allowances of contractors; the loss of improving a portion of the best and most advantageous months of the year for prosecuting the work; the damage to the incomplete and unfinished grading of the Boulevard, avenues, and streets caused by the rain and the action of the frost, and to the partially finished roadways in progress by the same elements, together with the use by the public of the same, injuring materially the broken stone as well as the curb, flagging, and sidewalks; also the damage to the newly finished and completed roadways for the want of the care which roads of the kind absolutely require, in rolling, moistening, and keeping a perfect surface until they shall have become thoroughly compact by use.

On the Central Park the damages by rain and frost to the unfinished buildings, masonry in bridges, walls, foundations, etc.

On the City Parks the same, and especially upon Madison, Union, Grand, and Jackson Parks, the work having progressed to such a state that if left in its present condition, much of it now complete, or nearly so, must be done again; besides, the grounds cannot fail of becoming nuisances:

In connection herewith, I would add that with the present progress of the work, the city parks now being improved will virtually be completed this season, and all structures and masonry on the Central and city parks so far advanced as not to be injured by the frost; one roadway of the Boulevard, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, will be completed and opened for use, and a good roadway from the northern boundary of the Central Park, by way of the Sixth avenue, One Hundred and Forty-fifth street and the Seventh avenue, connecting with the road crossing McComb's Dam Bridge, at or near that point, will be completed.

The suspension of the work upon these two important lines of travel, connecting with Westchester county and the upper part of the Island, cannot fail to affect very materially the value of real estate. Also, the dismissal and throwing out of employment of so large a number of laboring men and mechanics, the majority of whom depend upon their day's labor for their support, would necessarily cause a large expense on the part of the city for their relief and support.

Respectfully,

M. A. KELLOGG,
Engineer-in-Chief.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to take legal proceedings, by mandamus or otherwise, for or on behalf of this Department, to procure from the Comptroller the moneys required by the Department in and about the works and public improvements under its charge.

The following preamble and resolution were also adopted :

Whereas, The Department of Public Parks is informed that the Comptroller of the City of New York has neglected to place before the Board of Apportionment various requisitions heretofore made by this Department upon him pursuant to law, for moneys to be applied by this Department towards the completion of the various avenues, boulevards, and park improvements under its charge, therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Department of Public Parks request the Comptroller of the City of New York to create and issue in the name and on the behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, of the "City Parks Improvement Bonds," authorized by chapter 290, of the Laws of 1871, also of the "Department of Parks Improvement Bonds," authorized by chapter 697, of the Laws of 1867, the amounts of the several requisitions made in pursuance of and authorized by resolutions of the Department of Public Parks heretofore transmitted to said Comptroller of the City of New York and now on file in the Department of Finance.

At a meeting on October 6 the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), from the Tenth National Bank of New York, is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

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 Department of Public Parks in the Tenth National Bank, in the City of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Boulevard, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for improving the Central Park.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee, as reported in this their report of this day, be and they are hereby approved and adopted as the action of this Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

HENRY HILTON, } *Executive*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated New York, October 10, 1871.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of Bigelow Blue-stone Company, curb.....	\$32,147 49
J. H. Sullivan, filling Manhattan street....	11,000 00
Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, pavement.....	10,560 00
Peekskill Gravel Company, gravel.....	4,055 01
D. E. Culver, stone.....	4,029 93
Thomas Handibode, filling.....	2,500 00
Wakefield Earth Closet Company, earth closets.....	2,177 25
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	565 97
H. A. Rogers & Co., plumbers' materials..	385 06
Wochenblatt of the N. Y. Journal, advertising.....	383 40
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	286 20
Tenth National Bank, interest.....	215 10
Owen McCabe, bread.....	74 02
S. P. Ingersoll, use of dock.....	50 25
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	34 44
William V. Crissey & Co., oil.....	32 00
A. T. Stewart & Co., towelling.....	31 11
William Cartwright, vegetables.....	29 50

Bill of Pinchot, Bruen & Hobart, turpentine.....	\$23 38
James Duffy, milk.....	15 50
Combination Rubber Company, hose.....	14 60
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	12 50
D. W. Seward, lint and bandages.....	5 00
James S. Barrow & Co., brooms.....	4 50
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue pavement.....	16,450 00
David Babcock, Battery sea wall, etc.....	6,152 50
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	2,615 00
Murphy & Nesbitt, brick and cement.....	2,458 15
Wyllys H. Warner, heating apparatus.....	2,338 05
Richard Dudgeon, repairing roller.....	1,538 50
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	1,192 43
Theodore F. Tone, unloading stone.....	835 01
James C. Hoe & Company, lumber.....	560 63
Walton's Lantern & Manufacturing Works, pipe.....	507 70
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	463 17
Talcott & Scallon, hay, feed, etc.....	423 72
Slote & James, stationery.....	357 50
C. W. Merritt, drilling-machine.....	225 00
John Sherwood, measuring-rods.....	200 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	199 06
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	185 24
A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	113 57
Salamander Works, pipe.....	110 20
Pinchot, Bruen & Hobart, paints, oils, etc.....	100 49
W. H. Grant, expenses.....	93 60
J. J. R. Croes, expenses.....	91 92
James Cummings, iron work.....	72 98
Sanderson Brothers & Co., steel.....	68 49

Bill of A. H. Muller, P. R. Wilkins & Company,

auction charges.....	\$65 00
Judd Linseed & Sperm Oil Company, oil..	63 00
Wakefield Earth Closet Company, peat....	62 50
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	36 15
Vanderbilt Brothers, seeds.....	36 00
George Tiemann & Company, instruments..	25 00
F. T. Wherle, charcoal.....	17 50
New York Gas-light Company, gas.....	17 10
Sidley & Campbell, medicines.....	15 58
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	14 80
Wotherspoon Brothers, plaster.....	12 90
William H. Gray, traces and whip.....	12 00
Piersons & Company, iron.....	11 69
F. W. Devoe & Company, paints.....	10 40
James Green, testing-rods.....	10 00
H. A. Rogers & Company, flue brushes....	10 00
Maxfields & Company, mits.....	9 25
J. W. Duryee, staking stuff.....	130 50
Charles Reiche & Brother, bird food....	9 00
J. Becker, frames.....	8 00
Van Nest & Brothers, shafts.....	7 50
James Prentice, instruments.....	7 25
J. Della Torre & Company, rope.....	6 45
William V. Crissey & Company, soap....	5 11
James S. Barrow & Company, brooms....	3 75
Combination Rubber Company, lap apron..	3 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	2 00
Bigelow Blue-stone Company, curb and stone	7,247 32
F. K. Fields, piers.....	5,000 00
D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	4,250 89
Henry Wagner, filling.....	2,750 00
John Quinn, filling.....	*2,000 00

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Bill of John Roach & Son, repairing draw	\$1,047 64
Dimond Brothers, iron work	947 40
George S. Greene, Jr., surveys and maps	697 77
Fletcher, Harrison & Co., wheelbarrows	572 00
New York Printing Company, printing	330 35
Charles Reiche & Bro., birds and animals	272 00
James Prentice, instruments	200 00
Salamander Works, pipe	185 90
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber	151 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Company, gas	79 45
John Nicholson, iron chimney	75 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., plumbers' materials	71 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings	53 31
William H. Grant, expenses	45 61
Andrew Smith, nails	28 50
Paul C. Coffin, hardware	22 38
The Sun, advertising	15 60
Sanderson Brothers & Co., steel	13 20
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass	12 50
Evening Mail, advertising	10 80
James S. Barrow & Co., brooms	9 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes	8 00
J. Della Torre & Co., marline	7 25
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, lanterns	2 13
Piersons & Co., iron	1 37
Total	<u>\$132,703 92</u>

Dated New York, September 19, 1871.

HENRY HILTON,
 PETER B. SWEENY, Pres., } *Auditing
 Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be approved and ordered on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of Schillinger Artificial Stone Co., pavement.	\$4,800 00
A. T. Stewart & Co., steam roller.....	4,044 43
C. A. Harrington, broken stone.....	3,688 62
Grahamite Pavement Co., pavement.....	2,221 12
Anthony Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	1,172 25
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	363 44
A. T. Stewart & Co., sheet.....	246 46
F. W. Devoc & Co., paints, etc.....	234 13
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	187 76
Townsend & Co., coal.....	180 00
Sanderson Brothers & Co., steel.....	133 81
Salamander Works, pipe.....	134 50
H. A. Rogers & Co., pipe.....	110 49
Piersons & Co., iron.....	107 03
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	91 13
Scharf Patent Pavement Co., pavement...	90 80

Bill of George Such, sand and peat	\$77 50
P. Van Gieson, sprinklers	72 00
Morgan Jones, plumbing	69 44
Murphy & Nesbit, bricks and cement	68 30
William H. Gray, harness	57 50
Van Nest Brothers, coach hardware	41 68
Combination Rubber Co., nose and couplings	31 00
Andrew Smith, screws, etc	28 77
J. Della Torre & Co., rope	28 29
A. T. Stewart & Co., towelling	23 27
D. Van Nostrand, stereoscopic views	13 75
Bradley & Smith, dusters	13 05
James Prentice, staves	13 00
James Cumings, castings	11 98
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings	10 17
Charles R. Ellis, repairing heater	9 50
Post, Vermilye & Co., horse cover	7 00
Evening Post, advertising	6 48
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass	3 70
William V. Crissey & Co., drugs, etc	3 07
William Menzies, sawdust	3 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber	839 06
D. E. Culver, broken stone	3,552 18
J. H. Sullivan, Seventh avenue work	11,385 00
Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel	9,174 63
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., curb and blue-stone	6,785 57
J. H. Medina, broken stone	3,599 12
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work	3,220 00
John P. Cummings, Jr., grading Avenue St. Nicholas	2,632 00
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., curb	1,814 11
John P. Cummings, Jr., filling	1,344 00
Anthony Imhoff, repairing bridge	1,341 68

Bill of F. K. Field, granite coping.....	\$982 45
E. A. Sargent, engraving.....	567 00
Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	397 50
Townsend & Co., coal.....	375 00
Andrew Smith, nails.....	59 75
J. James R. Croes, expenses.....	44 91
William H. Grant, expenses.....	41 56
William Burke, medicines for horses.....	26 13
James S. Barrow & Co., brooms.....	20 25
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	18 50
Stephen S. Haight, expenses.....	15 35
F. W. Devoe & Co., putty.....	12 53
James M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	11 00
J. Becker, map stretchers.....	9 20
Post, Vermilye & Co., horse cover.....	8 00
A. T. Stewart & Co., towels.....	4 50
James Cumings, castings.....	3 28
Combination Rubber Co., rubber.....	1 25
Total	<u>\$66,683 93</u>

Dated New York, October 3, 1871.

HENRY HILTON, PETER B. SWEENEY, President.	} <i>Auditing Committee.</i>
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Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was ordered on the minutes.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of Francis Dugan, roofing.....	\$3,113 00
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	1,760 90
C. S. Grafulla, music.....	1,625 00
Tenth National Bank, interest.....	1,025 18
Talcott & Scallon, feed, oats, etc.....	1,006 15
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., blue-stone.....	4,000 00
Robert Nulty, repairing roller.....	322 26
Composite Iron Works Co., finial, etc.....	300 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	283 93
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	270 00
James L. Jackson & Bro., finial.....	230 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	187 89
Murphy & Nesbit, building materials.....	182 50
H. A. Rogers & Co., wick and waste.....	161 10
Wood Brothers & Company, repairing carriage	150 00
F. W. Devoe & Co., white lead.....	120 00
Piersons & Co., iron.....	102 25
A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	85 91
Vanderbilt Brothers, seed.....	81 00
J. C. Hoe & Co., box for sweepings.....	80 83
Owen McCabe, bread.....	75 21
Andrew Smith, nails, etc.....	44 00
J. Della Torre & Co., rope and canvas.....	36 00
William Cartwright, vegetables.....	34 55
Combination Rubber Co., hose.....	34 00
James Prentice, level and plumb-bobs.....	23 00
James Duffy, milk.....	12 50

Bill of Frazer Lubricator Co., axle grease.....	\$9 00
Wotherspoon Brothers, plaster.....	8 60
Sanderson Brothers & Co., steel.....	8 17
James S. Barrow & Co., mops.....	7 00
Morgan Jones, plumbers' ware.....	6 60
Salamander Works, pipe.....	3 05
Manhattan Gas-light Co., lighting lamps and gas	8,355 65
Rockwood & Co., photographs.....	5,600 00
D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	4,219 95
Metropolitan Gas-light Co., lighting lamps and gas.....	3,675 88
Irah Chase, lamp posts.....	2,625 00
Harlem Gas-light Co., lighting lamps and gas	2,536 92
Composite Iron Works Co., drinking fountains	1,275 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	361 30
A. Cooper & Lauterswiler, flower-pots.....	256 25
James M. Thorburn & Co., syringes and mats.	44 00
Van Nest Brothers, shafts.....	36 00
Bradley & Smith, brooms.....	35 00
F. W. Devoe & Co., gold leaf.....	30 00
W. V. Crissey & Co., chamois skins.....	22 13
Morgan Jones, plumbers' ware.....	16 49
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	15 90
Combination Rubber Company, hose.....	12 00
James S. Barrow & Company, brooms.....	11 25
J. Della Torre & Company, coal-tar.....	6 50
R. E. Diets, lamp chimneys.....	3 00
L. Schepp, cocoa husks.....	3 00
Peekskill Gravel Company, gravel.....	2,255 07
S. P. Ingraham, dockage.....	33 50
Total.....	<u>\$46,819 43</u>

Dated New York, October 10, 1871.

HENRY HILTON,
 PETER B. SWEENEY, President, } *Auditing*
Committee.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., Chairman, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it expedient for the public interest to acquire title for the use of the public to all those parts of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, lying between the Tenth avenue and the Harlem river, and that the President take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks to acquire title to all the lands included in the lines of said One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, lying between the Tenth avenue and the Harlem river, and to sign, on behalf of the Department of Public Parks, 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 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., Chairman, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

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

Adjourned.

GEORGE M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Department of Docks, relative to avenues on waterfront on North river, Spuyten Duyvil Creek, and Harlem river.

Referred to the Treasurer and Engineer.

From J. Fleischl, presenting a sheep with six legs. The same having been acknowledged, was ordered filed.

From Frank A. Pollard, Acting Chief Landscape Gardener, with estimated number of trees required for planting on various roads and streets under the control of the Department.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the same be printed at length on the minutes and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
BUREAU OF LANDSCAPE GARDENING, }
NEW YORK, Sept. 13, 1871.

HON. HENRY HILTON,

Vice-President, Department of Public Parks :

SIR—In compliance with your instructions, I herewith hand you a statement showing the estimated number of trees required for planting the various roads and streets laid out by and under the management and control of this Department.

River street, from One Hundred and Eleventh to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street.....	292
River street, from One Hundred and Fifty-first street, on the west side, running round Spuyten Duyvil Creek to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, East river.....	2,921
Street on east side of Riverside Park.....	1,026
Street on west of Public Drive, from One Hundred and Sixteenth to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street	180
Public Drive, from Fifty-ninth street to Kingsbridge road	1,391
Eleventh avenue, Kingsbridge road to Inwood street....	467
Manhattan street.....	155
Streets between Manhattan street and One Hundred and Thirty-third street, and from Public Drive, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street to Tenth avenue....	170
Street west of Morning Side Park, One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Twenty-second street.....	210

Street between Eighth and Ninth avenues, One Hundredth to One Hundred and Twenty-third street.....	308
St. Nicholas avenue, One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Sixty-first street.....	745
One Hundred and Tenth street.....	167
Street east of Morning Side Park, One Hundred and Thirteenth to One Hundred and Sixteenth street.....	43
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Road from One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street to Inwood street.....	920
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Avenue between Eleventh avenue and Kingsbridge road	307
Avenue between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, from One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.....	533
Tenth avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to Eleventh avenue.....	687
Road from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and Ninth avenue to River street.....	1,086
Inwood street.....	240

Cross streets, from One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street to	
Inwood street.....	2,312
Streets north of Inwood street, not named.....	4,023
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	21,139
For replacement of defective trees add 10 per cent.....	2,113
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Total.....	<u>23,252</u>

Very respectfully,

FRANK A. POLLARD,
Acting Chief Landscape Gardener.

The Treasurer presented the following correspondence had between himself and Andrew H. Green, Deputy Comptroller of the city, and moved that the same be entered at length on the minutes and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, October 17, 1871. }

To the Department of Public Parks :

I have this day deposited to the credit of your Department the sum of \$100,000—being the avails of Assessment Bonds—and take this occasion to acknowledge the receipt of a letter over the signature of the Treasurer of your Department in answer to mine of 5th inst., calling for information relative to certain expendi-

tures, which discloses a condition of affairs in your Department that requires comment and attention.

The total appropriations made by the Board of Apportionment, for the care and government of the Central Park, for the year 1871, is the sum of \$186,000, and this is all that your Department is authorized to expend for those purposes. The President of your Department is a member of the Board of Apportionment, and was present and assented to this appropriation.

It appears by your communication that, notwithstanding that your Department is expressly limited by law to the above-named sum, it has expended in nine months of this year, to October 1, 1871, on the Central Park the sum of \$365,068.14, and on the other parks the sum of \$80,854.51, making a total sum of \$445,922.65. At this rate the expenditures for the year would reach nearly the sum of \$600,000. It will be recollected that this is for the care and government of the parks only; that is, for the annual running expenses of the parks, and is, in addition to the sum of \$1,540,866.54, already expended, as shown by your communication on the parks, in the same nine months.

As appears by the statement of your Department, the amount expended on the parks in seventeen months and ten days, being the time in which they have been in charge of your Department, is \$2,319,867.24, and for the expenses of their care and government \$808,676.63.

It is not at this time proposed to enter upon the question as to the manner in which these great sums of money have been expended, nor to speak of the character of the results attained; my present duty involves the inquiry as to the lawful authority of the Department of Parks to make these expenditures, and of this Department to provide moneys to meet them.

Some of the moneys furnished by this Department to the De-

partment of Parks are to be refunded from assessments on property, others from taxation, and others from the avails of bonds.

If the Parks Department, without lawful warranty, applies money furnished by this Department to purposes other than those for which they were provided, great confusion must result.

In your communication above alluded to, it is stated that "there is no power vested in the Comptroller's, or any other Department, to call upon us to make a report on any subject." Is there not some misapprehension here? Is the Finance Department left by the law powerless to ascertain whether funds have been applied to purposes other than those contemplated by the law, and if so, to take measures to prevent it; or the payment of improper claims; or to keep expenditure within the limits of the law? In this connection, I respectfully call to the notice of the Department of Parks the following sections of the so-called new Charter:

SEC. 33. The Finance Department shall have control of all fiscal concerns of the Corporation, and of the appropriations made for carrying on the business of the Corporation. It shall prescribe the forms of keeping and rendering all city accounts, and the manner in which all salaries shall be drawn, and the mode by which all creditors, officers, and employés of the Corporation shall be paid.

SEC. 34. All accounts rendered to or kept in the other departments, shall be subject to the inspection and revision of the officers of this Department, and it shall settle and adjust all claims in favor of or against the Corporation, and all accounts in which the Corporation is concerned as debtor or creditor.

SEC. 39. All moneys drawn from the city Treasury shall be upon vouchers for the expenditure thereof, examined and allowed

by the Auditor, and approved by the Comptroller, and filed in his office.

Will the Department of Parks have the kindness to send to this office the last pay-rolls of each class that have been paid by the Department ?

And much oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

ANDREW H. GREEN,

Deputy Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
No. 265 Broadway, }
NEW YORK, October 23, 1871. }

To the Comptroller of the City of New York :

DEAR SIR—On behalf of this Department I have to acknowledge receipt of a communication from your Deputy, under date of 17th inst., informing us that you had deposited to our credit \$100,000, being avails of assessment bonds issued by you on our behalf; and you are pleased to present for our consideration certain facts and suggestions, some of which we propose to notice.

1. That we have expended in maintaining the Central and other parks under our charge a greater amount than the \$186,000 which was appropriated for the purpose by the Board of Apportionment under the Two per cent. act.

As a member of that Board, you are aware of the fact that this sum was appropriated to our Department not because it was deemed in any sense sufficient for the purpose, or with any intent to reduce our estimates submitted to the Board, but only and simply because there was no greater sum of money, the avails of

the Two per cent. tax, left remaining applicable to the necessities of this Department.

The question was subsequently presented to our consideration whether, after this \$186,000 had been expended, we should discharge all of the employés and police of the Department, and permit Central Park and the city parks to remain uncared for and open public commons, subject to waste and destruction, or whether we should continue, as has been the usual course in such cases.

We did not hesitate to decide that our duties as public officers demanded that we should do as we have done, and as was the custom of our predecessors, maintain the parks at all necessary cost, and borrow the money actually needed from funds in our possession for purposes of park improvements, to be repaid in the usual manner by provision for deficiencies.

2. That we have expended during the three-quarters of the present year upon Central Park \$365,068.14, and upon the other city parks \$80,854.51, making \$445,922.65 for care and government only.

This statement is entirely accurate, and if you intended by it to produce an unfavorable public impression of our management, we take occasion to say that the results produced and work performed by us in the care and government of Central Park has been at a less rate of expenditure than that of the former Central Park Commission for equal service, and as to the city parks, it has been at very much less than heretofore expended upon them by the City government.

Thus : The former Central Park Commissioners expended annually on Central Park \$300,000, the amount appropriated by law for maintenance, together with about \$40,000 in excess, which the Treasurer, Mr. Green, always drew from other funds within

the control of the Commission, the avails of assessment bonds, etc. They had besides an annual appropriation of \$30,000 for the care of the Museum and Observatory, making a total of three hundred and seventy thousand dollars, and all which was expended in maintenance under regulations requiring ten hours labor to constitute a day's work. The Eight hour law controlling all public departments necessarily increased this expenditure, to produce like results, one-fifth, or equivalent to \$74,000 per annum. The inadequacy of the former force of park and gate keepers was well known, calling for the constant detail of laborers to perform police duty. Not approving of this course, we added forty additional police, or park-keepers, making a total of one hundred and seventeen men to guard over eight hundred acres of public park, and six of whom have been necessarily detailed to protect and preserve the Harlem river bridges at McComb's dam and Third avenue. This addition involves an expense of \$60,000 per annum, or about one thousand five hundred dollars for the pay and clothing of each man. Add \$18,000 for music and \$15,000 for fireworks, and we have a total of \$537,000.

Upon the city parks, the usual expenditure, with deficiencies, was from \$70,000 to \$95,000 per annum. Add one-fifth, as before, for difference in labor, \$19,000:—would give us \$114,000 per year for their care alone, to equal that expended heretofore.

We considered that under the law we were bound to protect and preserve the city parks, over twenty in number, by a proper police force, and accordingly have appointed for that purpose thirty-eight park-keepers at an annual cost of about \$57,000, making a total for these parks and Central Park of \$708,000 per annum on the basis of former expenditures.

Now you will see that our expenditure is far below this sum, being for five-sixths of the working year \$447,000, or at the rate

of \$522,000 per annum, and \$186,000 per annum less than that heretofore expended to produce far inferior results.

3. That during the past year and a half this department has expended in permanent improvements and structures upon Central Park and the various city parks \$2,319,867.24.

As this statement is evidently made with the intent to mislead the public mind, and produce a false impression of the necessity for this expenditure, we must here take occasion to say; your deputy could have informed you that the late Central Park Commission left as legacies to this Department very many extravagant and incompleated structures, but as they had either progressed too far to change, or were partially under contract, or were obviously in need of speedy completion, we did not hesitate in urging their progress. Of the amount thus expended in construction near two-thirds was laid out upon the city parks, which speak for themselves.

On Central Park the money was applied towards completing the Belvedere, an unnecessarily extravagant structure. The conservatory, more expensive, and so badly located as to enhance its cost far beyond what it should be; the stables, much needed, but too elaborate for the purpose; the park exterior walls, very costly. The Palæozoic Museum, which we finally abandoned and restored the park wall on Eighth avenue; the dairy; paving and completing the transverse roads; completing the Eighth avenue circle; also the square at Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, both of which were conceived by the former Commissioners, and are wholly unnecessary and useless; completing the terrace and the great fountain basin, etc. Besides these, we built the sheep-fold, a beautiful structure, and generally admired; widened the main drive, necessitating a change of bridle and other paths; repaired, enlarged, or rebuilt several expensive bridges; constructed a main sewer with tunnel, from the Menagerie to Fifty-ninth

street; raised the grade of Eighth avenue, fronting Manhattan square, some eighteen feet; also filled in the streets and avenues about that square, including a large portion of the square proper, which lies, in most part, from twenty to forty feet below grade; adapted a large portion of the west side of the park to the new Eighth avenue grade for the distance of near two miles, including a change of most of the Eighth avenue entrances to the transverse roads; rehabilitated the old Arsenal building and created within it a perfect Museum, besides affording offices for the proper administration of the business of the Department; constructed houses, menageries, and aviaries about the Museum, for the exhibition of the tropical and other animals and birds; completed sidewalks on Fifth avenue for over a mile; laid over a mile of Park wall; relaid the Park walks several miles in extent; erected a number of cottages for women and children; paved Fifty-ninth street, etc.

All these works have been carried on in the most careful and prudent manner, and for every dollar expended substantial value has been received upon the city property, and we do not fear to assert that our work in every respect will compare favorably, both in economy and durability, with any similar work done for account of private individuals.

All our purchases and all our contracts have been made with merchants and contractors of undoubted character and ability, at the lowest cash prices, and we challenge the fullest inquiry and scrutiny into our every act in this respect or in any other. We know we have been faithful to the public interests, and our only fault in the eyes of a few economists would seem to be that we have done a greater amount of work within a limited time than has ever before been accomplished in a like period in the administration of our city affairs.

We think the public fully approves of this fault, but should we learn otherwise there is no difficulty in avoiding it in future by adopting the usual course of taking years to complete what can and should be done in a few months.

4. That this Department is subject to the control of yourself, and all its bills and payments must be audited by you.

Having already expressed an adverse opinion on this point, we communicate now the opinion of our counsel, A. J. Vanderpoel, Esq., from which it will appear that the sections of the charter quoted by you have no application to this Department. Under the laws we succeeded to all the powers and duties of the late Central Park Commissioners as a State body created by the Legislature; and in the language of chapter 383 of the Laws of 1870, passed *subsequent* to the charter, "Nothing in any act contained shall be deemed, construed, or taken to abrogate or impair any of the powers or duties" so conferred upon our predecessors, and transferred to us as their successors.

It was never heretofore pretended or claimed by yourself, or any one else, that the former Commissioners were subject to the control of your Department, and we hold toward you the same relation as our predecessors, exercising all their powers and performing all their duties.

Respecting our pay-rolls, you are aware that your Deputy is still a Commissioner of this Department. At all times our pay-rolls and vouchers are open to his inspection, or the inspection and fullest scrutiny of any responsible committee desiring to investigate any matter relating to them, but as vouchers belonging to the files of the Department we cannot part with their custody.

Finally, we must again ask your attention to filling our requisitions for moneys to carry on the works now progressing under

us, and paying the large amount of audited bills of various parties against the Department for contract work, tools, materials, etc., heretofore furnished.

The amount you have supplied us of late is wholly inadequate to the purposes required, as, after liquidating the pay-roll of laborers, etc., nothing remains for those who have performed work under contracts or furnished materials, etc., many of whom are greatly in need of the amounts now long due them.

Yours, very respectfully,

HENRY HILTON,
Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

OPINION OF MR. VANDERPOEL.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York :

I am asked the following questions :

Whether the Department of Public Parks is subject to the control of the Comptroller of the City of New York, and whether its payments must be audited and allowed by him ?

The act passed April 17, 1857, entitled "An act for the regulation and government of the Central Park," placed the Central Park under a Board of Commissioners named by the Legislature.

The tenth section required the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to create and issue a stock, denominated "The Central Park Improvement Fund," and, by section twelve, the moneys raised from this stock were required to be deposited with one of the trust companies, or in a bank or banks, as either should be

designated by the Board. These moneys could, by that section, only be drawn from the bank by a warrant signed by at least a majority of the Commissioners, and countersigned by the Comptroller of the city upon filing with him the receipts or other vouchers therefor.

On the 15th of April, 1859, this system, so far as requiring the warrants to be countersigned by, and the vouchers filed with the Comptroller, was changed. The Legislature amended the act of April 17, 1857, and enacted, by section six, that "the moneys mentioned in the twelfth section of the act hereby amended may be drawn from the bank in which they may be deposited, by warrants signed by a majority of the said commissioners in office, and *all receipts and vouchers shall be filed in the office of said Board.*"

Subsequent to 1859 various acts were passed requiring the Comptroller to provide additional amounts and funds to be deposited to the credit of the commissioners and drawn out upon their warrant, and the moneys thus deposited were to be applied by the Board to the payment of the expenses of the maintenance and government of the park and other properties placed in their charge. Of this character were the acts of May 19, 1860, of February 10, 1865, of April 24, 1865, of April 4, 1866, of April 24, 1867, and the Observatory act of May 5, 1869.

The twelfth article of the charter of April 5, 1870, substantially provides that all provisions of law which provide for the maintenance and government of the Central Park, or provide salary for the Comptroller of said Park, shall apply to the Department of Public Parks, thereby established, and to the Commissioners and Comptroller of the Park Department respectively.

The act of April 26, 1870, making further provision for the

government of the City of New York, provided that all acts conferring powers and devolving duties upon the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park were thereby transferred to and conferred upon the Department of Public Parks, and *nothing in any act contained was to be deemed, construed, or taken to abrogate or impair any powers or duties so conferred on the Department of Public Parks.*

The act of May 5, 1870, passed a month after the charter, adhered to the system established by the Legislatures of the previous ten years, and required the Comptroller of the city to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, with such bank or trust company as should be designated by your Department, such sums as it should from time to time require for payment for any services, work or material furnished under any contract, proceeding or otherwise, for laying out, opening, regulating, grading, or otherwise improving any street, avenue, road, public square, or place, the construction or maintenance of which by law is or shall be under the direction, control, or management of said Department of Public Parks, specifying on what particular work or proceedings the money was required.

The act of April 5, 1871, which was entitled "An act in relation to the powers and duties of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, including provision for the several public parks, squares, and places and other works under the jurisdiction and direction of the said Department, in the city of New York," being the latest legislation on this subject, in its fifth section contained provisions in perfect harmony with and almost identical with those established for the Commissioners of Central Park before the creation of the Department of Parks. It required the Comptroller to raise and deposit the moneys to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, to be used and appropriated by the Board, for the construction, improvement,

and regulation of the several public parks, squares, and places in the city which, by law, now are or may hereafter be under their control and management, and also for the construction and equipment of a Meteorological and Astronomical Observatory and a Conservatory on Central Park in said city, and also for the construction of Museums of Art and Natural History, as herein provided, and for the purposes contemplated by the said act, etc.

It will be seen by an examination of these acts that the entire control of the parks is given to the Department of Public Parks, and that it alone has entire charge and control of the disbursements of the moneys therefor.

The provisions of the charter allowing the Finance Department to settle and adjust all claims in favor or against the Corporation, and all accounts in which the Corporation is concerned as a debtor, can have no application in those cases, in which (as in the Department of Public Parks) the Comptroller is directed to deposit the money to the credit of the Department on the requisition of the Board, who are authorized and directed to make all disbursements therefrom.

The requisition of the Department of Public Parks upon the Comptroller, in the form prescribed by the statute in that behalf for the moneys which he is required to deposit, is the voucher which is to be kept in the City Comptroller's office, showing the disposition of the money made by him.

A. J. VANDERPOEL.

NEW YORK, October 21, 1871.

Also that Judge Ingraham had granted the mandamus upon the Comptroller, as applied for, as follows

THE OPINION.

The application for a mandamus in this case is based upon the provisions of the act of the Legislature passed April 5, 1871, prescribing the powers and duties of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, being chapter 290 of Session Laws of 1871. By the fifth section of that act the Department was authorized to make requisitions in writing upon the Comptroller for such sums of money as they require from time to time for the improvement of the several public squares, parks, and plates in said city under their control, and also for the construction and equipment of a Meteorological and Astronomical Observatory, a Conservatory and Museum of Art, Natural History, or any park in the city. By the same act it is made the duty of the Comptroller to raise and borrow upon the faith and credit of the Corporation such sums of money as shall be so required from time to time and deposit the same with such depository as may be designated by the Board. The Comptroller is also authorized to sell the stock and funds provided to repay the moneys so borrowed. The Department, by the act of the Legislature, chapter 595, Session Laws of 1869, was authorized to erect the observatory and museums, and to provide the necessary equipments for the same, and the moneys therefor were to be raised in the manner directed by the act of 1860, chapter 85. Under this act the Department, in January, 1871, made a requisition for \$250,000, on which the sum of \$150,000 was paid by the Comptroller, leaving \$100,000 then due. This sum has never been raised or paid to the Department. Under the act of 5th of April, 1871, before referred to, other requisitions were made, as stated in the morning papers, amounting to \$1,900,000, on which \$1,520,000 had been paid, leaving \$400,000 unpaid.

There can be no doubt but that the statute before referred to,

independent of the question raised as to the effect of the act of 1871 providing for the Two per cent. tax, that the Department had the right to make the requisitions, and that it was the duty of the Comptroller, under these requisitions, to have raised the money in the manner provided, as some of the issue of the bonds was authorized by the Board of Apportionment, as provided by the Tax Law of 1871. It becomes necessary, therefore, to decide what effect the limitation of the Tax Law of 1871, commonly known as the Two per cent. act, had upon these statutes passed previously. That act provided in the first section that the Board of Supervisors should raise by tax, in 1871 and 1872, a sum which, in the aggregate, should not exceed two per cent. on the valuation of the real and personal estates subject to taxation, fixed for the year 1871, by the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments for the city and county of New York, in addition to the excess of the State tax on that of 1870, and limited the amount, including the State tax, to \$25,000,000 in either year. The same section provided that out of such sum so to be raised should be paid all the expenses of the city and county government for all their departments and purposes for each of said years, the interest on the city and county debt falling due, and the proportions of the State tax payable by the said city and county in each of said years respectively. The third section directed the Board of Apportionment, after settling upon the amount necessary, to pay the interest on the city and county stocks and bonds becoming due during the year, and the principal that may become due of such stocks, and is payable by taxation during the year, and also as much as may be necessary to pay the State tax to be paid by the city and county, to apportion the residue to the various departments and purposes of the city and county governments for the year 1871, and the like apportionment is ordered for 1872. It is evident from these provisions that the whole intent of this act was to provide the money neces-

sary to be raised by taxation annually in each year for the purposes of the city and county. There is nothing in the provisions referred to which in any way could be construed as including any permanent debt, either past or prospective, which was not to be paid by taxation during the year. It did not even include any part of public debt falling due during the year, except so much of it as was by the law required to be raised by tax during that year. If five or ten millions of the city debt should be payable in 1871 no part of that debt would be included within its provisions excepting the portion thereof which the law creating it required to be raised by tax during the year.

The whole form of the law and the provisions show the intent to be to raise the amount necessary for the annual tax, and the distribution of such amount for the purpose that such annual tax was ordinarily applied to, and to limit the amount which should be raised by such means for such purposes. So far as these provisions that I have referred to affect the issue of these bonds for permanent improvements, I see nothing within the terms of the law applicable thereto, except the annual interest thereon, and the amount required to be raised by tax annually as a sinking fund. If such bonds are issued in 1871 those amounts must be deducted from the tax of 1872. The residue of the bonds or stocks issued for such purposes must not be included within any of such provisions, nor would the acts authorizing the creation of such bonds or stocks for permanent improvements be in any way affected thereby. The following limitation is added in the second section to the provisions therein, directing that the moneys so to be raised by tax in each year shall be applied to the payment of the State tax, the interest on the public debt, and the expenses of the city and county governments for the year, viz.: "And no liability shall be incurred for any purpose in either of said years which shall with the State tax for

such year and the principal and interest of the city and county debt payable in such year, make the aggregate of the expenses of the city and county governments together for each of the said years amount to more than two per cent. upon the reduction aforesaid, with the addition hereinbefore provided. It is contended on the part of the Comptroller that this provision prevents the issue of bonds or stock under the previous statutes during 1871 and 1872, were for permanent improvements, and that the operation of such limitation is to postpone the issue of bonds or stock during those years.

I do not think such was the intent of this provision. The limitation is the expenses of the city and county governments for the years 1871 and 1872. It was intended to limit the expenses of the city and county governments, which were annually paid by taxation. The liability which should not be incurred was a liability which formed part of the expenses of those governments during the year, and the restriction was intended to prevent the heads of departments from expending for such ordinary expenses by incurring debts of greater amount than was appropriated for such purposes.

SEC. 5. It was not intended to apply to permanent improvements authorized by former statutes, which were for the increase of the city property, or for any purpose not directed to be paid for by taxation. The issue of bonds or stock for building an observatory or museum in the Park would not be an increase of the expenses of the city in 1871 and 1872. It would be a permanent debt, independent and exclusive of the expenses of the city, required to be paid by taxation.

There are several provisions in this tax law providing for the issue of bonds or stock for other purposes which would increase the amount, also the limited tax, and be a violation thereof, if the

construction put upon this law by the respondents was adopted and the provisions in the fourth section requiring the concurrence of the Board of Apportionment to the issue of bonds or stock shows that the Legislature contemplated the issue of bonds notwithstanding the limitation as to the annual expense. It is stated in the affidavit of Mr. Storrs, the former Deputy Comptroller, that the whole amount appropriated to the Department by the Board of Apportionment for the year 1871 had been paid by the Comptroller. This would be all they could receive from the amount raised for taxes during this year. It does not appear for what purpose this apportionment was made, but I suppose it to have been for the ordinary annual expenses of the Department. The objection that was made to the form of the requisition, the same having been made by the Executive Committee instead of the Board, was raised on the argument on the understanding that an affidavit should be made that such requisitions were made by the direction of the Board. I might also add that the requisition for buildings in the Park, on which \$100,000 remain unpaid, was made in January, 1871—long before the passage of the tax law. It was the duty of the Comptroller to have complied therewith at that time, and that duty was not relieved by the subsequent passage of that law.

My conclusion is, that there is nothing in any of the provisions of the tax law of 1871 which prevents the Department of Parks from proceeding in completing the permanent improvements authorized by the Legislature, or that prohibits the Comptroller from issuing bonds or stock therefor on such requisitions. So far as they have made requisitions for the ordinary annual expenses of the parks and public places, the amount to be expended must be limited to the moneys appropriated therefor by the Board of Apportionment ; and as that amount has been paid, as stated in the affidavit of Mr. Storrs, no further sum can be ex-

pended during the year on that account. It is objected by the respondent that, under the law relating to the powers and duties of the Department of Public Parks, chapter 290, Session Laws, 1871, the time and amount of bonds to be issued for the purposes of the parks was discretionary with the Comptroller. Such is the provision of the first section. That, however, does not relate to the issue of bonds when requisition was made by the Commissioners for money for these purposes, but was a discretionary power vested in the Comptroller to raise money for the improvement of the parks without any requisition from the Department. The fifth section of that act authorizes the Commissioners to make requisitions in writing upon the Comptroller from time to time, and adds, "It shall be the duty of said Comptroller to raise and borrow, upon the faith of the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York, such sums of money as shall be so required from time to time, and deposit the same with such bank, etc., as shall be designated by said Board." This section makes it the duty of the Comptroller to borrow the money whenever so required by the Commissioners, leaving to him the discretion to subsequently issue and sell so much stock as may be necessary to repay the moneys so borrowed, which had not been raised by tax. If the purposes for which such requisitions were made, as stated in the relator's papers, that for the building of the museum and observatory, and for the road on the Eighth avenue, come within the description of permanent improvements, and are not included within the annual expenses to be raised by tax. For those sums a mandamus may issue directing the Comptroller to borrow the sum of \$200,000, as stated in the requisitions made therefor. As to the other sums asked for the Central Park and for parks and places, it does not appear that these amounts are made for permanent improvements or any part of the annual expenditure for those parks, and the application as to those requisitions, is denied. The Department may renew the applica-

tion on showing that those requisitions were for permanent improvements not included within the annual expenses of the parks.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York, is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department; the Comptroller of the Department of Public Parks is hereby authorized to transmit this resolution to the Department of Finance.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with 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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and for permanent improvements upon the several public squares

and places under the control of this Department; the Comptroller of the Department of Public Parks is hereby authorized to transmit this resolution to the Department of Finance.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for permanent improvements upon the Central Park; the Comptroller of the Department of Public Parks is hereby authorized to transmit this resolution to the Department of Finance.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON 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 re-

requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Boulevard, from Fifty-ninth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; the Comptroller of the Department of Public Parks is hereby authorized to transmit this resolution to the Department of Finance.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS 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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, sewerage, paving, and improving Manhattan street, from the Twelfth avenue to Avenue St. Nicholas; the Comptroller of the Department of Public Parks is hereby authorized to transmit this resolution to the Department of Finance.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

The PRESIDENT 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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to the Harlem river; the Comptroller of the Department of Public Parks is hereby authorized to transmit this resolution to the Department of Finance.

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—PETER B. SWEENY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON 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 Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services, and materials furnished, or

to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and improving the Avenue St. Nicholas; the Comptroller of the Department of Public Parks is hereby authorized to transmit this resolution to the Department of Finance.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was approved, ordered entered at length on the minutes, and placed on file:

To the Department of Public Parks:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of Henry Hilton, Esq., Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks, from the first day of April, 1871, up to the first day of July, 1871, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts; that they find said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory, and that the balance to the credit of said Department on the first day of July, 1871, is \$61,887.32.

PETER B. SWEENEY, President, } *Auditing*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

NEW YORK, October 24, 1871.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have

examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz.:

Bill of J. H. Sullivan, Seventh avenue pavement...	\$23,265 00
Day Vulcanized Concrete Company, pavement.....	11,811 00
Bigelow Blue-stone Company, curb and flagging.....	9,845 80
Composite Iron Works Company, settees.....	5,988 00
Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, pavement.....	4,364 68
Cooke & Chesebrough, Eighth avenue wall...	3,107 00
Murphy & Nesbit, building material.....	2,152 90
James M. Russell, powder and fuse.....	1,735 00
Peekskill Gravel Company, gravel.....	1,365 98
A. Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	1,122 00
Peter B. Masterson, unloading stone.....	960 87
Sanderson Brothers & Co., steel.....	385 15
W. W. Burnham, plants.....	159 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	146 59
John L. Kipp, handcarts.....	105 00
J. Della Torre & Co., rope.....	93 90
Dimond Brothers, bolts, etc.....	88 05
Salamander Works, pipe.....	59 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	52 82
A. T. Stewart & Co., gloves.....	48 00
James Cumings, bars for cages.....	26 70
Wotherspoon Brothers, marble dust.....	16 50
Piersons & Co., iron.....	10 70
Charles Reiche & Bro., bird food.....	8 00
James Prentice, repairing instruments.....	7 00
F. W. Christern, books.....	5 43
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	3 70

Bill of Van Nest Brothers, enamelled duck.....	\$3 48
William Menzies, saw dust.....	3 00
Bradley & Smith, dusters.....	2 37
Vanderbilt Brothers, clover seed.....	1 40
Benoit & Wood, pencils.....	1 20
D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	4,128 95
James Slattery, sand.....	1,500 00
J. D. Minor, filling.....	1,309 87
Henry Wagner, filling.....	1,200 00
W. Westerfield, water wagons.....	1,140 00
Talcott & Scallon, hay, oats, etc.....	825 77
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, chain and lanterns.....	433 00
Thomas & J. D. Crimmins, stone.....	390 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	381 67
Murphy & Nesbit, building materials.....	351 48
Harlem Gas-light Company, gas.....	303 45
F. W. Devoe & Co., paints, etc.....	245 24
W. V. Crissey & Co., drugs, paints, etc.....	141 80
Slote & Janes, stationery.....	112 98
J. L. Mott Iron Works, curbs and grates.....	104 82
Composite Iron Works Company, drinking fountains.....	100 00
Metropolitan Gas-light Company, gas.....	98 35
Townsend & Co., coal.....	90 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	71 35
James L. Jackson & Bro., registers.....	48 00
George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	65 42
McCracken & Co., harness soap.....	24 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., plumbers' ware.....	14 50
Van Nest Brothers, axles.....	11 25
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	9 00
Baker, Voorhis & Co., Laws of 1871.....	7 00

Bill of Fairbanks & Co., repairing scale	\$6 00
Connecticut Clock Company, repairing clocks	5 00
Benoit & Wood, artists' materials	4 20
C. V. Hough, filling.....	6,500 00
F. K. Field, piers for conservatory	2,200 00
Thomas & J. D. Crimmins, mould.....	1,032 50
Andrew Smith, hardware	98 59
Bigelow Blue-stone Company, stone for basins	78 75
W. V. Crissey & Co., oil	68 98
Sanderson Brothers & Co., steel.....	57 75
George Such, sand and peat.....	50 00
J. Della Torre & Co., bagging	44 80
J. L. Mott Iron Works, sheet iron.....	29 97
Total	<u>\$90,229 66</u>

Dated NEW YORK, October 24, 1871.

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, at 3 o'clock the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 1 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields.

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

The following communications were received :

From Alfred Edwards, presenting a box of seed of the mountain ash.

Ordered filed.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer-in-Chief, submitting investigation as to charges made against men employed in Jenkins' gang.

Ordered filed.

From William H. Smith, Edwin Dobbs, and others, requesting a change of grade on One Hundred and Fifty-second street, between the Boulevard and Tenth avenue.

Referred to the Executive Committee to examine and report upon to the Board.

From Calvin T. Hulburd, Superintendent of United States Post-office and Court-house Building, requesting permission to depress the pavement on the south-west corner of Park row and New Park street, and to pave the street-way of Park row, and to construct a new receiving-basin to connect with the sewer, at the Government expense.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the matter be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

From Frederic De Peyster, calling attention to two stone balls of historic interest in the war with Tripoli, and removed from the South Gate of Union square, stating that they were presented by Captain Nicholson, United States Navy, and desiring that they be preserved and placed in a conspicuous position.

The Treasurer stated that the balls referred to had been carefully removed to Central Park, and would be assigned a suitable position.

Ordered filed.

From Thomas & John D. Crimmins, offering dock at One Hundred and Fifty-second street and Harlem river for sale.

Ordered filed.

From Henry Bradly, making charges against Foreman Sparks.

The Treasurer stated that the charges have been investigated and are not substantiated.

Ordered filed.

From B. F. Crane, Superintendent Central Park, in reference to complaint of A. Wright Page against Park carriages.

Ordered filed.

A report was received from M. A. Kellogg, Engineer-in-Chief, transmitting topographical survey and study plan for improvement of Morningside Park.

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be printed in document form, and referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

(See Doc. No. 29.)

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given for the erection, on Printing House Square, of a statue of Benjamin Franklin, the subject of location and extent of space to be allowed for the purpose being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the city of New York, in the Tenth National Bank of the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars for the payment of work, services, and materials furnished for permanent improvements upon the Central Park, this request being made for the same sum mentioned in the requisition from this Department to the Comptroller of the city of New York, on the 14th day of September, 1871, for work on Central Park, and this requisition being supplementary to said former requisition, and the moneys herein required being the same which were therein called for; and the Comptroller of this Department is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution as the requisition of the Department upon the Comptroller of the city of New York for the sum hereinabove mentioned.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks in the city of New York, in the Tenth National Bank of the City of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, for the payment of work, services, and materials furnished for permanent improvements, namely: grading, paving, sewerage, and other permanent improvements on the several public squares and places under the control of the said Department of Parks, this request being made for the same sum mentioned in the requisition from this Department to the Comptroller of the city of New York, of the 17th day of August, 1871, for work on parks and places, and this requisition being supplementary to said former requisition, and the moneys herein required being the same which were therein called for; and the Comptroller of this Department is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution as the requisition of this Department upon the Comptroller of the city of New York for the sum hereinabove mentioned.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

The Treasurer stated verbally that the work on McComb's Dam Bridge had been discontinued in consequence of the funds for that purpose being exhausted.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of J. H. Sullivan, grading Manhattan street....	\$15,000 00
Irah Chase, lamp-posts.....	6,900 00
John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work	5,216 00
C. A. Harrington, broken stone	3,856 79
John Quinn, filling.....	3,000 00
Thomas J. Hinch, filling.....	2,500 00
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	1,342 10
Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel.....	1,314 23
Theodore F. Tone, broken trap-rock	824 99
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	579 21
Townsend & Co., coal.....	400 00
Composite Iron Works Co., iron fence.....	350 00
Salamander Works, pipe.....	193 60
Richard Dudgeon, hydraulic jack.....	192 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	146 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	144 56
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	70 21
F. W. Devoe & Co., boiled oil.....	41 64
James S. Barron & Co., baskets.....	27 75
Andrew Smith, hardware.....	23 75
Charles Scharbach, leather.....	23 67
J. W. Bartlett, lamps.....	21 50
Combination Rubber Co., hose.....	15 50
Van Nest Brothers, coach hardware.....	13 68
H. A. Rogers & Co., pipe and coupling.....	13 59
John Simms, Evening Express.....	5 25

Bill of Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	\$4 50
James Prentice, repairing steel tape.....	1 25
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Total.....	\$42,221 77
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Dated New York, October 31, 1871.

HENRY HILTON, } *Auditing*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner HILTON moved that said report be approved and placed on file.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

The PRESIDENT reported :

That upon a conference with the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, at their request and desire, an arrangement was entered into whereby the exhibition of specimens of natural history belonging to the society at the museum building on Central Park should be closed to the public on Monday and Tuesday of each week, in conformity with the regulations contained in the following notice :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Special Notice.

In accordance with the terms and conditions imposed by the American Museum of Natural History (the owners of the speci-

mens contained in this Museum), notice is hereby given, that Monday and Tuesday of each week will hereafter, and until the further order of the Department, be reserved for the said Trustees of the Museum of Natural History, all persons contributing or desiring to contribute to the Museum, those wishing to examine the Museum specimens for the purpose of special study, the teachers and pupils of the public schools, and the inmates of the charitable and benevolent institutions of the city. The admission on those days to be by tickets issued by the Trustees of the said Society, and to be obtained at the Department of Public Parks, or of the Secretary of the Museum, Theodore Roosevelt, Esq.

By order of the Department.

PETER B. SWEENEY,
President.

The PRESIDENT accordingly presents for the consideration of the Board the following resolution :

Resolved, That the arrangement made by the President with the Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, respecting the exhibition of the museum now open on Central Park, be approved, the same to continue in force until this Board shall otherwise order or direct.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the county of Westchester be and he is hereby requested to pay over to the Department of Public Parks the sum of ten thousand dollars, such sum being hereby certified by this Department as necessary to be raised in the town of Westchester, in said county of Westchester, to carry out the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the county of Westchester be and he is hereby requested to pay over to the Department of Public Parks the sum of ten thousand dollars, such sum being hereby certified by this Department as necessary to be raised in the town of West Farms, in said county of Westchester, to carry out the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the county of Westchester be and he is hereby requested to pay over to the Department of Public Parks the sum of ten thousand dollars, such sum being hereby certified by this Department as necessary to be raised in the town of Yonkers, in said county of Westchester, to carry out the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, at two o'clock and forty minutes, the Board

Adjourned.

GEORGE M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—Commissioner HILTON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields.

The minutes of the previous meetings, of October 17, 24, 31, and November 7, were read and approved.

A petition was received from William N. Van Buren, M.D., and other physicians, asking for the arrangement of a carriage-road by which invalids may be enabled to reach the mineral springs at the Central Park.

Commissioner SWEENEY moved that said petition be approved, and that the Engineer in-chief be directed to report to the Board a plan for a carriage-road.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green and Hilton—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a plan for the improvement of the sidewalk at corner of Broadway and Twenty-third street.

Ordered filed.

The following communications were received and ordered filed :

From P. C. Langewin, donating a Guinea pig.

From John T. Turner, donating a pelican.

From Andrew H. Green, Deputy Comptroller, desiring a list of employes of the Department.

Ordered filed.

The Treasurer presented plans for the improvement of Morningside Park.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, said plans were laid over for future consideration.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report relative to the Treasurer's accounts, and moved that the same be approved and entered on the minutes.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of Henry Hilton, Esq., Treasurer of the

Department of Public Parks, from the 1st day of July, 1871, up to the 1st day of November, 1871, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts; that they find said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory, and that the balance due the Tenth National Bank on the 1st day of November, 1871, is two hundred and ten thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven dollars and forty-three cents (\$210,977.43).

NEW YORK, November 14, 1871.

PETER B. SWEENEY, President, } *Auditing*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner SWEENEY offered the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby direct that the bonds authorized to be issued by section 3 of an act entitled "An act relative to the improvement of certain portions of the counties of Westchester and New York, including provisions for communication between said counties, and for improving the navigation of Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil Creek," passed April 15, 1871, shall be issued by the Comptroller of the city and county of New York, and shall be delivered to Andrew H. Green, the Deputy Comptroller of said city and county, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars; such sum being hereby certified by this Board as the proportion now necessary to be raised in such county of New York in carrying out the provisions of said act.

Such bonds shall be issued in form and of description in compliance with the provisions of said section, and shall be payable in twenty years from the date of the issue thereof, and shall bear interest half-yearly at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and shall only be issued in sums composed of even hundred dollars, and for not less than the par value thereof.

Proposals for said bonds shall be invited by said Deputy Comptroller by advertisement for the period of ten days, and the said bonds shall be awarded by said Deputy Comptroller to the person or persons, corporation or corporations, who shall offer the highest price for the same, except that said bonds, 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 the said Deputy Comptroller is hereby requested to deposit the avails of said bonds, in the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York, to the credit of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton and Fields—4.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the county of Westchester be and he is hereby requested to pay over to the Department of Public Parks the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), such sum being hereby certified by this Department as necessary to be raised in the town of Eastchester, in said county of Westchester, to carry out the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the county of Westchester be and he is hereby requested to pay over to the Department of Public Parks the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), such sum being hereby certified by this Department as necessary to be raised in the town of Morrisania, in said county of Westchester, to carry out the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the repairs on McComb's Dam Bridge be proceeded with, with all practicable rapidity, and that temporary accommodation be provided for travel during such repairs.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields—4.

On motion of Commissioner HILTON, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday next, at two o'clock P.M.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at two o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board

Adjourned.

GEORGE M. VAN NORT,
Clerk ex-officio.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1871.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 2 P.M.

Present—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton, and Fields.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A petition was received from Thomas Crimmins for an allowance of five hundred dollars (\$500) for extra work done on Seventh avenue.

Commissioner HILTON moved that the same be referred to the Engineer-in-chief, to report thereon to the Board.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green and Hilton—3.

Commissioner HILTON from the Auditing Committee presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified, and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, pavement.....	\$16,380 00
Marvin & Co., rent.....	2,000 00
Tenth National Bank, interest.....	1,362 41
D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	3,434 06
Lafin & Rand, powder and fuse.....	2,550 00
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	1,333 15
Anthony Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	1,090 25
Anthony Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	1,011 13
Talcott & Scallon, hay, oats, and feed.....	757 23
A. T. Stewart & Co, upholstery.....	498 59
William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	412 50
Augustus Ivins, silver maples.....	375 00
Babcock, Brainerd & Co., granite.....	373 83
Murphy & Nesbit, bricks.....	351 00
James M. Russell, powder and fuse.....	350 00
Frank Hochrein, meat.....	280 80
Composite Iron Works Co., drinking-fountains	225 00
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	191 69
F. W. Devoe & Co., paints, etc.....	174 25
Wakefield Earth Closet Co., peat.....	125 00
A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	105 85
Sprague & Co., caps.....	87 50
Piersons & Co., iron and steel.....	86 32
Owen McCabe, bread.....	77 73
James S. Barron & Co., brooms.....	72 75
James M. Thorburn & Co., seeds.....	71 50
L. A. Lanthier, frames.....	70 00
Sanderson, Brothers & Co., steel.....	68 06

Bill of D. Van Nostrand, books.....	\$55 83
William Cartwright, vegetables and fish.....	53 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	49 94
W. H. Grant, carriage-hire.....	45 00
Van Nest Brothers, kersey.....	38 13
W. H. Grant, expenses.....	43 58
New York Gas-light Co., gas.....	30 90
George M. Van Nort, expenses.....	30 11
Daniel Draper, articles for Meteorological Department.....	25 55
William V. Crissey & Co., paints, drugs, etc..	21 19
D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	17 95
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	16 75
James Duff, milk.....	15 50
Charles R. Ellis, repairing flue.....	14 80
H. A. Rogers & Co., plumbers' ware.....	12 55
Dr. O. S. Gregory, services.....	10 00
Allison & Kennaday, twine.....	7 80
J. W. Bartlett, lamp.....	6 25
Vanderbilt Bros., wheat.....	5 40
Walton's Manufacturing and Lantern Works, glass chimneys.....	4 00
William Menzies, sawdust.....	3 00
James Prentice, thermometers.....	3 00
William O. Labagh, salt.....	2 75
Grahamite Asphalt Pavement Co., pavement.	18,863 62
Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel.....	7,566 14
Francis Dugan, roofing.....	5,018 00
J. H. Midiner, broken stone.....	4,575 58
Bigelow Blue-stone Co., curb and blue-stone..	3,113 25
Thomas Pearson, coping.....	2,730 00
Cook & Chesebrough, Ohio stone.....	2,390 00
Composite Iron Works Co., wire fences.....	2,080 00

Bill of Thomas & J. D. Crimmins, mould and man- ure	\$765 50
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	600 10
Miller & Coates, tiles.....	418 80
New York and Richmond Granite Co., gran- ite	305 57
Robert Protheroe, examining system of ac- counts.....	300 00
Isaac H. Dahlman, horse.....	300 00
D. Owen, pavement	142 87
A. O. Delano, rent and repair of transit.....	140 00
F. H. Hamlin, expenses.....	124 00
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	90 50
Dimond Brothers, cage.....	87 50
James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	86 78
James Prentice, instruments.....	77 25
Salamander Works, pipe.....	60 05
Townsend & Co., coal.....	50 00
H. A. Rogers & Co., tin, tubing, etc.....	48 00
William V. Crissey & Co., drugs, etc.....	38 70
J. L. Mott Iron Works, stove-pipe iron.....	25 07
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	21 25
Thomas Duke, iron working.....	19 50
Piersons & Co., iron.....	17 56
Van Nest Brothers, coach hardware.....	15 25
James S. Barron & Co., brooms.....	10 75
Charles Reiche & Bro., bird food	8 00
A. T. Stewart & Co., muslin.....	3 30
F. W. Devoe & Co., tin.....	3 00
Walton's Lantern and Manufacturing Works, lamp chimneys	1 50
Charles Guidet, pavement.....	31,645 76
Hardwick & Co., granite for fountain.....	4,500 00

Bill of J. W. Bartlett, lamps.....	\$3,308 00
Composite Iron Works Company, railings....	3,039 50
J. H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh avenue work..	1,932 00
David Paterson, expenses	45 19
Talcott & Scallon, oats, hay, etc.....	699 09
Slote & Janes, stationery	172 13
James S. Barron & Co., brooms	1 75
Total.....	<u>\$129,869 39</u>

Dated New York, November 14, 1871.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Pres., } *Auditing*
HENRY HILTON, } *Committee.*

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the same be approved and entered at length on the minutes.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner HILTON, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz :

Bill of Thomas Crimmins, Seventh avenue work....	\$33,389 74
Grahamite Pavement Co., pavement.....	15,554 00

Bill of David Babcock, piles and Battery enlargement	\$13,102 95
J. H. Sullivan, Seventh avenue pavement....	11,880 00
Schillinger Artificial Stone Co., pavement....	8,404 00
Day's Vulcanized Concrete Co., pavement ...	6,516 00
Schillinger Artificial Stone Co., pavement...	5,980 00
D. E. Culver, broken stone	4,159 22
A. J. Vanderpoel, retaining fee, etc.....	2,500 00
Thomas C. T. Buckley, services as counsel...	2,000 00
Peter B. Masterson, unloading stone	1,079 92
J. D. Martin & Co., trucking coping	950 00
Anthony Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	507 63
Composite Iron Works Co, lamp brackets....	195 00
Irish American, advertising	189 00
Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	95 24
Harlem Gas-light Co., gas.....	93 10
Morgan Jones, plumbing	86 00
J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	73 05
Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	71 00
William H. Gray, saddles.....	48 00
William W. Crissey & Co., drugs	27 41
W. O. Labagh, salt.....	10 45
F. W. Christern, books.....(gold)	5 35
Combination Rubber Co., couplings.....	1 00
Total.....	\$106,918 06

Dated New York, November 17, 1871.

HENRY HILTON,
 PETER B. SWEENEY, President, } *Auditing*
 } *Committee.*

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

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Executive Committee, presented the following report :

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Executive Committee respectfully present the following report of their doings and proceedings under the resolution of the Department, adopted May 3, 1870, also as to matters referred to them from time to time.

At a meeting of your committee on November 2, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Union square be paved, planted, and improved, according to present plan, under the direction of the Treasurer ; that Madison square, Reservoir square, Mount Morris square, Jackson square, and East Broadway and Grand street triangle be planted, paved, completed and improved with the necessary urinals, cottages, keepers' houses, etc., under the direction of the Treasurer.

The whole being referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Resolved, That there shall be appointed by the President a Deputy Comptroller, who shall assist the Comptroller in the performance of his duties, and in the absence of the Comptroller shall have power to act as Comptroller ; such Deputy Comp-

troller shall perform such other duties as the Board or the President and Treasurer shall direct; the salary to be fixed by the President.

The Committee respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee, as reported in this their report of this day, be and they are hereby approved and adopted as the action of this Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

HENRY HILTON, } *Executive*
 THOMAS C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated New York, November 17, 1871.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hilton and Fields—3.

Noes—Commissioner Green—1.

A communication was received from Lynch, Coles & Meehan, proprietors of the Irish American, relative to a bill for advertising. Also, from the New Yorker Demokrat for advertising.

Commissioner GREEN moved that said communications be referred to the Treasurer to report thereon to the Board.

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—PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., President, and Commissioners Green, Hilton and Fields—4.

Commissioner HILTON laid before the Board a plan for a tunnel across the Harlem river.

Laid on the table for future consideration.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, at two o'clock and ten minutes, the Board

Adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

PRESENT:—Commissioner DILLON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1871.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 BROADWAY, N. Y.

November 22d, 1871.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,

Clerk ex officio D. D. P. :

SIR :—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, for Thursday, 23d inst., at two o'clock, P. M., for the consideration of the regular order of business, the election of officers of the Board, and miscellaneous business.

Respectfully yours,

AND. H. GREEN, } Commissioners
HENRY G. STEBBINS, } Depart. Parks.

PRESENT :—Commissioner GREEN,

“ DILLON,

“ FIELDS,

“ STEBBINS,

“ CHURCH.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, Commissioner Stebbins was called to the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meetings of November 17 and 21 were read and approved.

Certification from His Honor the Mayor of the appointment of Henry G. Stebbins and Frederick E. Church as Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, with copies of oaths of office, were laid before the Board, ordered entered at length upon the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL, NEW YORK,
November 22d, 1871. }

Under and by virtue of Section 95 of an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the Local Government of the City of New York," passed April 5th, A. D. 1870, Henry G. Stebbins, Esq., is hereby appointed a member of the Department of Public Parks of the City Government, for a full term of five years, and as successor to Henry Hilton, Esq., who has resigned as a member of said Department.

A. OAKLEY HALL,
Mayor of the
City of New York.

I, Henry G. Stebbins, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of a member of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, according to the best of my ability. (Signed)

HENRY G. STEBBINS.

Subscribed and sworn be-
fore me, this 22d day of
November, 1871, }

(Signed) A. OAKLEY HALL,
Mayor of the
City of New York.

Nov. 23, 1871.]

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A true copy, and filed in the Mayor's Office, this 22d day of November, A. D. 1871, according to Ordinance.

CHAS. O. JOLINE,
Chief Clerk.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL, NEW YORK, }
November 22d, 1871. }

Under and by virtue of Section 95, of an act entitled "An Act to reorganize the Local Government of the City of New York," passed April 5th, A. D. 1870, Frederick E. Church, Esq., is hereby appointed a member of the Department of Public Parks of the City Government, for a full term of five years, and as successor to Peter B. Sweeny, Esq., who has resigned as a member of said Department.

A. OAKEY HALL,
Mayor of the
City of New York.

I, Frederick E. Church, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of a member of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, according to the best of my ability.

(Signed) FREDERICK E. CHURCH.

Subscribed and sworn be- }
fore me, this 23d day of }
November, 1871, }

(Signed) A. OAKEY HALL,
Mayor of the
City of New York.

A true copy, and filed in the Mayor's Office, this 23d day of November, A. D. 1871, according to Ordinance.

CHAS. O. JOLINE,
Chief Clerk.

The following communications were received :

From Henry Hilton, resigning the office of Treasurer.

Accepted, and ordered filed.

From Frederick Pond, presenting an owl.

Ordered filed.

From his Honor the Mayor, notifying the Department of the appointment of Andrew H. Green as Comptroller of the City.

Ordered filed.

From William H. Grant, Chief Engineer, Bureau of Civil and Topographical Engineering, presenting bill of E. S. Chesbrough, for services as Consulting Engineer.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, referred to the Treasurer (when appointed), to examine into and report to the Board in reference to the same.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, the By-Laws of the Department were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Chairman and Commissioner Dillion, for revision, and report the same to the Board.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, it was ordered, that the Board do now proceed to the election of officers by ballot.

The Chairman appointed Commissioner GREEN teller.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for President, whereupon

The Teller announced the result as follows :

For President, Henry G. Stebbins, received 4 votes.

Commissioner Stebbins having received all the votes cast, was declared duly elected President of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, it was ordered, that the Board do now proceed to the election of Vice-President, the same Teller acting.

The Board proceeded to ballot for Vice-President, whereupon

The Teller announced the result as follows :

For Vice-President, Robert J. Dillon	received	4	votes.
Andrew H. Green	“	1	vote.
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Total.....			5 votes.

Commissioner DILLON having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was declared duly elected Vice-President.

Whereupon Commissioner DILLON declined acceptance of the office.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the further consideration of the office of Vice-President was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON,

Resolved, That Andrew H. Green, be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Department.

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.—MESSRS. DILLON, FIELDS, STEBBINS, CHURCH—4.

Commissioner GREEN thanked the Board for the honor, but declined an acceptance of the office.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON,

Ordered, That the Board do proceed to a ballot for Treasurer. The same Teller acting. Whereupon, the Teller announced the result as follows :

For Treasurer, HENRY G. STEBBINS received 4 votes.

Commissioner STEBBINS having received the votes of a majority of all the members, was duly declared elected Treasurer.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller prepare a statement, and that the same be printed for the use of the Board at its next meeting, showing the work in progress by the Department yet unfinished ; whether by contract or otherwise ; what portion remains to be done, and the estimated or probable expense and the time required to finish the same. Also a list of all of the employees of the Department, giving name, occupation, salary, and date of appointment, discriminating between those in the employ before October 1st, and subsequently. Also as to the condition of the accounts and liabilities.

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.—Messrs. GREEN, DILLON, FIELDS, STEBBINS, CHURCH—5.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, it was

Resolved, That all work on the Zoological Garden, Deer House, Conservatory, Museum and Propagating House, be discontinued.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, it was

Resolved, That the Clerk to the Board be requested to obtain a copy of an order, if any issued, for the printing of any additional number of the First Annual Report of this Department, and if any such order has been given, to countermand the same.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That Messrs. Olmstead and Vaux be appointed Landscape Architects advisory to the Board, and that no structure be placed on the Central Park until after they have first seen a plan of the same, and reported thereon to this Board.

Debate was had thereon, when

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.—Messrs. GREEN, STEBBINS, CHURCH—3.

Nay.—Mr. DILLON—1.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, Commissioner GREEN was added to the Committee to revise and report on the By-Laws.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From A. F. Sterling, relative to sparrow houses.

Laid on the table.

From Thomas C. Cornell, relative to requisition for money for surveys in Westchester County.

Referred to the President.

From N. R. Mills, Captain Park Keepers, giving statement of force under his command, and recommending a reduction of the same.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to inform the Board

if at any previous time the Captain of Police has made any similar report, and recommending a reduction of the force.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to report the amount of rent paid for building, 265 Broadway, with rent paid at 31 Nassau street ; if any of building can be rented, and if so, if landlord will take it off the hands of the Department.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to employ C. Ryan, to discharge such duties as may be desired during the pleasure of 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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins—3.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to call upon Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux for such assistance as he may think necessary in the prosecution of the work of the Department during the pleasure of the Board.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins—3.

In compliance with a resolution of the Board at the last meeting, the Comptroller presented a report relative to the work unfinished—the probable cost of same, with list of employees, and condition of the accounts, liabilities, etc.

Laid on the table.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York, is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins—3.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized in his discretion to discharge such of the present employees as the Heads of Bureaus may recommend, and report the same to the Board from time to time.

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

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

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins—3.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ FIELDS.
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and, on motion of Commissioner Dillon, amended on page 239, second resolution, line 3, by striking out the words “may recommend,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “had recommended,” and as amended were approved.

A communication was received from the Metropolitan Gas Co. relative to laying pipe in Central Park, for skating ponds.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the same be referred to the President, with power to have the same done in a permanent manner.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Church, Stebbins—4.

Nays—Mr. Fields—1.

The TREASURER presented a Report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
265 Broadway. }

December 5, 1871.

To the Department of Public Parks :

In accordance with Section 9 of the By Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of finances as follows :

Balance due Tenth National Bank on Board acc't.	\$107,772 91
Less this amount to credit of Treasurer.....	42,900 36
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Bank over draft.....	\$64,871 55
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H. G. STEBBINS,

Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks.

A report was received from the Clerk to the Board, in compliance with a resolution of the Board at the last meeting, relative to report of Captain of the Park Keepers. and ordered on file.

A further report was received from the Clerk to the Board, in compliance with a resolution of the last meeting, giving comparative statement of rent paid for offices.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said report was referred to the Treasurer, to report thereon to the Board.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the subject of designating a depository for the moneys of this Department be referred to a Special Committee, to examine into and report thereon to the Board.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners Green and Dillon as such committee.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Stebbins—5.

The PRESIDENT stated, that in conformity with the resolution of the last meeting, he had discharged, upon the recommendation of the Captain of the Park Keepers, fifty-four Park and Gate Keepers.

Whereupon, on motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That the President be authorized, in his discretion, to discharge such of the present force of Keepers as Captain Mills had recommended, and report the same to this Board.

The PRESIDENT stated, that in conformity with the recommendations of the heads of the several Bureaus, he had, since the last meeting of the Board, made a number of removals, and presented a list of the same.

Commissioner FIELDS moved, that the action of the President, in the acceptance of the resignations and removals made, as read this day, be approved.

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—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Stebbins.—4.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ FIELDS,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Comptroller of the City, calling for statement of expenditures from April 20, 1870, to Nov. 22, 1871.

Referred to the Treasurer, to prepare an answer and report the same to the Board.

From the Comptroller of the City, asking for estimate of maintenance expenses for 1872.

Referred to the Treasurer, to prepare an estimate and submit the same to the Board for approval.

From C. Ryan, relative to works that can be carried on during the winter.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer, with power to prosecute the works therein referred to.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Stebbins, Church—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That it is the duty of this Board to keep in its employ as large a force as practicable during the coming winter, so as to insure the speedy completion of the public works in the upper part of the city, now under the control of 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—Messrs. Green, Fields, Stebbins, Church—4.

From the Board of Supervisors of Westchester County, transmitting resolution of that body relative to expenditures of moneys for surveys in said county by this Department.

In connection therewith the PRESIDENT presented a copy of an answer he had made in reply thereto.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said answer 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 determined in the affirmative,

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

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Stebbins, Church—5.

(See Document No. 31.)

From W. H. Bailey, donating a bird.

Ordered filed.

From Wendt & Rammesberg, presenting a deer.

Ordered filed.

From Harlem Gas Light Co., presenting statement of account, and asking settlement.

Referred to Treasurer to report on.

From property owners on One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street requesting that said street be regulated, graded and improved, whereupon

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized, on behalf of this Department, to carry into execution, by contract or otherwise, as authorized by Chapter 565 of the Laws of 1865, the regulating, grading, surveying, paving, and improving of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, from the Boulevard (Road or Public Drive) at Ninth Avenue, to River Street on the Hudson 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—Messrs. Green, Fields, Stebbins, Church—4.

From Mrs. W. J. Hubard, in reference to the sale of Hondon's Statue of Washington.

Ordered filed.

From M. A. Kellogg, Engineer-in-Chief, recommending pay to be allowed to General Foreman Russell for time lost on account of sickness.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said recommendation be approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon and Fields—2.

Nays—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

From William Cauldwell, in reference to bridges between New York and Westchester County.

Ordered filed.

The TREASURER presented a Report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

December 12, 1871.

To the Department of Public Parks :

In compliance with Section 9 of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of finances as follows :

Balance due Tenth National Bank on Board acc't . . .	\$96,994 01
Less this amount to credit of Treasurer	2,021 66
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Bank over draft	\$94,972 35

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer of the
Department of Public Parks.

The TREASURER reported back to the Board the bill of E. S. Chesebrough, referred to him at the last meeting, and stated that the price seemed large.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bill.

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—Messrs. Green, Fields, Stebbins, Church—4.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a list of persons whom he had removed, and those restored to duty, since the last meeting of the Board, and asked the approval of the same.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner FIELDS moved that F. A. Pollard be restored to duty as Acting Chief Landscape Gardener, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Mr. Fields.—1.

Nays—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the list, as presented by the President, be approved.

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—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Nays—Mr. Fields—1.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a report from the Surgeons, giving a summary of their work during the year.

Commissioner DILLON moved that said report 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 determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the Tenth National Bank of New York, is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Stebbins, Church—5.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS :

Resolved, That the President be requested to prepare and present to the Board, at its next meeting, a resolution to initiate proceedings for the legal opening of the Boulevard above One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the Clerk present to this Board a statement, showing the cost of printing and advertising done under the Commissioners of the Central Park and under the Department of Parks, up to the 23d November, 1871, and by whom done.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to dispense with the services of any of the employees of the Department from time to time, till the further order of the Department, and that he may also change the positions and duties of such employees as he may from time to time deem necessary ; and until the next meeting of the Department, that he may also employ not to exceed ten persons, as foremen, or general foremen, or superior persons, as he may think best.

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—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That F. E. Nesmith be restored to duty as a clerk in the Disbursing Office, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum.

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—Messrs. Green, Fields, Stebbins, Church—4.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk *ex officio*.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ FIELDS,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, amended on p. 251, Second Resolution, fourth line, so as to read “22d,” and on p. 252, third line, strike out the word “restore,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “reinstate,” and as amended were approved.

The following communications were received :

From Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the City, asking that M. S. Miller, Attorney for the Collection of Personal Taxes, be allowed use of rooms Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, in building 265 Broadway.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the rent of said rooms be fixed at \$2,500 per annum.

Commissioner GREEN moved as an amendment, that the rent be fixed by the Treasurer, and that he report the same to the Board before he concludes the arrangement.

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

Ayes.—Commissioners Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Nay.—Commissioner Fields—1.

From C. H. Tucker, transmitting bill of Ayres & Son for changing track in Circle at Eighth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said bill be referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same.

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 Dillon, Fields, Stebbins, Church—4.

From J. T. Conover, W. H. Smith, and others, requesting a change of grade of 152d Street, between Boulevard and Tenth Avenue, whereupon

The PRESIDENT submitted the following :

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 697, Laws of 1867, and on the petition of the owners of two-thirds of the land, in lineal feet, fronting on 152d Street, the grade of said street between Tenth Avenue and the Boulevard (road or public drive) heretofore adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, be and the same is hereby amended, as shown on a map or plan thereof, signed by Frank E. Towle, City Surveyor, dated September 26, 1871, and that the same be filed in the office of the Department of Public Parks and in the office of the Commissioners of Public Works.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, referred to the Treasurer to examine and report back to the Board.

From Schultz & Walker, asking that the cost of the spring water building occupied by them on the Central Park be included in the estimate of next year's expenses of the Board. Referred to the Treasurer to examine and report to the Board.

The TREASURER presented a Report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.
December 19, 1871.

To the Department of Public Parks :

In compliance with Section 9 of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of finances as follows :

Balance due Tenth National Bank on Board acc't.	\$86,995 01
Less this amount to credit of Treasurer.....	54 15
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Bank over draft.....	\$86,940 86

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer of the
Department of Public Parks.

In compliance with the direction of the Board at the last meeting the TREASURER presented an estimate of the amounts required for maintenance expenses for the year 1872, and a resolution approving said estimates.

Debate was had thereon.

When on motion of Commissioner DILLON, ordered that the same be printed at length in the minutes, and lay over until the next meeting of the Board.

ESTIMATES of the amount of moneys required for the year ending December 31st, 1872, for carrying on the maintenance and government of the several works under the control of the Department of Public Parks.

Central Park, maintenance and government of—

Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

City Parks and Places, maintenance and government of—

One hundred thousand dollars.

Roads and Avenues, maintenance and government of—

Fifty thousand dollars.

Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art, maintenance and government of—

Thirty thousand dollars.

Harlem River Bridges (four), maintenance and government of—

Ten thousand dollars.

Surveys and Maps, Chapter 797, Laws of 1870—

Ten thousand dollars.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Comptroller, Department of Public Parks.

Resolved, That the estimates this day submitted of the amount of moneys required for the year 1872, in carrying on the maintenance and government of the Central Park, the several City Parks and Places, Roads and Avenues, under the control of this Department, and for the work of laying out the east side of the City north of Fifty-seventh Street, be and are hereby approved, and that the President transmit said estimates to the Comptroller of the City.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a list of persons whom he had removed, and appointed, also those restored to duty

since the last meeting of the Board, and asked the approval of the same.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the name of George W. Oakely be substituted for that of Charles B. Trimble, appointed Clerk to Mr. Ryan, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

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

Aye—Mr. Fields—1.

Nays—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

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

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Nay—Mr. Fields—1.

The TREASURER laid before the Board the bill of the Harlem Gas Light Co. for lighting roads, &c.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS :

Resolved, That the whole question relating to gas be referred to Commissioners Dillon and Green, to investigate and report on to the Board.

In compliance with a resolution of the Board at the last meeting, the Clerk presented a comparative statement showing cost of printing and advertising.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the same was recommit-
ted to the Clerk to report complete.

Commissioner GREEN brought to the notice of the Board an
advertisement of the ordinances of the Department, now ap-
pearing in a weekly paper.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS the same was referred
to the Treasurer to discontinue.

In compliance with action of the Board, had at its last
meeting, the Treasurer presented, in answer to the Comptroller
of the City, a statement showing the expenditures of the De-
partment from April 20, 1870, to Nov. 22, 1871.

Commissioner DILLON moved, that the same 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 determined in the affirmative,
a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor
thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Stebbins, Church—5.

(See Document No. 33.)

In compliance with a resolution of the Board, adopted at
the last meeting, the PRESIDENT presented the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it ex-
pedient for the public interest for and in behalf of the Mayor,
Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to ac-
quire title for the use of the public to all the lands required
for that portion of the road or public drive laid out by the
Commissioners of the Central Park, 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 155th Street, and along the westerly or Hudson River side of said City that lies between said southerly line of 155th Street, and the intersection of the Kings Bridge Road with Inwood Street, as said portion of said road or public drive was laid out by a resolution of the Commissioners of Central Park, adopted December 13, 1866; and that the President of the Department of Public Parks be authorized to take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks, 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 Department of Public Parks the necessary papers to require such title.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS,

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a report from the Engineer-in-Chief as to what portion of the work can now be suspended, and the condition of works outside of Central Park.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to prepare and present to this Board a comparative statement of the expenditures of various classes under the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, and under the Department of Parks from its organization up to November 22, 1871.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a report from the Engineer in charge of the Bureau of Civil and Topographical Engineering, relative to work north of 155th Street, and laying

out an avenue intermediate the Kings Bridge Road and the Boulevard.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, referred to the Treasurer to consult Mr. John J. Serrell in reference to the same, and report to the Board.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a letter he had received from P. T. Barnum, relative to placing animals on the Central Park for exhibition during the winter.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer, with power to receive such as can be accommodated.

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.—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Stebbins, Church—5.

Commissioner DILLON presented a letter from Alfred Stebbins, Librarian Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco, desiring file of Annual Report.

Referred to the Treasurer.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1871.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ FIELDS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and, on motion of Commissioner FIELDS, amended on page 258, line seven, by adding at the end thereof the words “all advertisements that can be legally discontinued,” and as amended were approved.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following, as a privileged resolution :

Resolved, That on and after this day, the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be open to the representatives of the Press, and the Public.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

A petition was received from Edward Schell and others, for placing the car tracks on the easterly side of the Eighth Avenue, opposite the Park, and for narrowing the sidewalk on the Park side.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, referred to the Treas-

urer to report on, as to the propriety of granting petition, and narrowing the sidewalk.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to the Eighth Avenue slopes of the Park.

Mr. GREEN moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—4.

A further communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief, relative to surveys on Riverside Park.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—4.

The TREASURER reported progress on the subject referred to him at the last meeting, relative to conferring with Mr. Serrell, in the matter of work north of 155th Street, and an Avenue intermediate the Kings Bridge Road and the Boulevard.

The TREASURER presented a Report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
 265 Broadway.

Dec. 26, 1871.

To the Department of Public Parks :

In compliance with Section 9 of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of finances as follows :

Balance due Tenth National Bank on Board acct.,	76,953 17
Less this amount to credit of Treasurer.....	20,010 13

Bank over draft.....	\$56,943 04
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H. G. STEBBINS,
 Treasurer of the
 Department of Public Parks.

The TREASURER presented a list of removals made by him since the last meeting of the Board, which was approved and filed.

Commissioner FIELDS presented the following list of bills audited by him :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of William Baird, pavement.....	\$17,950 00
“ Peekskill Gravel Co., gravel.....	6,564 56
“ J.H. Sullivan & Co., Seventh Avenue, work,	6,100 50
“ John P. Cummins, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas, work.....	6,260 00
“ C. A. Harrington, broken stone.....	3,158 36
“ J. D. Minor, filling.....	2,615 00

Bill of New York and Richmond Granite Co., granite	\$2,195 13
“ William Rumble, surveys and maps	2,093 60
“ Murphy & Nesbit, cement	2,020 60
“ Tredwell, Jarman & Slote, uniforms	1,972 08
“ Morgan Jones, plumbing	1,944 26
“ John Quin, filling	1,870 00
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone and crib	1,791 00
“ A. Imhoff, repairing bridge	1,138 88
“ James C. Talcott, hay, oats, &c.	1,056 61
“ Tenth National Bank, interest	962 46
“ P. Dunnican, broken stone	916 10
“ Townsend & Co., coal	884 00
“ Theodore F. Tone, coal	807 00
“ Bell Brothers, lumber	766 87
“ Composite Iron Works Co., settees and iron-work	721 80
“ Talcott & Scallon, oats, hay, &c.	694 09
“ Wiliam Gibson, stone-boats	500 00
“ James Slattery, manure	480 00
“ Thomas J. Hinch, manure	418 34
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, walk curbs and grates	374 55
“ Department of Public Works, connecting water pipes	309 87
“ Frank Hochrein, meat	275 40
“ A. T. Stewart & Co., gloves,	225 00
“ Demond Brothers, repairs at McComb's Bridge	127 50
“ Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas	127 40
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware	120 57
“ W. H. Grant, expenses and stone	117 47
“ James C. Hoe & Co., Lumber	110 25

Bill of Salamander Works, pipe and clay.....	\$93 25
“ Benoit & Wood, artist materials.....	92 20
“ Isaac Buchanan, plants.....	90 00
“ P. C. Coffin, hardware.....	89 43
“ Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	88 95
“ F. W. Devoe & Co., oil.....	86 95
“ William Cartwright, vegetables and fish..	79 30
“ Bell Brothers, lumber.....	72 00
“ Owen McCabe, bread.....	69 44
“ A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	52 49
“ James S. Barrow & Co., brooms.....	49 50
“ Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co., pipe...	43 00
“ New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	27 70
“ D. S. Schanck & Sons, glass.....	29 00
“ H. A. Rogers & Co., zinc and hose bib...	21 95
“ William P. Crissey & Co., soap and pow- owed wheat.....	21 20
“ Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	17 92
“ Devlin & Co., uniform.....	17 00
“ James Prentice, rep'g steel tape.....	16 25
“ James Duffy, milk.....	15 00
“ W. H. Grant, expenses.....	14 27
“ Andrew Smith, hardware.....	14 23
“ Chares Scharback, leather.....	9 36
“ Van Nest Brothers, hubs, spokes, &c....	9 25
“ Wotherspoon Brothers, marble dust....	8 25
“ Charles Reiche & Bro., bird food.....	8 00
“ William Menzies, sawdust.....	6 00
“ <i>New Yorker Staats Zeitung</i> , advertising...	5 95
“ F. W. Christern, books, <i>gold</i>	5 35
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	4 90
“ R. H. Allen & Co., bird seed, &c.....	4 80
“ William O. Labagh, salt.....	4 20
“ Maxfield & Co., hickory nuts.....	2 75

Bill of Orange Judd & Co., <i>American Agriculturist</i>	\$1 50
“ J. W. Bartlett, lamps.....	1 50
Anthony Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	1,408 31
Total.....	<u>\$70,253 34</u>

Dated New York, Dec. 26, 1871.

THOS. C. FIELDS, } Auditing
Committee.

Commissioner GREEN moved that said bills be referred to the Treasurer, with power to audit and pay the same, if he finds them to be correct.

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.—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—4.

The Clerk presented an amended comparative statement showing cost of printing and advertising. Laid on the table.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as the said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department, as have been, or may hereafter be, ordered paid by this Department.

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.—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—4.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at three o'clock, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received:

From W. S. Worth, Brevet Major U. S. A., relative to repairs at Worth Monument.

Commissioner DILLON moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

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.—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

From Thomas Ranken offering two fat-tailed sheep for sale.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON:

Declined.

From George M. Van Nort, resigning his position of Comptroller in the Department.

Accepted.

The TREASURER presented a Report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

Jan'y. 2, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

In compliance with Section 9 of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of finances as follows :

Balance due Tenth National Bank on Board acct.,	\$76,577 25
Less this amount to credit of Treasurer.....	5,316 35
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Bank over draft.....	\$71,260 90

H. G. STEBBINS,

Treasurer of the

Department of Public Parks.

The TREASURER presented a list of removals and appointments made by him since the last meeting of the Board, which was approved.

A petition was received from property owners on the line of the Boulevard above 155th Street, asking that the same be legally opened.

Laid on the table

The TREASURER stated that in accordance with the direction of the Board he had conferred with Mr. Serrell in relation to the improvements north of 155th Street, and in connection

therewith called up a petition from property owners on Inwood Street and presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks 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 street known as Inwood Street, laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park, 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 155th Street, extending from the Kingsbridge Road to the North or Hudson's River, as said street was laid out by a resolution of the Commissioners of the Central Park, adopted June 14, 1866, and shown by map now on file ; and that the President of the Department of Public Parks, be authorized to take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of and required for such portion of said street, and to sign, on behalf of the Department of Public Parks, the necessary papers to acquire such title.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Laid on the table.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay John P. Cumming, Jr., the sum of five thousand dollars on account of the reserved percentage due him on his contract for regulating and grading Avenue St. Nicholas between 125th and 155th Street, upon the Engineer in Chief giving a certificate that said amount is due him.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the Tenth National Bank of New York, is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following :

Resolved, That inasmuch as General Foreman Russell was disqualified by an accident while in the discharge of his duties, causing an absence of eight days, the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay him for the time lost in consequence of such accident.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

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

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.
A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Assistant Clerk.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

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

A petition was received from the property owners on Eighth Avenue, relative to a plan for the improvement of the same, and in connection therewith the PRESIDENT presented a communi-

cation from Messrs. Olmstead and Vaux, Landscape Architects, on the same subject.

- Commissioner DILLON moved that said petition and communication be referred to a Special Committee with power.

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.—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church.—3.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners DILLON, GREEN and CHURCH as such Special Committee.

The PRESIDENT presented a list of removals and appointments made by him since the last meeting of the Board, which was approved.

The PRESIDENT stated that James H. Sullivan had completed his contract for paving Sixth Avenue, and that he is desirous of having the bond on the contract cancelled.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON the PRESIDENT was authorized to give Mr. Sullivan a certificate of the completion of his work under the contract, nullifying the bond.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board several letters from W. H. Warner, and Messrs. Olmstead and Vaux in relation to the heating apparatus at the Museum, Central Park, and stated that it having been found defective he had ordered the necessary work done.

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the action of the PRESIDENT be approved.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church.—3.

The PRESIDENT stated that he had been served with a copy of an injunction order, restraining this Department from inviting proposals for paving two transverse roads at the Central Park, Charles Guidet claiming that he having been the lowest bidder for the same.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON. Ordered that the PRESIDENT be directed to transmit to the Corporation Counsel all the papers in relation to the matter.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief relative to constructing walls on west side of Tenth Avenue for the purpose of affording areaway in front of property. Laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief transmitting requisitions of supplies necessary to complete works.

Commissioner DILLON moved that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase the same.

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.—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church.—3.

The TREASURER presented a Report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

JANUARY 16, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks:

In compliance with Section 9 of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of finances as follows:

Balance due Tenth National Bank on Board acc't, .	\$56,000.27
Less this amount to credit of Treasurer.....	10,225.30
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Bank over draft.....	\$45,774.97

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer of the
Department of Public Parks.

The TREASURER presented several bills partially audited, and others which had been purchased by verbal authority of former Treasurer.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON.

Resolved, That all bills heretofore audited or partially audited and now remaining unpaid; as well as bills purchased on verbal authority of former Treasurer, be re-examined by the the Treasurer and reported to this Board at its next meeting.

The TREASURER laid before the Board the following lists of bills audited by Commissioner FIELDS :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz :

Bill of J. H. Sullivan	Seventh Avenue Pavement	\$21,285.00
J. H. Sullivan	Seventh Avenue Grading	13,200.00
D. E. Culver	Broken Stone	7,551.33
J. H. Midmer	Broken Stone	5,131.49
Michael Tracy	Filling	4,250.00
J. P. Cummings, Jr. Ave. St. Nicholas Work		4,660.00
C. A. Harrington	Broken Trap Rocks	4,309.79
David Babcock	Battery Basin	3,594.18
Bell Brothers	Lumber	1,572.51
Townsend & Co.	Coal	600.00
Cooper & Laufersurler	Flower Pots	581.63
Metropolitan Gas Light Co.	Gas	220.85
W. H. Gray	Harness and Blankets	182.50
Paul C. Coffin	Hardware	140.55
Slote & Janes	Stationary	111.78
Harlem Gas Light Co.	Gas	86.10
W. V. Crissey & Co.	Drugs, &c	36.00
Knickerbocker Ice Co.	Ice	25.76
James S. Barron & Co.	Brooms	22.50
Benoit & Wood	Paper	18.00
D. D. Miller	Rep'g Lamps and Refltrs.	15.50
C. T. Reynolds & Co.	Oil	12.76
R. H. Allen & Co.	Wheat and Seed	7.70
Maxfield & Co.	Hickory Nuts	6.00
William Menzies	Lumber	3.00
Bradley & Smith	Duster	2.18
James Prentice	Repairing Steel Tape	1.00
Geo. A. Jeremiah	Water Wagons	1,150.00
James C. Talcott	Hay, Oats and Feed	1,083.00
Tenth Nat. Bank	Interest	537.68
McMurray & Co.	Wire Work	250.00
William Gibson	Stone Boats	250.00
Townsend & Co.	Coal	200.00
James L. Jackson & Bro.	Finials	198.00
Bell Brothers	Lumber	130.00

P. C. Coffin.....	Hardware	\$122.80
Sanderson Bro.....	Steel	135.22
William Cartwright.....	Vegetables and Fish.....	79.20
Piersons & Co.....	Iron	70.25
Owen McCabe.....	Bread	68.77
Wm. H. Grant.....	Expenses	63.27
A. Dumahaut	Expenses.....	60.85
Manhattan Oil Co.....	Oil	19.00
James Duffy.....	Milk	15.50
H. A. Rogers & Co.....	Iron.....	15.00
Composite Iron Work Co.....	Settee.....	12.00
Charles Scharback.....	Leather.....	8.35
William V. Crissey & Co.....	Blacking.....	4.50
E. Hallock.....	Cracked Corn.....	2.75
Wotherspoon Bros.....	Plaster	2.40
Total.....		<u>\$72,106.66</u>

Dated, NEW YORK, *January 6th, 1872.*

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

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, certified and approved the following bills, and directed the Treasurer to pay the same, viz. :

Bill of F. K. Field.....	Piers for Conservatory.....	\$4,815.62
C. A. Harrington.....	Broken Stone.....	3,541.65
Cook & Chesebrough.....	Park Wall.....	3,022.00
William Rumble.....	Surveys and Maps.....	2,720.72
Bigelow Blue Stone Co.....	Blue Stone Corners.....	2,172.00
A. D. & N. Ewen.....	Surveys for Assessment.....	2,121.35
Peekskill Gravel Co.....	Gravel.....	1,546.35
Theodore F. Towe.....	Unloading Stone.....	1,210.53
A. Imhoff.....	Repairing Bridges.....	1,056.88
James M. Russell.....	Powder & Fuse.....	850.00
John Quinn.....	Filling	666.19

P. Dunnican.....	Unloading Stone.....	\$588.45
James C. Talcott.....	Hay, Oats & Feed.....	430.06
Townsend & Co.....	Coal.....	375.00
Seward & Boswell.....	Hay & Straw.....	315.87
Murphy & Nesbit.....	Brick.....	274.40
Frank Hockrein.....	Meat.....	249.48
Theodore F. Towe.....	Coal.....	180.00
Stackpole & Brother.....	Rep'g. Instruments.....	170.25
Bell Brothers.....	Lumber.....	153.78
Sanderson Bros. & Co.....	Steel.....	152.54
J. W. Duryee.....	Stakes.....	33.89
George M. Van Nort.....	Expenses.....	30.03
N. Y. Gas Light Co.....	Gas.....	29.40
Paul C. Coffin.....	Hardware.....	28.45
Keeler & Lawrence.....	Stakes.....	25.00
Jas. S. Barron & Co.....	Brooms.....	18.00
John C. Winch & Co.....	Ice.....	17.50
Bradley & Smith.....	Brooms.....	16.00
N. Schainwald & Son.....	Haberdashery.....	15.18
William O. Labagh.....	Salt.....	10.00
James Prentice.....	Rep'g. Instruments.....	6.00
W. V. Crissey.....	Drugs.....	3.00
J. W. Bartlett.....	Chimneys.....	1.25
Total.....		\$26,746.82

Dated, NEW YORK, *January 13th, 1872.*

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

Commissioner DILLON moved that said bills be referred to the Treasurer with power to audit and pay the same if he finds them to be correct.

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.—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the plans of Olmsted & Vaux for rebuilding Bridge 26.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That as the sense of this Board, we deem a permanent structure at Bridge 26, desirable, and that Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux be requested to present plans for such permanent structure.

A communication was received from Madam Hardy, Academy of the Sacred Heart, relative to changing the course of the new Ninth Avenue as now laid down.

Referred to the Special Committee appointed this day.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Tenth National Bank of New York, is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

The Treasurer to whom was referred, on 19th December last, a petition for altering the grade on 152d Street, between Boulevard and 10th Avenue, presented a report recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 697, Laws of 1867, and on the petition of the owners of two-thirds of the land, in lineal feet, fronting on 152d Street, the grade of said street between Tenth Avenue and the Boulevard (road or public drive) heretofore adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, be and the same is hereby amended, as shown on a map or plan thereof, signed by Frank E. Towle, City Surveyor, dated September 26, 1871, and that the same be filed in the office of the Department of Public Parks, and in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

A communication was received from the Engineer-in-Chief in relation to the superstructure of the Tenth Avenue from 155th Street to 194th Street.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Ordered, that for the present it be retained as a country road.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

The Treasurer presented a communication from John J. Serrell in relation to streets and roads north of 155th Street.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That Mr. Grant be directed to communicate with the property owners affected by the proposed streets and avenues north of 155th Street, that the preliminary surveys are completed, and that the property owners be requested to examine the same, and present their objections, if any, in writing.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux be requested to examine the present plan of Union Square, and report the special modification, if any, which they would recommend. That they also report a plan for the complete improvement of said Square in every detail, including trees for ornament and shade.

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

E. P. BARKER,
Assistant Clerk.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from FANNY ELKINS, presenting a monkey, which was accepted.

Commissioner GREEN and MESSRS. OLMSTED and VAUX submitted the following

NOTE.

The construction of the Central Park was begun in 1857, by the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, a State organization, by whom the work was continued until April 20, 1870, when a new body, called the Department of Public Parks, was suddenly put in charge under the new charter of the city.

This volume, the First Annual Report of that Department, evinces a singular want of comprehension of the methods, purposes and designs of the original Commission; it makes concessions respecting the public proprietorship of the lands of the Park, which are not to be accepted, and contains numerous statements and implications which are to be received with caution.

As the name of the undersigned appears on its title page, he

deems it due to the public, to his colleagues of the earlier Board and to himself, to submit this brief disavowal of responsibility for this Report, which he never saw till it was in print, as well as for the administration that it records. Another change has brought into the Department those more in sympathy with the views of the original Commissioners. They find this costly Report printed, and although its statements are not approved, it is deemed best that its distribution be continued, with this admonitory note.

ANDW. H. GREEN.

NEW YORK, *December*, 1871.

TO THE HONORABLE H. G. STEBBINS,

President of the Department of Public Parks.

SIR—The Annual Report of the Department for 1870 records a review of the plans of the Central Park, and a revision of the same in several important particulars. During the period of this review we occupied the position of Landscape Architects Advisory to the Department, with a stipulation that we should be allowed to examine and report on all plans of new structures proposed to be placed on the Park before they should be acted on by the Board. It should, therefore, be known that we were not consulted in this review. At the close of our relations with the Department, in November, 1870, no opportunity had been offered us of meeting either the Board or its Executive Committee, and the suggestions contained in our written communications had been entirely neglected.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED.

CALVERT VAUX.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the TREASURER be, and he is hereby authorized to have printed the statements submitted, and signed by Commissioner GREEN, and by Messrs. OLMSTED & VAUX, and insert the same in the copies of the Annual Report now remaining unissued.

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.—MESSRS. GREEN, DILLON and STEBBINS—3

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Eighth Avenue, opposite the Central Park be laid out with side walks, twenty-five feet wide, and with a road way of fifty feet, and that the Railroad track be laid as close as practicable to the curb on the East side.

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.—MESSRS. GREEN, DILLON and STEBBINS—3

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the TREASURER be requested to have the necessary surveys made and plans prepared for the opening of a Street or Avenue through the land of WILLIAM KYLE, in the town of West Farms, Westchester Co., in accordance with the sketch this day presented.

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.—MESSRS. GREEN, DILLON and STEBBINS—3

The TREASURER presented a report, showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

[Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1872.]

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. }
265 Broadway.

January 16th, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

In compliance with Section 9 of the By-Laws, the TREASURER reports the condition of finances, as follows :

Balance due Tenth National Bank on Board acc't,	\$56,000,27
Less this amount to credit of Treasurer, - - -	10,225,30
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Bank over Draft, - - - -	\$45,774,97

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer of the
Department of Public Parks.

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

E. P. BARKER,
Ass't Clerk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present: H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
 Commissioner GREEN,
 " DILLON,
 " CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The TREASURER presented a list of removals and appointments made by him, which was approved.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
 265 Broadway.

JANUARY 30, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks:

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances as follows:

Balance due Tenth National Bank on Board account.....	\$55,703.15
Less this amount to the credit of Treasurer.....	419.05
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	\$55,284.10.

H. G. STEBBINS,
 Treasurer of the
 Department of Public Parks.

The TREASURER presented a letter from Rev. W. H. COOKE, relative to reduction of pay of R. S. COOKE, Assistant Engineer.

The TREASURER stated that the pay of Mr. COOKE had been reduced upon the recommendation of Mr. GRANT.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON—

Resolved, That the action of the TREASURER be approved, and that he be requested to enquire if further reduction cannot be made in the force under Mr. GRANT.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

Resolved, That all By-Laws heretofore adopted, and now in force for the government of the Department and its employees, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Commissioner GREEN, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare a code of By-Laws, presented the following, which were adopted :

I. MEETINGS.

§ 1. All meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks shall be held at their office, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

§ 2. Stated meetings shall be held on Wednesday of each week ; other meetings may be held by adjournment, on the call of the PRESIDENT, or at the written request of two members ; the notices for meetings called by the PRESIDENT, or by any two members, shall state the matter to be presented at such proposed meeting, and no other matter shall be acted on at such meeting, except by consent of a majority of the then existing members of the Board.

§ 3. Meetings of the Board shall be held at 2 o'clock P. M., unless the Board otherwise order.

§ 4. No meeting shall be held unless a majority of the Commissioners for the time being are present.

§ 5. Notices of meetings shall be served on each Commissioner by the Clerk, at least one day before the day on which the meeting is to be held for which notice is given.

II. OFFICERS.

§ 1. The officers of the Board shall be as follows :

- I. A PRESIDENT.
- II. A VICE-PRESIDENT.
- III. A TREASURER.

Who shall hold office till the first Wednesday of January, 1873, and until others are elected in their stead.

PRESIDENT.

The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the Board and appoint the Committees, except when otherwise ordered.

When the PRESIDENT is absent, the VICE-PRESIDENT shall preside.

The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

TREASURER.

An account shall be kept in the name of the Department of Public Parks, at the institution selected by the Board, as a depository of its moneys, and all moneys, from whatever source arrived, shall be deposited by the TREASURER in said institution, to the credit of said account, immediately on his receiving the same. The TREASURER shall be the chief executive officer of the Board. He shall report the condition of the finances at

each stated meeting of the Board, and supervise the accounts, and audit and examine all bills and contracts, and if found correct, certify the same to the Board, and when duly passed by the Board, shall pay all bills and estimates and instalments, under contracts by check to the order of the person entitled to receive the same. As TREASURER, he shall give bonds for the faithful performance of his duties in such amount as the Board may require, and may receive such compensation as the Board may determine.

§ 2.—There shall be a LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, a SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS, whose duty it shall be to supervise all the actual labor employed in the construction and management of the Parks; a CLERK TO THE BOARD, an ASSISTANT CLERK, a DISBURSING CLERK, and a PROPERTY CLERK, the last two of whom shall give such security for the faithful performance of their duties as the Board may require, and such other employees as may be determined by the Board; all of whom shall perform such other services as from time to time may be required by the Board, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

§ 3. Election of officers of the Board shall be by ballot, and shall take place annually on the first Wednesday of January.

§ 4. There shall be appointed by the PRESIDENT annually, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, at the meeting on the first Wednesday of January, an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of two members of the Board, of which the PRESIDENT shall be, *ex officio*, a member.

§ 5. The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall act on such subjects, and perform such duties as shall be specially, from time to time, referred to it by the Board.

§ 6. The Board shall once every three months, appoint a SPECIAL COMMITTEE, who shall examine and audit the accounts of the TREASURER, and report to the Board the result of their examination.

§ 7. No Committee, Officer or Member of this Commission, or person employed by this Board, shall make any purchase, give any order, incur any liability, or exercise any authority over, or in relation to the Park, its officers or employees, unless in pursuance of power delegated by the order of this Board, or by the Act by which it is organized.

§ 8. The ~~CLERK OF THE BOARD~~ shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board, shall issue the notices for such meetings, and perform such duties as may be required by the Board, and in his absence, the ~~ASSISTANT CLERK~~ shall act in his stead.

§ 9. It shall be the duty of all persons in the service of the Board to make a return daily to the TREASURER of his own presence on duty, and that of all persons assigned to duty under him.

§ 10. No person in the service of the Board shall be absent from duty without an excuse therefor satisfactory to the TREASURER. These excuses shall be filed with the voucher upon which the absentee is paid.

§ 11. The LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS shall, under direction of the Board, plan and supervise the improvements that may from time to time be undertaken by the Department, and exercise and perform such duties as shall be designated from time to time by the Board.

The PROPERTY CLERK shall have the charge of, and be responsible for all tools, implements and materials of the Department, and shall, on the first days of January and July, submit to the Board an inventory of such property, and the condition thereof.

§ 12. All bureau appointments shall be made by the nomination by the TREASURER to the Board, and by the confirmation of the Board.

§ 13. Any employee of the Board may be suspended by the Treasurer, or by any two members of the Board, until the next succeeding meeting of the Board.

§ 14. All contracts authorized by the Board, shall be signed by the TREASURER, on behalf of the Board.

RULES OF ORDER.

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

1st—Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

2d—Communications.

3d—Reports of Standing Committees.

4th—Reports of Select Committees.

5th—Motions and Resolutions.

6th—Miscellaneous business.

The *Ayes* and *Nays* shall be called and recorded on all appropriations of money, and on all other questions, at the request of one Commissioner.

All resolutions shall be in writing, with the name of the mover thereon.

All reports shall be in writing, and signed by a majority of the Committee to whom the matter was referred, and shall state the facts, upon which the same is based, and their conclusions thereon.

All resolutions and propositions presented to the Board for altering in any manner the adopted design, or plan of the Central Park improvement, or for any structure upon the Parks, shall be referred to a Special Committee, who shall report upon the same before any further action thereon is had by the Board.

No By-Law shall be altered, repealed or adopted, without the report of a Committee thereon, nor without the assent of a majority of the whole Board, nor at the same meeting at which it is proposed, unless by the unanimous consent of all the members of the Board.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, E. P. BARKER be appointed CLERK TO THE BOARD, at a salary of \$4,000 per annum.

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

Ayes—Messrs. GREEN, DILLON, STEBBINS, CHURCH—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That ISAAC EVANS be appointed ASSISTANT CLERK, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum.

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—Messrs. GREEN, DILLON, STEBBINS, CHURCH—4.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON—

Resolved, That the TREASURER be directed to reduce the pay of the CAPTAIN and LIEUTENANT of the Police force in his discretion, but not below the sum paid to the officers of the same grade in the Metropolitan Police Force.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. GREEN and DILLON Members of the Executive Committee.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

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

A quorum not being present,
Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The TREASURER presented a Report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway

February 14, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of finances as follows :

Balance due Tenth National Bank on Board acc't..	\$55,302 61
Less this amount to credit of Treasurer.....	15,172 70
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Bank overdraft.....	\$40,129 91

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer of the
Department of Public Parks.

Messrs. ROOSEVELT, GORDON and HOPPIN, a Sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, appeared before the Board, and stated their views as to a proper site for the Museum, and requested that Reservoir Square be appropriated and set apart for their use.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the subject of the appropriating of a site for the Metropolitan Museum of Art be referred to a Special Committee of three to inquire into, and report to this Board.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners GREEN, DILLON and CHURCH as such Committee.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet to-morrow, Thursday, at 2 P. M.

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1872.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARBER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—HENRY G. STEBBINS, President, and
Commissioner DILLON,
“ FIELDS,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Leonard Jacob, presenting four packages of seed.

Ordered filed.

From Lewis P. Tibbas, desiring to introduce children's carriages on the Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

February 21, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks:

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department . . .	\$4,697	39
“ “ “ “ “ Treasurer	10,754	59
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Total	\$15,451	98

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer of the Department
of Public Parks.

The TREASURER presented a list of removals and appointments made by him, which was approved.

A report was received from M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, reporting adversely to the claim of Thomas Crimmins for extra allowance on his contract for grading Seventh avenue.

Laid on the table.

A report was received from M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, in relation to the superstructure of the Tenth avenue between 155th and 194th streets.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS the same was referred back to the Engineer, with instructions to report at the next

meeting an estimate of the cost of a superstructure, twenty feet wide, in the centre of said avenue, of gneiss, broken to a size of three inches, with a suitable top dressing.

A communication was received from the Metropolitan Gas Light Company, desiring permission to lay their mains through the Transverse Road on the Central Park at 79th street.

Commissioner DILLON moved that the request be granted.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

Noes—Mr. Fields—1.

Communications were received from the Engineer, relative to the opening of 154th street, from Seventh avenue to McComb's Dam Road, and from Thomas Fay and others, relative to the grading of 155th street, between Seventh and Ninth avenues. Debate was had thereon, when, on motion of Commissioner DILLON, said communications were referred to the Executive Committee.

Communications were received from the Commissioners of Highways of the town of Yonkers and Thomas C. Cornell, Surveyor, relative to laying out certain roads and avenues in said town.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That Mr. Grant be directed to allow Mr. Cornell to proceed with the surveys for laying out roads in the town of Yonkers, subject to his direction and approval. The compensation for doing said work to be settled hereafter, and Mr.

Cornell to receive his payments whenever this Department shall receive funds from the County of Westchester on account of said work.

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.—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

Noes.—Mr. Fields—1.

From Charles Crary, President of the East Side Association, relative to the Eastern Boulevard.—Laid on the table.

From George M. Van Nort, Commissioner of Public Works relative to a change of grades of streets, and submitting a plan showing the same.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, referred to Executive Committee to confer with Mr. Serrell in reference to the same.

From R. A. Witthaus, relative to the gore of land, situated between Broadway, Seventy-second and Seventy-third streets.

Referred to the President, to enquire into and report to the Board.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The TREASURER begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him after proper certification of authority for purchase, and correctness of computation and detail.

Bill of D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	\$7,223 37
“ Henry Wagner, filling.....	2,800 00
“ Marvin & Co., rent.....	2,000 00
“ Laffin & Rand Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	1,825 00
“ James C. Talcott, hay, oats and feed....	1,338 91
“ Prentice & McEntyre, repg. steam roller.	769 37
“ Townsend & Co., coal.....	615 00
“ Tenth National Bank, interest.....	345 19
“ Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel.....	290 07
“ William Gibson, stone boats.....	250 00
“ Paul C. Collin, hardware.....	232 01
“ H. A. Rogers & Co., chain.....	202 97
“ Richard Dudgeon, chain for steam roller.	198 50
“ Solomon Sayles, meat.....	175 22
“ William Menzies, oak and saw-dust....	166 81
“ New York Leader, advertising.....	108 00
“ A. Imhoff, materials for repg. bridge....	101 95
“ Nelson Tool Works, wedges.....	98 80
“ William Cartwright, vegetables and fish..	90 85
“ J. Simpson, bread.....	66 50
“ E. S. Halbrook & Bros., glass.....	52 83
“ E. P. Barker, postage stamps.....	50 00
“ A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	44 91
“ New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	38 40
“ J. J. R. Croes, expenses.....	38 34
“ F. W. Devoe & Co., turpentine.....	31 50
“ Fairbanks & Co., platform scales.....	31 00
“ Wm. H. Grant, expenses.....	26 29
“ James Duffy, milk.....	25 80
“ Hussey's Special Post, delivering reports	23 68

Bill of Vanderbilt Bros., Russian mats.....	\$22 50
“ W. V. Crissey & Co., dugs.....	19 70
“ Salamander Works, fire brick.....	19 37
“ Archer & Pancoast Mfg Co., repairing lanterns.....	19 00
“ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	18 80
“ R. H. Allen & Co., seeds and syringe....	16 05
“ Pearson & Co., iron.....	15 89
“ James Prentice, instruments.....	13 50
“ Globe Printing Co., advertising.....	12 60
“ Charles Scharbach, leather.....	12 48
“ Francis O'Donnell, repg. harness.....	11 90
“ William O. Labagh, salt.....	11 65
“ Bradley and Smith, brooms.....	8 00
“ P. Mulhall, repairing saddle.....	7 50
“ Van Nest Brothers, enameled cloth.....	7 50
“ Wotherspoon Brothers, plaster.....	6 45
“ W. M. Merrill and Co., charcoal.....	6 00
“ Mrs. Quinn, milk.....	5 50
“ James L. Robert, map of Morrisania ...	5 00
“ The Horticulturist, subscription.....	2 00
“ Charles Devlin, broken stone.....	6,487 25
“ Hardwick and Co., stone for fountain....	5,500 00
“ D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	5,008 81
“ Thomas S. Hinch, filling.....	900 37
“ John L. Kepp, dirt wagons.....	450 00
“ Theodore F. Tone, wood and coal.....	437 75
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	295 28
“ Anson Herrick's Sons, advertising.....	151 00
“ McCullagh aud Longnecker, bird houses.	150 00
“ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	84 18

Bill of Keeler and Lawrence, stakes.....	\$58 25
“ Anglo American Roofing Co., roofing....	44 80
“ C. T. Reynolds and Co., paints, &c.	32 44
“ Walton’s Manufacturing and Lantern Works, lanterns.....	29 38
“ D. S. Schanck and Sons, glass.....	16 30
“ Bradley and Smith, dusters.....	13 05
“ Maria Whipple, tools.....	11 72
“ Pierson and Co., steel.....	9 60
“ Charles Reiche and Bro., bird food....	8 00
“ William V. Crissey and Co., sponges....	7 00
“ Kinckerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	6 31
“ Day’s Vul. Con. Pavement Co., pavement.	5,636 99
“ Anthony Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	1,593 50
“ Composite Iron Works Co., railing.....	600 00
“ P. C. Coffin, hardware.....	551 96
“ New York and Richmond Granite Co., granite.....	305 87
“ Bell Brothers, lumber.....	245 05
“ Pierson and Co., iron and steel.....	299 77
“ Townsend & Co., coal.....	187 50
“ Sanderson Bros. & Co., steel.....	182 08
“ E. F. Holbrook & Bro, glass.....	103 50
“ Van Nest Brothers, rims for wheels....	53 70
“ A. D. & N. Ewen, surveys.....	48 00
“ F. W. Devoe & Co., paints, &c.....	33 35
“ H. A. Rogers & Co., cotton waste.....	29 50
“ Sidley & Campbell, medicines for animals	18 25
“ James S. Barron & Co., brooms.....	18 00
“ James Slattery, manure.....	14 25
“ Bradley & Smith, duster.....	13 05

Bill of J. H. Sullivan, filling.....	\$10,000 00
“ John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas, work.....	6,684 40
“ J. H. Sullivan & Co., grading 7th avenue.....	3,237 50
“ Schillinger Artificial Stone Co., pavement.....	4,840 00
“ Thomas Pearson, granite coping.....	2,730 00
“ Cook & Chesebrough, park wall.....	2,390 00
“ M. Backarach, urinal.....	1,550 00
“ A. Imhoff, repairing bridge.....	1,341 68
“ James C. Hoe & Co., lumber.....	1,333 15
“ Laffin & Rand Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	875 00
“ P. C. Coffin, hardware.....	283 15
“ Wetmore & Co., iron and steel.....	234 40
“ Janes & Kirtland, lightning rods and insulars.....	215 00
“ James C. Talcott, oats.....	145 00
“ George Stone, plastering.....	100 00
“ Owen McCabe, bread.....	75 27
“ W. H. Gray, harness.....	66 00
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., coke.....	22 50
“ E. J. Quirk, damages.....	7 00
““ Murphy & Nesbit, lime.....	5 25
“ Composite Iron Works Co., handles for hydrants.....	4 50
“ Walton's Lantern & Mfg Works, chimneys for lamps.....	1 50
Total.....	\$85,209 77

Dated New York, February 21st, 1872.

H. G. STEBBINS.

Commissioner DILLON moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

The TREASURER presented a list of bills, having been purchased by the verbal authority of the former Treasurer, and stated that he had examined the same and believed them to be correct, and recommended that the same be paid as follows :

Composite Iron Works Co., fountain.....	\$825 00
A. & G. Brandon, lamps.....	260 73
James L. Jackson & Bro., tablet.....	161 00
Composite Iron Works Co., repairing fountain.....	135 00
William Kearns, derrick.....	80 00
John Lachman, filing saws.....	12 00
Louis Ruhe, ringdoves.....	7 50
	\$1,481 23

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Stebbins, Church—4.

The PRESIDENT stated that a committee of the Seventh Regiment Monumental Association, had waited upon him with reference to the location of a proper site for their proposed monument.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the subject was referred to the committee appointed at the last meeting relative to a site for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York, is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the Treasurer was requested to prepare and report to the Board an ordinance governing the use of the Boulevard, prohibiting the use of the same to vehicles of a heavy draft, unless the wheels of the same have a tire of not less than $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the draft of a report to the Legislature on the subject of the surveys in Westchester.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board plans relative to the improvement of Bridge 26.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the same was referred to the special committee on Museum site.

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A communication was received from H. W. Benedict, relative to the introduction of the oxygen gaslight at the junction of Madison avenue and Twenty-fourth street.

Laid on the table.

From Geo. Catlin, desiring to dispose of his collection of Indian curiosities.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, Mr. Olmsted was requested to hereafter attend the regular meetings of the Board.

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

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—Commissioner GREEN,
 “ DILLON,
 “ CHURCH.

In the absence of the President,

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, Commissioner Dillon was called to the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From E. J. Peck, relative to bee culture on the Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer.

From George Kemp, offering to present a bronze statue of
“The Falconer.”

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, the Treasurer was authorized to accept the statue and communicate to Mr. Kemp the thanks of the Department, and state that an appropriate site will be selected, and express the views of the Department in reference to the same.

From M. A. Kellogg, engineer, relative to the superstructure of Tenth avenue.

Laid on the table.

From Wm. H. Grant, Topographical Engineer, in reference to the grade of 155th street between Tenth avenue and Harlem river.

Laid on the table.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, the amount of money appropriated under the provisions of Chaps. 9 and 29 of the Laws of 1872, relating to appropriations and deficiencies, for the maintenance of the Central Park, parks and places and other works under the control of the Department.

The CHAIRMAN 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.—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Church—3.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That pursuant to chapter 280 of the Laws of 1871,

and Section 1, Article II of the By-Laws governing this Department, the Treasurer of this Department be paid an annual salary of ten thousand dollars, to take effect from the date of his appointment.

The CHAIRMAN 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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Church—3.

A communication was received from W. A. Haines, relative to shades for the Museum Building.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the Treasurer be authorized to procure the necessary shades.

The CHAIRMAN 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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Church.—3.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed that whatever music may be considered desirable to be had on the Central Park and the City Parks during the coming season, be furnished by Mr. Dodworth, provided he will furnish it as reasonable as any one else.

The CHAIRMAN 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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Church.—3.

A communication was received from W. A. Haines, relative to a site for the American Museum of Natural History.

Referred to the Committee on Museum Site.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the subject of the paving of Avenue St. Nicholas be referred to the Executive Committee, to examine into and report to this Board.

A communication was received from Thomas Keenan, relative to the grading of 130th street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Referred to the TREASURER.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

At 4 o'clock the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1872

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

**Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ CHURCH.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Wm. Lalor, offering to present the prepared skins of four large steers. Referred to the Treasurer.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, the subject of the appropriation of the triangle at the foot of Canal street to the use of market wagons was referred to the Executive Committee, to examine and report to the Board.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the matter of the contract of Schultz & Warner for the mineral spring at the Central Park be referred to a special committee.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners Green and Dillon as such committee.

Commissioner GREEN laid before the Board a communication which he had received from S. B. Parsons in relation to the trees at the Central Park, and moved that the same be laid on the table, and printed as a document of this Board.

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.—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

(See Document No. 34.)

On motion of Commissioner GREEN the subject of a tunnel under the Harlem river, at the terminus of 7th Avenue, was referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication from George M. Van Nort, Commissioner of Public Works, transmitting copy of plans for sewers in sewerage district of 6th and 7th Avenues, between 110th street and Harlem river.

Ordered filed.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

March 6th, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of finances as follows :

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Balance due Tenth National Bank on over-draft...	\$20,238 73
Less this amount to the credit of the Treasurer....	8,086 16
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Bank over-draft.....	\$12,152 57

H. G. STEBBINS,
 Treasurer of the
 Department of Public Parks.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars from the Tenth National Bank of New York is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The TREASURER begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him after proper certification of authority for purchase, and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of J. H. Sullivan, filling.....	\$17,600 00
“ D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	4,809 52
John P. Cummings, Jr., Avenue St. Nicholas work.....	4,592 00

Bill of Michael Tracy, filling.....	\$4,328 98
“ J. H. Sullivan & Co., grading Seventh avenue,	3,724 00
“ James C. Hoe & Co., cottage at Battery....	2,750 00
“ James C. Hoe & Co., tool-house.....	1,300 00
“ Theodore F. Tone, unloading stone.....	950 00
“ New York & Richmond Granite Co., granite,	930 70
“ P. Dunnican, unloading stone.....	908 14
“ Laffin & Rand Powder Co., powder and fuse,	875 00
“ James M. Russell, powder and fuse.....	827 00
“ James C. Talcott, hay, oats and feed.....	534 59
“ Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	490 35
“ James Slattery, manure.....	458 40
“ Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	420 00
“ Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	367 15
“ Tenth National Bank, interest.....	256 78
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	250 15
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	220 58
“ Solomon Sayles, meat.....	208 55
“ New York & Richmond Granite Co., granite,	190 96
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, steel.....	164 70
“ A. S. Gatchel, hose.....	136 00
“ D. F. Tiemann & Co., white lead, oil, &c...	101 58
“ Exchange Fire Insurance Co., premium....	100 00
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	92 75
“ A. Simpson, bread.....	71 68
“ William Cartwright, vegetables and fish....	71 18
“ A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	41 85
“ New York Herald, advertising.....	41 60
“ James Duffey, milk.....	35 00
“ James Prentice, repg. instruments.....	30 00
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., twine and paper.....	29 84
“ John P. Jube & Co., springs.....	24 96
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	20 31
“ Gillis & Geoghegan, coupling.....	15 00

Bill of F. W. Christern, books.....	\$12 75
“ Salamander Works, pipe.....	10 00
“ Louis Ruhe, bird food.....	9 60
“ W. H. Grant, expenses.....	2 52
“ E. P. Barker, postage stamps.....	75 00
“ Watrouse & Wilson, lumber.....	170 45
“ Thomas J. Crombie, lumber....	106 08
“ Thomas Harrison’s Son, steam blow pipes..	36 00
“ A. T. Steward & Co., twilling.....	7 79
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Total.....	\$48,397 49

Dated New York, March 6th, 1872.

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer.

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

The PRESIDENT presented two letters which he had received from Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, Landscape Architects, on the recent changes and projected changes in the Central Park, and moved that the same be printed.

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—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

The TREASURER laid before the Board a communication of George M. Van Nort, Commissioner of Public Works, transmitting papers in the matter of the claim of David Babcock, for work done on the Battery enlargement.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, Landscape Architects, be fixed at ten thousand dollars per annum.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of C. Ryan, Superintendent, be fixed at five thousand dollars per annum.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That the President be requested to enquire into

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and report to this Board, as to the present condition of Fifth Avenue, between Ninety-second street and One Hundred and Tenth street, the reasons why the grading and work on the same are not completed, and take such measures within his power to have the same completed as early as possible.

On motion of Commissioner DILLION, at five o'clock P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

**Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Samuel G. Mackey, proposing to repair concrete walks.

Referred to the TREASURER.

From George S. Greene, Jr., proposing to survey and map that part of West Farms not already surveyed.

Referred to the TREASURER.

The TREASURER presented a Report showing the condition of finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file. ¶

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

March 13th, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Due Tenth National Bank on overdraft	\$39,071 68
Less this amount to the credit of Treasurer	8,911 81
	\$30,159 87
Bank overdraft	\$30,159 87

H. G. STEBBINS,

Treasurer of the
Department of Public Parks.

The TREASURER presented a list of removals and appointments made by him, the removals having been made upon the recommendation of the Chief-Engineer, in consequence of want of work.

Approved and ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the subject of the keeper at McCombs' Dam Bridge be referred to the Treasurer, with power to discontinue his services if deemed advisable.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars from the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may be hereafter ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins—3.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services and materials, furnished, or to be furnished, for permanent improvements upon the Central Park.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins—3.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 20 of the Laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank in the City of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for payment of work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and for permanent improvements upon the several public squares and places under the control of this Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins—3.

Commissioner GREEN stated that the Trustees of the German Hospital were desirous of procuring some cuttings from the Central Park during the present spring.

Whereupon it was *ordered* that Commissioner GREEN be authorized to state to the Trustees of the German Hospital that the cuttings desired will be furnished.

Commissioner DILLON, from the special Committee appointed at the last meeting on the matter of the contract with Schultz & Warker, stated that he had examined the same, and moved that the matter be referred to Commissioner GREEN to report a plan of adjustment of the contract with Schultz & Warker, which was agreed to.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, that the subject of the settlement of the claim of A. McC. Stetson, in the matter of the lease of the refreshment building at the Central Park, and the re-leasing of said building be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins—3.

A communication was received from John P. Cumming, Jr., offering to furnish stone for superstructure of Ave. St. Nicholas,

and referred to the Treasurer to confer with the Engineer-in-Chief, and report thereon to the Board.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That Bridge No. 26 be rebuilt, on plan as submitted by Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, in rustic style.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins—3.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That the Treasurer inquire and report the expense per bench, and the total for adding backs to the benches in all the Parks which are now without them.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

At four o'clock and twenty minutes the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARBER,
Clerk.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From H. N. Sherwood, remonstrating against the erection of a shed, corner of 6th avenue and 124th street.

Laid on the table.

From the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, remonstrating against the opening of a new street or avenue through the grounds of the Institution.

Laid on the table.

From Counsel to the Corporation, transmitting copy of an order in the suit of Charles Guidet.

Ordered filed.

In compliance with a resolution of the Board, adopted on the 6th instant, the PRESIDENT reported that he had conferred with the Commissioner of Public Works in relation to the contract for the completion of the regulating and grading of Fifth avenue, and in connection therewith presented a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works also a copy of an order which had been served on the contractor relative to the completion of the work.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT reported, also, that in accordance with the resolution of the Board at its last meeting, an examination of the Park settees had been made, and they were found constructed in such a manner that it will be impossible to alter them. Whereupon, on motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That the President be requested to ascertain if the seats without backs in the various Parks can be exchanged for seats with backs.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The Treasurer begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and corrections of computation and detail.

Bill of Thomas C. Cornell, maps and surveys.....	\$3,938 85
“ C. A. Harrington, broken stone.....	1,933 64
“ Bell Brothers, lumber.....	475 86
“ Henry Parry, granite panels.....	400 00
“ Townsend & Co., coal.....	325 00
“ Seward & Boswell, hay and wheat.....	199 78
“ Dimond Brothers, iron work.....	137 75
“ Norris & Williams, plumbers, ware.....	106 94
“ F. W. Hamilton, services.....	30 37

Bill of Fisher & Bird, repairing damages	\$30 00
“ New York Gas Light Co., gas	28 50
“ Charles Scharbach, leather	8 97
“ J. S. Rockwell & Co., sheepskins	6 50
“ P. C. Coffin, hardware	1 62
“ D. J. Tyson, vegetables	2,278 00
“ James L. Jackson & Bro., iron work	538 00
“ James C. Talcott, hay, oats and feed	429 66
“ Townsend & Co., coal.	325 00
“ Peck & Wandell, bricks	112 00
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, steel	81 12
“ P. Van Gilson, sprinklers	78 00
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware	68 25
“ John P. Jube & Co., carriage hardware. ...	55 65
“ C. T. Reynolds & Co., paint	20 00
“ A. S. Gatchel, rubber goods	18 30
“ Wetmore & Co., iron	10 27
“ Henry G. Nichols, steel	1 84
“ John F. Henry & Co., soap	1 25
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Total	\$11,641 12
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Dated New York, March 20, 1872.

H. G. STEBBINS.

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

A communication was received from Guy R. Pelton and others, desiring the planting of the Boulevard be proceeded with this spring.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the planting of the Boulevard from 59th Street to 72d Street, be proceeded with this spring.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Petitions were received from :

F. A. P. Barnard, Henry Ward Beecher, J. F. Kensett, and others, asking the reinstatement of B. Waterhouse Hawkins in his former position in the employ of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner STEBBINS :

Resolved, That Commissioner GREEN be requested to continue his consultations with Mr. Haines, and the representatives of the American Museum of Natural History, and ascertain if any arrangement can be made with said Society for the employment of Professor Hawkins.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the position heretofore assigned to the Shakespeare Statue, be so modified as to cause it to stand at the end of the east aisle of the Mall, in the centre of the gravelled area.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to reduce the force of the Park keepers and Police Surgeons in his discretion.

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—Messrs. Green, Sebbins, Church—3.

Noes—Mr. Dillon—1.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That this Department approves of designating a site for the building of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, on that part of the Central Park between Seventy-ninth and Eighty-fourth streets, and the Fifth Avenue and the Drive ; and of designating a site for the building of the American Museum of Natural History, on that part of the Central Park west of the Eighth Avenue ; and that the President inform these bodies of this action of the Department.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That Olmsted and Vaux prepare and report such modification of the plan of the plaza at the corner of Fifty-ninth street and Fifth Avenue, as they can recommend ; and if such modification involves the removal of existing structures for a fountain, to report the probable expense of removal, and also the probable expense of fitting the same for the unbuilt fountains in the City Parks.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That Messrs. Olmsted and Vaux report such plan as they can recommend for making the two walks on either

side of the lake, and leading to the Belvedere, wider and more direct than at present. Also, to report, whether, in their judgment, trees can be advantageously planted so as to give more shade to the walks, drives and rides; and, if so, when, where and how such trees should be planted.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That in case the exterior lines of Union and Madison squares be protected by posts and chains, the same be taken from the posts and chains within the interior of Washington square.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That the President enquire and report by whom and by what authority benches in the City Hall Park have been removed from their places.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to divert the carriage drive near the mineral spring, at the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

At four o'clock and fifty minutes the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,

Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In compliance with the action of the Board at the last meeting, the President reported that the parties who furnished the Park settees were making an estimate which he would submit at the next meeting, of the rate at which they would take the settees without backs, and furnish those with backs in their stead. That the settees removed from the City Hall Park were removed for the purpose of repair.

The following communications were received :

From William Kennelly, on behalf of the Ladies of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, withdrawing their former objections to the opening of the Ninth avenue. .

Referred to the Special Committee having the matter in charge.

From John P. Cumming, Jr., asking a payment on account of the reserved percentage on his contract.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay John P. Cumming, Jr., the sum of five thousand dollars, on account of the reserved percentage due on his contract for regulating and grading Avenue St. Nicholas, between 125th and 155th streets, provided a sufficient amount will remain to guarantee the fulfillment of the contract.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697, Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), for payment of work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, in regulating, grading, and otherwise improving 145th street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York, under the provisions of Chapter 697, Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in

the Tenth National Bank, in the City of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for payment of work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, in regulating, grading, and otherwise improving that part of the Tenth avenue lying to the northward of the southerly line of 155th 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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner Stebbins :

Resolved, That the distinction heretofore known between gardeners and skilled gardeners be, and the same is hereby, abolished, and that the rate of pay of gardeners be fixed at thirty-one and a quarter cents per hour.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Parks in reference to procuring fire annihilators for use in buildings at Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer to report on.

A memorial was received from Edmonds & Field, attorneys for Charles Guidet, in relation to the paving of Transverse roads at the Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer to report on.

The Treasurer presented the following :

The Treasurer begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of Henry Wagner, filling.....	\$2,158 27
“ Grahamite Asphalt Pavement Co., pavement	1,449 96

Bill of Samuel P. Ayres, stop-cock.....	\$750 00
“ W. R. Vermilye, interest.....	387 88
“ Express Printing & Pub. Co., printing....	277 00
“ Seward & Boswell, hay.....	200 22
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	127 75
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	110 95
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	91 00
“ Theodore F. Tone, coal.....	90 00
“ Benoit & Wood, artists' materials.....	87 25
“ Daniel Draper, articles for Mtgl. Dept....	24 35
“ C. T. Raynolds & Co., drugs, paints, &c..	21 75
“ Frank Hochrein, meat.....	21 06
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	16 90
“ James C. Talcott, bran and oatmeal.....	8 70
“ Bradley & Smith, dusters.....	7 10
“ John P. Jube & Co., ferules.....	3 75
“ E. S. Higgins & Co., oil-cloth.....	3 15
“ George Macintosh, earthenware.....	3 05
“ Isaac Evans, expenses.....	23 97
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Total.....	\$5,864 06
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Dated New York, March 27, 1872.

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer.

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, the Treasurer was requested to report on the subject of the goat-carriages and Carrousel.

Plans were received from Olmsted & Vaux, Landscape Architects, for the removal of the fountain, basin and the alteration of the plaza at Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, and the triangle at Worth Monument.

Laid on the table.

A communication was received from Olmsted & Vaux, Landscape Architects, relative to the improvements at Union square.

Commissioner DILLON moved that the same 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 determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

(See Document No. 35.)

Commissioner DILLON offered the following, with the request that the same be laid over until the next meeting of the Board :

Resolved, That the Clerk to this Board be paid an annual salary of five thousand dollars, the same to date from the resignation of Mr. Van Nort.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That R. D. Nesmith be reinstated as Police Surgeon.

Debate was had thereon, when, on motion of Commissioner GREEN, laid on the table.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 534 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 15th, 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, have devised and prepared a map or plan embracing and showing such changes in the location, width, courses, and windings of the streets, avenues, and roads, now laid out, as in their opinion can be made with benefit to the property affected, and to the public interest ; and also the location, width, courses, and windings of such streets, avenues, and roads as, in their opinion, can be laid out or discontinued, with like benefit, within that particular section of the district or area described in the first Section of said Chapter 534, which is situated in the county of Westchester and town of West Farms, adjoining the town of Morrisania, and through the southerly portion of which section the High Bridge of the Croton Aqueduct passes ; the said section being shown and bounded on two duplicate maps or plans of streets, avenues, and roads, herein referred to, by blue dotted lines, and the said two duplicate maps or plans are respectively entitled, " A map or plan showing such changes in the location, " width, courses, and windings of the streets, avenues, and roads, " now laid out, as, in the opinion of the Board of Commission- " ers of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New " York, can be made with benefit to the property affected, and " to the public interest ; and also the location, width, courses, " and windings of such streets, avenues, and roads as, in their " opinion, can be laid out or discontinued, with like benefit, " within that particular section of the district or area described " in the first Section of Chapter 534 of the Laws of the State " of New York, passed April 15th, 1871, which is situated in " the town of West Farms, adjoining the town of Morrisania, " and is bounded by blue dotted lines, drawn hereon," and said

map or plan being dated "New York, March 27, 1872," and signed by "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

And said Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks do hereby lay out, retain and establish the several streets, avenues and roads designated respectively as "Undercliff avenue," "Sedgwick avenue," and "Commerce avenue," as the same are shown, with such field-notes and explanations as the said Board of Commissioners deem expedient, on the aforesaid two duplicate maps or plans, dated New York, March 27, 1872, and signed by Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 534 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 15, 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, have devised and prepared a plan or profile embracing and showing such changes in the grades of the streets, avenues and roads now laid out, as, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected, and to the public interest, and also the grades of such streets, avenues and roads as, in their opinion, can be laid out or discontinued, with like benefit, within that particular section of the district or area described in the 1st Section of said Chapter 534, which is situated in the county of Westchester and town of West Farms, adjoining the town of Morrisania, and through the southerly portion of which section the High Bridge of the Croton Aqueduct passes; the said section being shown and bounded on the first above-mentioned two duplicate maps or plans of streets, avenues and roads, by blue dotted lines, and the said grades are shown on two duplicate plans or profiles of grades which are respectively entitled:

"Plan or profiles showing the grades established for and discontinued on the portions of Undercliff avenue, Sedgwick avenue and Commerce avenue, shown on the map or plan for laying out and establishing of the same, dated New York, March 27, 1872," and signed by "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer," and said duplicate plans or profiles being also dated "New York, March 27, 1872," and signed by "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

And said Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks do hereby discontinue and establish the several grades of the portions of streets, avenues and roads designated respectively as "Undercliff avenue," "Sedgwick avenue" and "Commerce avenue," as the same are shown, with such field-notes and explanations as the said Board of Commissioners deem expedient, on the aforesaid two duplicate plans or profiles, dated New York, March 27, 1872, and signed by Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Resolved, That the said Board of Commissioners deem it proper to file the aforesaid two duplicate sets of maps, plans and profiles, in the manner provided by said Chapter 534 of Laws of 1871, and hereby direct that the said maps, plans and profiles be so filed, to the end and with the intent that the powers of the said Commissioners to lay out, alter, discontinue, abandon, close or retain any street, avenue or road, public square or place, or grades therefor, within such section of said district or area, shall absolutely cease and determine, as provided by said Chapter 534.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner CHURCH :

Resolved. That this Board disapproves of the erection of an armory on Reservoir square, and that the President be authorized to take such action in the matter as he may deem necessary.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That Mr. Commissioner Green be a committee to present the application of this Board to the Board of Street Openings, that legal measures be taken forthwith for the extension of Sullivan street, from Amity to Fourth street, at the same width as Sullivan street.

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On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

At five o'clock and thirty minutes the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1872.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following:—

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway,

April 4th, 1872.

Mr. E. P. BARKER,

Clerk to Board:

SIR,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Tuesday next, 9th inst., at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions, and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,

President D. P. P.

Present:—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and

Commissioner GREEN,

“ DILLON,

“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meetings of March 27 and April 3, were read and approved.

Commissioner DILLON called up the resolution laid over at the previous meeting of the Board, that R. D. Nesmith be reinstated as Police Surgeon.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, laid over.

The TREASURER, to whom was referred the subject of fire annihilators, reported thereon and recommended the use of the same.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase four Babcock Fire Annihilators for use in the buildings at the Central Park.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

The TREASURER presented a letter from the Corporation Counsel in relation to the claim of Charles Guidet to the contract for paving Transverse Roads in Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, the Treasurer was instructed not to proceed with the paving of Transverse Roads Nos. 2 and 4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to contract with George S. Greene, Jr., for the whole or part of the surveys remaining to be done in Westchester county, at rates not exceeding those indicated in his proposition.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner STEBBINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the grade of Division Gardener be established, and that the President be authorized to employ not exceeding five such persons at \$3 per day.

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—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

A communication was received from William R. Martin, relative to prosecuting the work on the Boulevard.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the work on the Boulevard between 59th street and 155th street be pushed forward to a speedy completion.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

A communication was received from George Raphael, desiring to erect a Camera Obscura on the Central Park.

Referred to the TREASURER to report on.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the work on Manhattan street be urged forward to a speedy completion.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That the use of velocipedes be prohibited in or about Madison square, other than on the east and north exterior walks, until the further order of this Board.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That the PRESIDENT be requested to obtain from the proper person a plan for ventilating by the roof of the building west of the Museum at the Central Park, and report the same to the Board.

The TREASURER, to whom was referred the subject of park settees, reported that the parties who manufactured them were willing to receive them in exchange, at an allowance of \$3 each.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to exchange the settees without backs at the price offered, \$3, and procure these of the Janes & Kirtland pattern, with backs.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

A communication was received from E. Dobbs, relative to improving 152d street, between Tenth avenue and Boulevard.

Referred to Treasurer.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks hereby designate the National Park Bank in New York as the depository of all moneys which, by law, are to be deposited to the credit of said Department, or which said Department is authorized to receive, and that the Treasurer of this Department transmit a copy of this resolution to the Comptroller of the City.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That it be referred to a Special Committee to examine into and report to this Board the propriety of working and improving the street on the west of Morning-side Park.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, Commissioner Green was appointed as such committee.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the paving of Avenue St. Nicholas be proceeded with as rapidly as the grading is completed, and that the Treasurer be authorized to make a contract for the same.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

A communication was received from John Taylor Johnston, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, transmitting a resolution of that association accepting the site designated for the erection of Museum building.

Laid on the table.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the planting on the sidewalk along Fifth avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Ninety-second streets, be proceeded with without delay.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to procure from the Landscape Architects a plan for either removing or planting the strip of embankment on the Central Park between the East Drive and the Fifth avenue.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Deer House on the Central Park be removed, and the materials utilized in the best possible way.

Laid on the table.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That immediate measures be taken to have 110th street, between Fifth avenue and Boulevard, regulated and graded.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the work on the Conservatory be proceeded with, after the plans for the same have been submitted to and approved 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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and also the sum of Ten thousand dollars, on warrant No. 402, from the Tenth National Bank in the city of New York, is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been, or may be hereafter, ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The Treasurer begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him after proper certification of authority, for purchase and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of Schillinger Artificial Stone Co., pavement. \$15,288 52
“ J. H. Sullivan, Seventh avenue pavement.. 3,960 00

Bill of Day's Vulcanized Concrete Pavement Co., pavement.....	\$2,406 04
“ John P. Cummings, Jr., grading Avenue St. Nicholas.....	1,920 00
“ Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	1,371 25
“ James C. Talcott, straw, oats and meal....	434 41
“ Tenth National Bank, interest.....	226 17
“ Jeremiah Crowley, pipe.....	184 12
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	139 80
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	45 94
“ Robins & Valentine, disinfectant.....	23 42
“ J. W. Van Dewater, repairing desk.....	11 50
“ J. W. Mould, expenses.....	11 00
“ C. T. Raynolds & Co., varnish.....	9 75
“ Frazer Lubricator Co., axle grease.....	9 00
“ Holbrook & Bro., glass.....	8 57
“ Dimond Brothers, repairing damage by blast	5 22
“ J. Ruhe, bird food.....	4 00
“ W. H. Grant, expenses.....	3 85
“ J. H. Sullivan, grading Manhattan street..	7,760 00
“ J. H. Sullivan & Co., grading Seventh ave..	1,554 00
“ Prentice & McIntyre, repairing rollers....	1,362 69
“ Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	518 89
“ J. W. Stevens & Brothers, lumber.....	274 42
“ Hollister & Brownell, hay, meal and bran.	226 87
“ Solomon Sayles, meat.....	221 80
“ Kunhardt & Co., freight.....	110 71
“ S. A. Smith, swings.....	105 00
“ Seward & Boswell, hay.....	99 39
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	86 87
“ A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	82 10
“ William Cartwright, vegetables and fish...	71 12

Bill of Andrew Simpson, bread.....	\$69 51
“ Mulford & Sprague, bolts.....	51 69
“ New York Gas Light Co., gas.....	40 50
“ James Duffy, milk.....	36 40
“ John G. Dale, freight.....	36 25
“ J. W. Bartlett, lamp globes.....	27 00
“ Charles Scharbach, leather.....	26 07
“ Bradley & Smith, brooms.....	19 00
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	18 83
“ Janes & Kirtland, repairing sky-light....	4 74
“ E. Hallock, cracked corn.....	5 50
“ Bell Brothers, lumber.....	1,337 51
“ Townsend & Co., coal.....	780 00
“ Morgan Jones, plumbing.....	525 58
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	610 37
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	467 63
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	86 79
“ William V. Crissey & Co., paint.....	2 00
“ Francis Dugan, roofing.....	819 00
“ Funch, Edye & Co., freight.....	59 10
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Total.....	\$43,559 89

Dated New York, April 9th, 1872.

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer.

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

At four o'clock and fifteen minutes the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present.—Commissioner GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1872.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway, N. Y.

April 10th, 1872.

Mr. E. P. BARKER,

Clerk to Board :

Sir :—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Friday next, 12th inst., at 2 P. M., for the consideration of Communications, Reports of Committees, Motions and Resolutions, and Miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,
President D. P. P.

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

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meetings of 9th, 10th and 12th inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From William Grosser, desiring to place a telescope on City Hall Park.

Laid on the table.

From Edward Herbert, desiring to lease “ Washington Hall,” at High Bridge Park.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to lease the building at High Bridge Park on the best possible terms.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay William H. Florence, for services rendered as keeper at McComb's Dam Bridge, during months of January, February and March, 1872.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills of the Peekskill Gravel Company, for gravel furnished during 1871, at a price not exceeding \$2.60 per cubic yard.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

The TREASURER presented a report in relation to the goat carriages and carrousel at the Central Park.

On motion, said report was referred back to the Treasurer.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the resolutions adopted on 27th March, p. 338-9-40, be reconsidered.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 534 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 15th, 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York have devised and prepared a map or plan embracing and showing such changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, avenues and roads now laid out, as, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected and to the public interest ; and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, avenues and roads as, in their opinion, can be laid out or discontinued, with like benefit, within that particular section of the district or area described in the 1st Section of said Chapter 534, which is situated in the county of Westchester and town of West Farms, adjoining the town of Morrisania, and through the southerly portion of which section the High Bridge of the Croton Aqueduct passes, the said section being shown and bounded on two duplicate maps or plans of streets, avenues and roads, herein referred to, by blue dotted lines, and the said two duplicate maps or plans are respectively entitled, " A map or plan showing such changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, avenues and roads now laid out, as, in the opinion of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of

“ New York, can be made with benefit to the property affected
“ and to the public interest ; and also the location, width,
“ courses and windings of such streets, avenues and roads as,
“ in their opinion, can be laid out or discontinued, with like
“ benefit, within that particular section of the district or area
“ described in the 1st Section of Chapter 534 of the Laws of
“ the State of New York, passed April 15th, 1871, which is
“ situated in the town of West Farms, adjoining the town of
“ Morrisania, and is bounded by blue dotted lines, drawn here-
“ on,” and said map or plan being dated “ New York, March
27, 1872,” and signed by “ Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topo-
graphical Engineer.”

And said Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks do hereby lay out, retain and establish the several streets, avenues and roads designated respectively as “ Undercliff avenue,” “ Sedgwick avenue ” and “ Commerce avenue,” as the same are shown, with such field-notes and explanations as the said Board of Commissioners deem expedient, on the aforesaid two duplicate maps or plans, dated New York, March 27, 1872, and signed by Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 534 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 15, 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York have devised and prepared a plan or profile embracing and showing such changes in the grades of the streets, avenues and roads now laid out as, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected and to the public interest, and also the grades of such streets, avenues and roads as, in their opinion, can be laid out or discontinued, with like benefit, within that particular section of the district or area described in the 1st Section of said Chapter 534, which is situated in the county of Westchester and town of West Farms, adjoining the town of Morrisania, and through the southerly portion of which section the High Bridge of the Croton Aqueduct passes, the said section being shown and bounded on the first above-mentioned two duplicate maps or

plans of streets, avenues and roads, by blue dotted lines, and the said grades are shown on two duplicate plans or profiles of grades, which are respectively entitled :

“ Plan or profiles showing the grades established for and discontinued on the portions of Undercliff avenue, Sedgwick avenue and Commerce avenue, shown on the map or plan for laying out and establishing of the same, dated New York, March 27, 1872,” and signed by “ Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer,” and said duplicate plans or profiles being also dated “ New York, March 27, 1872,” and signed by “ Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer.”

And said Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks do hereby discontinue and establish the several grades of the portions of streets, avenues and roads designated respectively as “ Undercliff avenue,” “ Sedgwick avenue” and “ Commerce avenue,” as the same are shown, with such field-notes and explanations as the said Board of Commissioners deem expedient, on the aforesaid two duplicate plans or profiles, dated New York, March 27, 1872, and signed by Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer.

Resolved, That the said Board of Commissioners deem it proper to file the aforesaid two duplicate sets of maps, plans and profiles, in the manner provided by said Chapter 534 of Laws of 1871, and hereby direct that the said maps, plans and profiles be so filed, to the end and with the intent that the powers of the said Commissioners to lay out, alter, discontinue, abandon, close or retain any street, avenue or road, public square or place, or grades therefor, within such section of said district or area, shall absolutely cease and determine, as provided by said Chapter 534.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to employ Mr. Hatfield, architect, to make an examination, and report the cash valuation at the present time of the Mineral Spring building at the Central Park ; that the Treasurer pay Messrs. Schultz & Warker the amount of the valuation, as may be agreed upon, and lease the building to Messrs. Schultz & Warker for a term of five years, at a rent not exceeding seven per cent. on the valuation.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Brothers of Manhattan College be authorized to erect in front of the College a stoop five feet in depth, and construct a sewer from the building to Manhattan street, to remain during the pleasure of the Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to make arrangements with the Harlem Gas Company for lighting McComb's Dam and High Bridges, also to continue the board screens on and paint McComb's Dam Bridge.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN moved a reconsideration of the vote had on the resolution on 9th inst., p. 347, relative to the depository of the moneys of the Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to appoint a Surgeon of the Park Police force, and that he discharge such duties as may be required of a surgeon.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

The TREASURER presented a list of removals and appointments made by him since those last reported, which was approved.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of

the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway,

April 17th, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

In compliance with Section 9 of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of finances as follows :

Balance due Tenth National Bank on Board acc't.	\$31,220 64
Less this amount to credit of Treasurer	420 94
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Bank over draft	\$30,799 70

H. G. STEBBINS,

Treasurer of the

Department of Public Parks.

In accordance with a resolution of the Board at the last meeting, the Treasurer presented a report relative to the ventilating of the building west of the Museum.

Referred to Mr. Olmsted for examination.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the head-gardener be directed to plant vines around the Museum building with the view of covering the exterior walls.

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

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

Ayes.—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Church—3.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the architects be requested, to report to the Board the plans for the Conservatory, with a report on the present condition of the work done in accordance with the plans.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay James W. Husted ten thousand dollars on account of bills of gravel furnished by The Peekskill Gravel Co., and withhold the balance until Mr. Husted makes a proposition relative to a final settlement.

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.—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the replanting of the ground east of the New Reservoir, on the plan formerly adopted, with such readjustments as are required by the widening of the road, be directed to proceed forthwith.

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.—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

The **TREASURER** presented the following :

The Treasurer begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail.

Bill of C. V. Hough, filling.....	\$2,300 00
“ W. H. Warner, heating apparatus.....	1,986 44
“ A. T. Stewart & Co., window shades.....	387 00
“ Delphin Thebaud, charges on trees and plants.....	677 95
“ James C. Talcott, hay and corn.....	218 50
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery.....	161 61
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	101 50
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	93 04
“ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	92 00
“ William Menzies, oak.....	72 87
“ United States Express Co., freight.....	64 00
“ Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	51 98
“ Chapman & Van Wyck, guano.....	37 50
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, steel.....	33 16
“ D. F. Tieman & Co., paints, &c.....	26 65
“ D. Van Nostrand, books.....	19 20
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	14 35
“ Wetmore & Co., iron ..	13 62
“ Bradley & Smith, brooms.....	12 00
“ J. Della Torre, tallow.....	11 00
“ Hollister & Brownell, bran.....	10 50
“ R. H. Allen & Co., rakes.....	7 50
“ Colgate & Co., soap.....	6 75
“ Lalance & Grosjean Mfg. Co., cups.....	4 80
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	120 69
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	51 30
Total.....	<u>\$6,575 91</u>

Dated New York, April 17, 1872.

H. G. STEBBINS, *Treasurer.*

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the planting and paving of Union Square upon the plan presented by Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, be proceeded with without reference to plan of rostrum, and without lessening the area of the square.

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.—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

In accordance with the direction of the Board, the Treasurer presented a report relative to the claim of David Babcock, for work done on Battery wall, and recommending that the same be paid.

Commissioner DILLON moved that the recommendation of the Treasurer be approved.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the triangle about Worth monument be improved upon the plan as submitted by Mr. Olmsted this day.

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—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

At four o'clock and forty minutes, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and, on motion of Commissioner Dillon, amended on p. 360, line eight, by striking out the word “exceeding,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “less than,” and, as amended, were approved.

The TREASURER presented a list of appointments and removals since the last meeting, which was approved.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Edmonds & Field, attorneys for Charles Guidet, relative to commencing legal proceedings in the matter of paving Transverse Roads at the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, the President was requested to send all the papers in the matter to the Corporation Counsel, with a request that he defend the suit.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The Treasurer begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase, and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of Composite Iron Works Co., railing.....	\$1,450 00
“ T. & J. Reese, bird-houses.....	494 00
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	367 08
“ James C. Talcott, hay and straw.....	314 68
“ Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas.....	283 20
“ Johnson & Van Tassell, carriage.....	225 00
“ F. D. Tappen, interest.....	224 38
“ N. W. Fire Extinguisher Co., fire extin- guishers.....	216 00
“ Osborn & Sons, trees and plants (<i>gold</i>).....	143 75
“ Townsend & Co., coal.....	127 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	54 13
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	34 50
“ Charles Helmuth, seeds.....	30 50
“ C. T. Reynolds & Co., paint.....	20 00
“ Charles Scharbach, leather.....	13 62
“ James Prentice, tapes.....	12 00
“ W. O. Labagh, salt.....	11 70
“ Maxfield & Co., hickory-nuts.....	9 00
“ Francis Dugan, ventilator.....	45 00
 Total.....	 \$4,075 54

Dated New York, April 25, 1872.

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer.

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the painting of Harlem Bridge be referred to the Treasurer with power, and that he be requested to consult Mr. Vaux, relative to a color for the same.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architects be requested to furnish plans for the improvement of Morningside Park.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That Mr. Grant be directed to communicate with the property owners affected by the changes of width and

location of Fordham avenue, in the town of West Farms, from the northerly line of the town of Morrisania to the Kingsbridge road, and thence along said road to the New York, Harlem and Albany Railroad, to the effect that the preliminary surveys for the same have been completed, and that the property owners be requested to examine the same, and present their objections, if any, in writing.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars from the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of the Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department, as have been or may be hereafter ordered paid by this Department.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That Mr. Vaux be requested to report to this Board whether any modifications of the plans for the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art are necessary, and that he be authorized to consult the Trustees of said society in reference to the same.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the subject of compensation of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux for past services rendered in furnishing plans, &c., be referred to the President to report on at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner Green :

Resolved, That Olmsted & Vaux be requested to confer with the person designated as the Director of the Astronomical Observatory at the Central Park, and ascertain if any modification of the plans for the observatory are necessary.

Mr. Olmsted, to whom was referred the report relative to ventilating the building west of the Museum, presented an estimate for doing the same.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the subject of ventilating the building west of the Museum be referred to the Treasurer, with power to carry out the necessary plans for the same.

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—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

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

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.