COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

Board of Supervisors.

OFFICIAL.] STATED SESSION, Tuesday, March 1, 1864.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, in their Chamber, No. 17 City Hall. Present—William M. Tweed, esq., President, in the chair, and the following members: Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, and Stewart—9.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

Petitions of the following named for remission and correction of tax: Aug. C. Bertram, jr., Abraham B. Cohen, E. D. Culver, Jas. J. De Barry, J. W. Delano, Cornelius Driscoll, Jas. Dewitt, Thos. D. Kingan, T. C. King, Stuyvesant Leroy, S. Milville, jr., Daniel T. Murphy, Chas. Stock, St. Nicholas Bank, John J. Tallman, Edwin Thorne, Peter Townsend, George Washington Smith. Which were referred to the Committee on Annual Taxes.

Petition of Fifth, Sixth, and Eleventh Regiments, for additional compensation for services during the riots. Which was referred to the Special Committee on Riot Claims.

Petition of Erastus Brainerd, jr., for additional compensation for damages by riot. Which was referred to the Special Committee on Riot Claims.

Petition of officers of Sixty-ninth Regiment, N. Y. N. G., for repairs for their Armory. Which was referred to the Special Committee on Armories and Drill-Rooms.

Petition of the laborers on New Court-House for increase of wages. Which was referred to the Special Committee on New Court-House.

BILLS.

Bills of the following named for constructing drill-rooms on Palace Garden grounds: J. R. & W. W. Cornell & Co., $5,289; G. A. & J. T. Conover, $1,499 75; John Snillen, $2,272 53; Chas. Schellell, $1,500. Which was referred to the Special Committee on Armories and Drill-Rooms.

Bill of T. J. Blanck & Sons, for furniture, as follows: County Clerk's office, $358; Register's office, $421. Which was referred to the Committee on County Officers.

Bill of J. T. Blanck & Sons, amounting to $163, for furniture for Supreme Court Rooms. Which was referred to the Committee on County Officers.

Bill of Lewis Carpenter, amounting to $26 85, for repairs to City Judge's office. Which was referred to the Committee on Criminal Courts and Police.

Bill of Andrew J. Garvey, amounting to $147 90, for repairs to County Clerk's office. Which was referred to the Committee on County Officers.

Bill of Edward A. Miller, amounting to $7 50, for signs for City Judge's office. Which was referred to the Committee on Criminal Courts and Police.

Bill of Charles E. Ralienbach, amounting to $300, for raising and removing sunken schooner "New Conveyance." Which was referred to the Committee on Annual Taxes.

Bill of New-York Gas-Light Company, amounting to $179 85, for gas furnished Criminal Court-Rooms and Offices. Which was referred to the Committee on Criminal Courts and Police.

Bill of Cornelius Allison, amounting to $124 50, for board of witnesses during February, 1864. Which was referred to the Committee on Criminal Courts and Police.

Bill of Henry C. McLean, amounting to $15 96, for postage for Surrogate's Office, to March 1, 1864. Which was referred to the Committee on Civil Courts.

Bills of the following named for serving subpœnas during February, 1864, viz: John McGowan, Special Sessions, $51 50; Samuel A. Merrison, Special Sessions, $51 50; James W. Green, General Sessions, $735. Which was referred to the Committee on Criminal Courts and Police.

Bills of the following named for printing and stationery furnished the County: Brower Brothers, $667 27; R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., $326 45. Which was referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

REQUISITIONS.

Requisitions were received from the following named for printing, stationery &c.: Clerk of Supreme Court, City Judge. Which was referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

A requisition was received for articles for the Court of Common Pleas. Which was referred to the Committee on Civil Courts.

A requisition was received for repairs to Supreme Court rooms. Which was referred to the Committee on Civil Courts.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the officers of the various regiments comprising the Second Army Corps, commanded by Major-General W. S. Hancock (and now recruiting in this county), urging an extra premium of $15 to all persons obtaining recruits for regiments belonging to said corps.

Supervisor PURDY moved that said communication be referred to the Special Committee on County Volunteering, with power. Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart and Tweed—9.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, being his annual report for the year 1863. Which was received, laid on the table, and 2,500 copies directed to be printed in document form. Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—9.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Court of Sessions, with returns of Jurors personally summoned by the Sheriff for the February Term of 1864: Feb. 1—24 Grand Jurors personally summoned. Feb. 2—7 Grand Jurors personally summoned. Feb. 1—69 Petit Jurors personally summoned. Which was received and ordered on file.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Harlem Bridge, transmitting bills incurred by the Commissioners in the work of constructing Harlem Bridge, viz:

Statement of Bills.

John Roach, iron work, $1,536 41; John Roach, iron work, $1,300 73; C. C. Reynolds, photograph, $64; E. Ketcham, legal services, $100. Which was received and referred to the Special Committee on Harlem Bridge.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, returning unapproved resolution to pay certain bills incurred for work in the construction of Harlem Bridge. Which was received, laid on the table for ten days, and directed to be published, under the direction of the President and Clerk, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—9.

A Message was received from his Honor the Mayor, returning unapproved resolution auditing bill of James M. McGregor, amounting to $825 for clerk hire to Department of Survey and Inspection of Buildings. Which was received, laid on the table for ten days, and directed to be published, under the direction of the President and Clerk, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—9.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Supervisor TWEED—

Resolved, That the legal adviser furnish the Board with his opinion as to whether the Inspectors of Election are to canvass the votes cast at the coming special election (under the Act of the Legislature passed this session) or not.

Which was adopted.

By Supervisor STEWART—

Resolved, That the salaries of Sewell A. Dodge and Hiram S. Blunt, officers at the Supreme Court, be, and the same are hereby fixed at $900 each, to take effect February 1st, 1864.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—9.

By Supervisor BLUNT—

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be authorized and directed to have the necessary number of ballots printed for the electors of the County at the ensuing special election, on the amendment to the State Constitution allowing soldiers to vote, and that the Clerk of the Board give proper notice to the Inspectors of Election.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—9.

By Supervisor TWEED—

Resolved, That the following resolution, passed by the Board, May 12, 1863, viz:

Resolved, That there be allowed an additional Recording Clerk in the office of the Surrogate, at a compensation of five cents per folio, but said amount not to exceed $1,000 in any one year,

—be, and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—8.

Negative—Supervisor Ely—1.

By Supervisor PURDY—

Resolved, That the salaries of the Police Justices and Clerks be increased to the sum of $3,000 per annum, and that the salaries of the Police Court Clerks be increased to the sum of $2,000 per annum, said increase to date from the first day of January, 1864.

Which was laid on the table.

Supervisor LITTLE presented the following:

Resolved, That the County of New-York be and is hereby divided for the next election, into twelve Return Districts, as follows:

First District, composed of the First, Second and Third Wards.

Second District, composed of the Fourth and Sixth Wards.

Third District, composed of the Seventh and Thirteenth Wards.

Fourth District, composed of the Fifth, Ninth and Tenth Wards.

Fifth District, composed of the Eleventh and Seventeenth Wards.

Sixth District, composed of the Eighth and Fourteenth Wards.

Seventh District, composed of the Fifteenth Ward.

Eighth District, composed of the Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards.

Ninth District, composed of the Eighteenth Ward.

Tenth District, composed of the Twenty-first Ward.

Eleventh District, composed of the Nineteenth Ward.

Twelfth District, composed of the Twelfth and Twenty-second Wards.

And that the Chairman of each Board of Canvassers of the several Election Districts, in each Return District, shall return the original statements at the General Election to be held in November, and deliver the same to the Supervisor who is herein designated for receiving the same.

Supervisor Shook is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the First Return District, at No. 7 City Hall.

Supervisor Roche is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Second Return District, at No. 314 Pearl street.

Supervisor Tweed is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Third Return District at No. 7 City Hall.

Supervisor Purdy is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Fourth Return District, at No. 7 City Hall.

Supervisor Little is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Fifth Return District, at No. 48 East Eleventh street.

Supervisor Smith is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Sixth Return District, at No. 257 Broome street.

Supervisor Blunt is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Seventh Return District, at No. 118 Ninth street.

Supervisor Stewart is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Eighth Return District, at No. 115 West Thirty-third street.

Supervisor Briggs is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Ninth Return District, at No. 138 East Seventeenth street.

Supervisor Ely is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Tenth Return District, at No. 161 Gold street.

Supervisor Conner is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Eleventh Return District, at corner of Reade and Centre streets.

Supervisor Davis is hereby designated to receive the original returns from the Canvassers of the Twelfth Return District, at No. 7 City Hall.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—9.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Message from his Honor the Mayor nominating the following persons as City Marshals:

Michael Doody, First District, in place of Sylvester Robbins.

Charles F. Watts, Third District, in place of George Douglass.

Varnum S. Mills, Fourth District, in place of James McKeever.

Supervisor ROCHE moved that the Board do advise and consent to the nomination of Michael Doody. Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart and Tweed—9.

The further consideration of the subject was then postponed.

REPORTS.

The Special Committee on Volunteering presented a report in regard to the quota of New-York County under the call of the President for 500,000 men (see elsewhere.) Which was received and directed to be printed in due form.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of ordering on the following papers:

Petition of John Boyce, for remission of assessment.

Bill of Peter Doyle, for fitting up polls for November Election; and

Communication from the Sheriff, with notice of Special Election. Which was adopted.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the tax on $500, personal property, assessed to Peter O. Strong for the year 1863 be, and the same is hereby remitted, said Strang having been a resident and taxpayer of Yonkers, New-York, since May 1, 1860.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—9.

The Committee of Armories and Drill-rooms presented a report in favor of adopting resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the bills of the following named for labor and material furnished for construction of Drill-rooms for military purposes on Palace Garden grounds, in Fifteenth street, in accordance with resolution of the Board, approved by the Mayor January 13, 1864, be audited and allowed as follows: G. A. & J. T. Conover, $1,499 75; John Sniffen, $2,272 53; Charles Snellell, $1,500; J. R. & W. W. Cornell & Co., $5,500—and the Comptroller directed to pay from appropriation for "Armories and Drill-rooms."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Conner, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—9.

The Committee on Civil Courts presented a report in favor of adopting resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the bill of Keyser & Co., for taking down, putting up and cleaning stoves, &c., Civil Court-rooms, be audited and allowed at $193 85, and the Comptroller directed to pay it from the appropriation for "Lighting, Cleaning and Supplies."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—8.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the tax on $5,000, personal property, assessed to Wm. L. Cole for the year 1863, be and the same is hereby remitted, the said Cole having been absent in the service of the United States during the whole time the tax-books were open for examination, and having no personal property.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Ely, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—8.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bills of the following named for printing and stationery furnished the county be audited and allowed: R. C. Root, Anthony & Co., $326 45; W. D. Roe & Co., $916 25; Brower Brothers, $849 61; John Holman, $267 50—and the Comptroller directed to pay them from appropriation for "Printing, Stationery and Blank Books." Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bill of Thomas English, amounting to $157, for repairs, &c., to Central Bridge, be audited and allowed at $93 50, and the Comptroller be directed to pay it from appropriation for "McComb's Dam Bridge—care and maintenance of."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Special Committee on Riot Claims presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bills or claims of the following named persons, for damages alleged to have been sustained by them in consequence of the riots in July, 1863, be audited and allowed at the amounts hereinafter specified, and that the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and requested to pay the same upon the parties executing a release in full of all demands against the City and County of New-York; and the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to transmit to the Comptroller the original claims above mentioned, with the testimony and accompanying papers:

John J. Bowe	$8,000 00	Henry Frank	2,650 00
Catharine E. Dowe	11,212 75	Henry Emerson	154 00
James W. Tunnell	100 00	Joanna Chittenden and Elizabeth Willett	100 00
Ann and Geo. Greer	24,500 00	The Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans	72,669 26
Mary Ann Underhill	497 33	Augusta Miller	400 00
Mary E. Diggs	100 00	Wm. E. Davis	800 00
Mary Saunders	100 00	Carl Earle	451 37
M. Francis	20 00	Henry Rosskamp	100 00
Fred. E. Nehring	187 85	Francis Rost	50 00
Peter James	35 00	John Henry Kramer	500 00
Mary Ann Reggs	25 00	Mrs. S. B. Atterbury	100 00
Charles Robinson	20 00	Caroline Heflein	100 00
John D. Sturtevant	600 00	Julius Griebel	110 00
Samuel J. Scottron	675 00	Caroline Liedig	200 00
James Demarest	90 00	Josephine Ascolt	100 00
John Parr	2,000 00	Susan Robertson	150 00
V. P. Richards, M. D.	45 00	Samuel R. R. Parker	225 00
Elizabeth Wilson	700 00	Edward Walker	1,500 00
T. F. Barnwell	500 00	Alfred L. Walton	110 45
W. A. Morand	100 00	L. Hershberger	10,000 00
Edward Jackson	20 00	Marie Delthi	4,528 00
Julius Sander	100 00	John Henry	1,200 00
Peter Wilson	100 00	John Brosh	25 00
F. Steinel	17 43	Emily Miller	250 00
Henry Burner	50 00	William Sylvester	60 00
The Tribune Association	519 57	F. D. Newberry	300 00
German Building Association	147 28	Thomas Phelps	15 00
H. H. Robertson	50 00	John B. Miller	200 00
Henry May	50 00	Milton White	50 00
Cath. Wall	12 00	Margaret Schrenbalz	150 00
Charles Fairchild	15 00	Martha Jenkson	60 00
Wm. Brown	600 00	Louis Levy	13,052 70
Joseph Warren	200 00	American Telegraph Company	1,239 25
M. L. Manheim	200 00	Minnie Frank	734 88
F. Rubel	50 00	Jane Frank	617 60
Louis Reebel	125 00	Geo. C. Ellison	13 50
Elizabeth Caizes	70 00	John Hagee	1,100 00
Squires L. Newbury	1,500 00	Pierre Van Alstyne (additional)	30 00
William Russel	11 00	Elizabeth C. Ivers	87 77
Mary P. Peck	450 00	J. H. Terry	75 00
Edward Allen	73 50	Joseph and Sarah Levy	2,500 00
Sarah E. Peck	416 74	Amelia O'Brien	1,000 00
Wm. Brown	600 00	Thomas T. Stone (additional)	50 00
Newman, Onderdonk & Capron	5,713 58	Susan Lomson	42 00
Newman, Onderdonk & Capron (livery)	350 00		
Henry E. Akers	71 60		
Theodore Martine	40 00		
Catherine Barrett	212 00		
G. L. Arrowsmith	147 33		

Resolved, That the claims of the persons hereinafter named, for damages alleged to have been sustained in consequence of the riots in July last, be not allowed, the same having been examined by the Special Committee of the Board, and being in their judgment not valid claims against the County:

Thomas Tighe	12 38	Henry C. Green	86 46
Casper J. McLean	245 12	Edmund F. Gregg	137 00
Thomas Brickley & H. Muller	350 00	Louisa Birgden	145 00
H. Schumacker	461 00	F. Bennett	75 00
A. W. Huntington	50 00	Benjamin R. Estes	83 50
Mrs. Thibeaudeau	450 00	Susan Underhill	20 00
George Bridhart	235 00	Mary Jones	26 25
J. M. & J. N. Plumb	191 13	G. A. Van Brunsen	67 00
Augusta Delten	315 00	E. F. Horst	20 00
George Hain	233 25	John Beatley	26 68
Helena Zschoke	293 84	William Johnson	117 00
Albert C. Williams	431 65	Benjamin Bonels	193 00
Sarah Williams	28 50	John F. Young	229 00
John H. Wheeler	70 00	Ira P. Layton	140 00
Wm. W. Ross	137 50	John P. Pulley	200 00
Charles Miller	122 00	Charles Coutos	150 00
Augusta Morgan	3,343 40	Julia Crawford	46 37
S. J. Miller	50 00	Alexander Jones	96 00
Phœnix Jones	60 00	Lawrence Noian	50 00

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the tax imposed for the year 1863, upon the premises known as No. 446 Canal street, in the Fifth Ward, owned by the German Society, be and the same is hereby remitted, said Society having been incorporated for charitable purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote.

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bill of Keyser & Co., for taking down stoves and supplies for Tax Commissioners' Office, be audited and allowed at $5, and the Comptroller directed to pay it from appropriation for "Lighting, Cleaning, and Supplies."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bill of Lewis Carpenter, for repairs to Marine and Supreme Court-Rooms, be audited and allowed at $105 22, and the Comptroller directed to pay it from appropriation for "Repairs to County Buildings."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Special Committee on Repairs to Chamber and Room presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bill of Keyser & Co. for repairs to Chamber, be audited and allowed at $69 21, and the Comptroller directed to pay it from appropriation for "Lighting, Cleaning, and Supplies."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the tax for the year 1863, imposed upon the premises known as Nos. 697 F. 697 T. on Thirty-fourth street, D. 697, A. 697, H. Ninth avenue, 697 A. one-half 697, I. one-half, Thirty-third street, the Twentieth Ward, owned by the "New-York Institute for the Blind," be and the same is hereby remitted, the Institute having been incorporated for charitable purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the tax on $83,000, personal property assessed to Wm. C. Valentine, for the year 1863, be and the same is hereby remitted, said Valentine having been sick, and thereby prevented from attending at the proper time to have the correction made.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on County Officers presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bill of R. M. Patrick, for one Defiance Salamander Safe for the County Bureau, Comptroller's office, be audited and allowed at $500, and the Comptroller directed to pay it from appropriation for "Lighting, Cleaning and Supplies."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bills of the Coral Wrecking Company for raising and removing barge from slips between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, N. R., and canal-boat Cora Campbell, sunken between piers Fifty-one and Fifty-four, N. R., be audited and allowed at $1,600, and the Comptroller be directed to pay them from appropriation from "Incumbrances in Harbor, Removal of."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bill of Jas. E. Poole, for repairs to old Harlem Bridge, be audited and allowed at $139 45, and the Comptroller be directed to pay it from appropriation for "Repairs to Cole's or Harlem (Third avenue) Bridge."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the bill of Adam Hilan, for fitting up election poll of Fifth District, Twelfth Ward, November election, be audited and allowed at $10, and the Comptroller directed to pay it from appropriation for "Election Expenses."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the tax on $10,000, personal property, assessed to Ellen Kent for the year 1863, be and the same is hereby remitted, she having no personal property, and was sick during the whole term the tax books were open for examination.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the tax on $10,000 personal property assessed to John Lee Smith for the year 1863 be and the same is hereby remitted, Mr. Smith having been a resident and taxpayer of Queens County, New-York, for the past twelve years, and therefore not liable to taxation in this county.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the tax on $100,000 personal property for the year 1863, assessed to Chas. F. White, be and the same is hereby reduced to $1,500, Mr. White having only that amount of personal property, and having applied at the proper time at the office of the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments to have the proper valuation fixed.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart and Tweed—7.

The Committee on Annual Taxes presented a report in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the tax of Washington Murray, as executor of the estate of Nancy Dana, deceased, for 1863, be reduced from $75,000 to a valuation of $39,917 26, and that the Receiver of Taxes be instructed to receive a tax on the latter amount.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Blunt, Davis, Little, Purdy, Roche, Stewart, and Tweed—7.

MOTIONS.

Supervisor PURDY moved that when the Board adjourn, it do so to meet on Saturday, 5th inst., at 12 o'clock m. Which was carried.

Supervisor PURDY moved that the Board do now adjourn. Which was carried.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT declared that the Board stood adjourned until Saturday, 5th inst., at 12 o'clock a. m.

JOS. E. YOUNG, Clerk.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

Board of Aldermen.

OFFICIAL.] STATED SESSION, Thursday, March 3, 1864.

PRESENT—John T. Henry, esq., President, in the Chair, Aldermen Fox, McMahon, McCool, Shannon, Chipp, Ryers, Hardy, Kelly, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley, and Long.

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

PETITIONS.

By Alderman OTTIWELL—Petition of Hook and Ladder Company Number Nine for apparatus. Which was referred to Committee on Fire Department.

By Alderman LONG—Petition of William Hatfield to be paid for fee furnished to the Seventh District Court. Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

By Alderman RYERS—Bill of the Seventy first Regiment for music furnished on the reception of the Fifty-ninth and Sixty-sixth Regiments. Whereupon Alderman RYERS presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Col. B. L. Trafford of the Seventy-first Regiment New-York National Guard, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven dollars for expenses incurred for the reception of the Fifty-ninth and Sixty-sixth Regiments, of the twelfth day of January, 1864.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman OTTIWELL—Bill of Father Mathew's Total Abstinence Benevolent Society, to furnishing one band of music for funeral of the late General Michael Corcoran. Which was laid over.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman CHIPP—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the Atalanta, Columbian and Gulick Boat Clubs to rebuild their boat-house at the foot of Christopher street, the same having been destroyed during the recent fire near the premises.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman SHANNON—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Statsman and Walter to place a show case in front of their premises Number six hundred and eighty-three Broadway, the same to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By the PRESIDENT—

Resolved, That in the list of Commissioners of Deeds recently appointed by the Common Council that the name of Artemas G. Cady be corrected, so as to read Artemas S. Cady.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman MCMAHON—

Resolved, That the election polls of the Fifth District of the Tenth Ward be changed from number Fifty-three Eldridge street to number One hundred and one Hester street.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman KELLY—

Resolved, That the election polls of the Eighth District of the Eleventh Ward be held at the house of John Landers, corner of Third street and Avenue B, until otherwise ordered by the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman KELLY—

Resolved, That the election poll of the Tenth District of the Eleventh Ward be held at the house of Henry Maurer, southeast corner of Fifth street and Avenue B, until otherwise ordered by the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman LONG—

Resolved, That One-hundred and twenty-third street, from Second avenue to avenue A, be regulated and the curb and gutter-stone set, and the sidewalk flagged a space four feet wide, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Alderman KELLY—

Resolved, That the election poll of the Seventh Election District of the Eleventh Ward be changed from number seven Avenue C to number two hundred and twenty Third street.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman LONG—

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across the intersection of Second avenue and One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth street, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Alderman MCMAHON—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to set back twenty-five feet from the present line all obstructions to travel in front of the City Hall, from Broadway to Chatham street.

Which was referred to Committee on Lands and Places.

By Alderman SHANNON—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to lease the premises number four hundred Grand street, for the use and occupation of the Fifth District Court, the premises so to be leased to consist of a Court-Room, to be forty by twenty-five feet, with ceiling fifteen feet high; a Jury room, and office for the Justice, each to be twelve by fourteen feet, to be well lighted and ventilated; an officer's room, clerk's office, and a room for a private office, to be located on the second floor of the said premises—the same to be leased for a term of ten years from the first day of May, 1864, at an annual rent of one thousand five hundred dollars.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman SHANNON—

Resolved, That the election poll of the First Election District of the Seventeenth Ward be held at number two hundred and thirty-three Bowery.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman MASTERSON—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby requested to report to this Board why Fortieth street, between the First and Second avenues, has not been completed, in accordance with the terms of said contract.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Streets presented a report to pave Twenty-sixth street, from Fourth to Madison avenue, with Belgian pavement. Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report concurring with the Board of Councilmen to pave Cedar street from Pearl street to North River, with Belgian pavement. Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report concurring to pave Morris street from Broadway to West street, with Belgian pavement. Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report, concurring to pave Rector street, from Broadway to West street, with Belgian pavement. Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report, concurring to pave Liberty street and Maiden lane with Belgian pavement. Which was laid over.

The Committee on Public Health presented a report to fence lots south side of Fourteenth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. Which was laid over.

The Committee on Finance presented a report in favor of donating the Trustees of the Washington Hights Presbyterian Church, a sum sufficient to enable them to pay the taxes for the years 1836 and 1837, with interest, on their property. Which was laid over.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from his Honor the Mayor, transmitting a petition from residents in the neighborhood of Thirty-ninth street to have nuisance abated. Which was referred to Committee on Public Health.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioner, transmitting apportionment of assessment for extending Central Park. Which was ordered on file.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioner, transmitting apportionment of assessment for regulating and grading One-hundred-and-seventeenth street, between Third and Fourth avenues. Which was ordered on file.

A communication was received from the Comptroller in reply to resolution of inquiry, in regard to payment of laborers and employers of the various departments of the City Government. Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

A communication was received from his Honor the Mayor, transmitting two memorials, one of merchants and owners of real estate, and the other of cartmen, relative to the laying of rails in the streets of the lower part of the city. Which was referred to the Special Committee on Railroads having that subject in charge.

VETO MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, March 3, 1864.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—The resolution authorizing the Comptroller to lease the "upper floors" of building numbers one hundred and fifteen and one hundred and seventeen Nassau street (known now as the property of Fernando Wood) for a term of ten years, for the accommodation of the First District Court, at an annual rent of three thousand dollars, is herewith returned without my approval.

Objection First: The resolution is extremely indefinite. It authorizes the lease of the "upper floors" of said building. Now the term "upper floors," strictly construed, or in ordinary acceptation, is supposed to include all above the first floor. The building itself is five stories high, and three thousand dollars per annum for all above the first floor might not be considered unreasonable. But what is the fact of the case? If not grossly misinformed by parties who ought to be fully acquainted with the transaction, the portion of the building proposed to be leased for ten years at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum, consists of the fourth floor alone. Now in view of the public convenience, this fourth floor, in my judgment, as well as the rent for it, is entirely too elevated.

Objection Second: The locality of the building is not at all desirable for a Court-room. Nassau street is very narrow, and the sidewalks in that vicinity can scarcely be five feet in width. The rooms now occupied by the First District Court in Cedar street consist of the second floor and all above it, at an annual rent of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum. I cannot perceive the advantage which the public would derive from the proposed change.

Objection Third: The spirit of our City Charter makes it obligatory on the authorities to offer public proposals in all cases of this character, and I can perceive no reason why the benefits of the principle should be lost in the present instance. This transaction can only be regarded in the light of a contract, and all contracts should be founded "on sealed proposals, made in compliance with public notice," pursuant to the provisions of section thirty-eight of the charter. This is the course uniformly adopted in the purchase of real estate for the use of the city, and there is no difference in principle between the lease and purchase of property required for public purposes.

In order to ascertain the amount of rent already paid by the city for certain rooms in the building designated by the resolution, I addressed a note of inquiry to the Comptroller, and received in reply the following:

"COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Jan. 27, 1864.

"*Hon. C. Godfrey Gunther, Mayor:*

"DEAR SIR: In answer to your favor of this date, calling for information relative to premises Nos. 115 and 117 Nassau street, I beg leave to reply as follows: These premises were leased by this Department from Fernando Wood, esq., for a term of three years, from May 1, 1863, to May 1, 1866, for the use of the Law Department of the City of New-York, and its two bureaus, at the express request of the Corporation Counsel and his heads of bureaus, in pursuance of authority conferred by a joint resolution of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor May 9, 1863. The amount of rent paid is $6,200 per annum.

"M. T. BRENNAN, Comptroller."

I am further informed by the Comptroller that the city, in the course of the ensuing Summer, will erect on their property in Fulton street an Engine House, 25½ feet by 75, the upper part of which can be easily arranged for a Court-House for the First District.

I also assert from personal knowledge that better quarters than those proposed can be procured for less than half the money. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. GODFREY GUNTHER, Mayor.

Which was received, laid on the table, directed to be printed at length in the minutes, and published in all the papers employed by the Corporation.

PAPERS HERETOFORE LAID OVER.

Report of Committee on Roads in favor of adopting resolution that Madison avenue, from Forty-second street to Eighty-sixth street, be regulated, graded, curbed, guttered, and the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the center thereof, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted. Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Aldermen McMahon, McCool, Shannon, Chipp, Ryers, Hardy, Kelly, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley, and Long—13.

Report of Committee on Streets, in favor of concurring with the Board of Councilmen in adopting resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause to be removed forthwith all the obstructions in Battery place, between Broadway and West street. Which was laid over.

On motion, the Board then adjourned, and the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until next Monday, seventh instant, at one o'clock p. m.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

Passengers Arrived

By steamship Pennsylvania, from Liverpool—Frances Frost, Eliza Frost, Mary Frost, Frank Frost, Har