CITY GOVERNMENT.

Board of Aldermen.

STATED SESSION, Monday, February 5, 1866, 2 o'clock p. m.

OFFICIAL.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—John Brice, esq., President in the chair, and the following members:

Aldermen Moore, Coman, McBrien, Flynn, Gedney, Ely, Ryers, Reilly, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

The minutes of February 1 were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By the PRESIDENT—

Petition of Patrick McMahon for pay for injuries to his person by slipping into a manhole of sewer in Thirtieth street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman REILLY—

Petition of Christopher F. Klenck to be a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices when appointed.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman COMAN—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to L. Roth to place a show-case and shutter-box stoop in front of his place of business, number four hundred and thirty-one Pearl street, said permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman FLYNN—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of St. Vincent Hospital, in Eleventh street, for the sum of ten thousand dollars as a donation, and charge the amount to the account of "Donations."

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman FLYNN—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Edward Van Pelt for the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars for furnishing coaches to the Common Council of St. Louis and Chicago, the same to be charged to the account of City Charges.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman LOEW—

Resolved, That the name of Francis Carroll be added to the list of blind persons who are to receive the sum of fifty dollars.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman LOEW—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given Martinus Willett to place a sign in front of his place of business, number seventeen Spence street, to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman LOEW—

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in Lewis street, between Stanton and Rivington streets, to connect with the sewer in Rivington street, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers, when appointed.

By Alderman MOORE—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Lewis & Brown, corner of Front street and Coenties Slip, to exhibit goods in front of their premises during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman FLYNN—

Resolved, That the Clerk to the Common Council be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a Messenger to the City Librarian, at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, payable monthly, out of the proper appropriation.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman COMAN—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to place the name of Walter Woodberry, residing at number twenty Rose street, on the list of blind persons.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman MASTERSON—

Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed in front of the Church of the Ascension, in Forty-third street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman O'BRIEN—

Resolved, That the sidewalks on the west side of Broadway, from Twenty-ninth to Thirtieth street, be flagged the full width, where necessary; also the sidewalks of Sixth avenue, from Twenty-seventh to Thirtieth street, be flagged the full width, where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets, when appointed.

By Alderman ELY—

Resolved, That Rule Thirty-six of this Board be amended to read as follows:

RULE THIRTY-SIX.—Standing Committees, consisting of three members each, shall be appointed on the following subjects:

1. Arts and Sciences.	9. Printing and Advertising.
2. Croton Aqueduct.	10. Public Health.
3. Finance.	11. Repairs and Supplies.
4. Ferries.	12. Roads.
5. Lamps and Gas.	13. Salaries and Offices.
6. Lands and Places.	14. Sewers.
7. Law Department.	15. Streets.
8. Markets.	16. Wharves, Piers and Slips.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman MASTERSON—

Resolved, That the name of Martin Riley, residing in Sixty-ninth street and Eleventh avenue, be added to the list of blind persons to receive the donation of fifty dollars.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman NORTON—

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is given to Gilmartin Brothers to receive and deliver goods in front of their premises, number sixty-nine Watts street, such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman VAN VOORHIS—

Whereas, In the recent list of Commissioners of Deeds, Richard A. Chambers was appointed in the stead of Wm. O. Jenkins, but by a clerical error in place of Wm. O. Jackson; therefore,

Resolved, That the name of W. O. Jackson, opposite the name of Richard A. Chambers in the list of Commissioners of Deeds, be altered to read Wm. O. Jenkins, the name of Jackson being returned in error.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman VAN VOORHIS—

Resolved, That the low and sunken lots on the blocks bounded by Eighty-seventh and Eighty-eighth streets and Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth streets, near Third avenue and westerly thereof, be filled in and drained where sewer connection is practicable, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Alderman VAN VOORHIS—

Resolved, That the sidewalks of Eighty-seventh street, between Third and Fourth avenues, be reflagged, where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By the PRESIDENT—

Resolved, That the rooms now occupied by the Clerk of the Common Council be thoroughly refitted and refurnished, immediately, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, the expenses to be taken from the appropriation of Public Building Construction and Repairs.

Which was laid over.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Hon. Henry J. Raymond, acknowledging the receipt of the resolutions of the Common Council, in thanking him for the action he had taken in relation to the New-York Post-Office.

Which was received, directed to be printed in the minutes, and placed on file.

INVITATIONS.

An invitation was received from the Mutual Base Ball Club, to attend their annual ball.

Which was accepted.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1866.

The PRESIDENT here announced the Standing Committees for the year 1866, as follows:

ARTS AND SCIENCES—Aldermen Gedney, O'Brien and Van Voorhis.

CROTON AQUEDUCT—Aldermen Shannon, Flynn and Coman.

FERRIES—Aldermen Moore, Loew and Varnum.

FINANCE—Aldermen O'Brien, Shannon and McGinnis.

LAMPS AND GAS—Aldermen Ryers, McBrien and Ely.

LANDS AND PLACES—Aldermen Ely, Ryers and Gedney.

LAW DEPARTMENT—Aldermen Varnum, Ryers and Loew.

MARKETS—Aldermen Flynn, Moore and Norton.

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING—Aldermen Coman, Norton and O'Brien.

PUBLIC HEALTH—Aldermen Van Voorhis, Masterson and Varnum.

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES—Aldermen Reilley, Shannon and Gedney.

ROADS—Aldermen Masterson, McGinnis and Van Voorhis.

SALARIES AND OFFICES—Aldermen McBrien, Moore and Reilly.

SEWERS—Aldermen McGinnis, Masterson and Coman.

STREETS—Aldermen Norton, Reilly and McBrien.

WHARVES—Aldermen Loew, Flynn and Ely.

REPORTS.

Report of Special Committee appointed to investigate the name of Peter McKnight, to represent the Eighth Aldermanic District in this Board, in the stead of the sitting member, William L. Ely.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, Flynn, Gedney, Ryers, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—13.

MOTIONS.

Alderman MASTERSON moved that when the Board adjourn it do adjourn to meet on Monday next, 12th instant, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Alderman LOEW, as an amendment, moved that Thursday be the day of meeting.

Which was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Flynn, Ely, Reilly, Loew and Varnum—8.

Negative—Aldermen Norton, McBrien, Gedney, Ryers, Masterson, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—7.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Resolved, That the pay of the Inspectors appointed by the Croton Aqueduct Board to supervise the construction of or the Repairs to any street pavement, or cross-walk, or well and pumps, be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of three dollars per day for each and every day they may be so employed, and that the pay of such Inspectors who may be employed on works for which contracts are now made be continued at the present rate of two dollars per day.

(By Board of Aldermen, January 29, 1866, amended by adding after the words "Croton Aqueduct Board" the words "and Street Department," and after the word "pumps" the words "or street improvements.")

Alderman ELY moved to strike out the words "of two dollars per day," at the end of said resolution.

Which was carried.

The resolution, as amended, was then lost, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Coman, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—10.

Negative—Aldermen Moore, Norton, McBrien, Flynn and Ryers—5.

Subsequently reconsidered and laid over.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be and is hereby authorized and directed to procure copies of all bills and documents transmitted to the Legislature, at an expense not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.)

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Flynn, Gedney, Ely, Ryers, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—13.

Negative—Alderman Norton—1.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of John Houghtaling, Clerk of Arrears, for the sum of two hundred and six dollars and eighty-nine cents, to be applied by the said Clerk of Arrears to the redemption of lot map number ten, ward number three, and two hundred and ninety-eight, located on the north side of Thirty-second street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, assessed to Nicholas Daw, sold at Corporation sale on the 12th day of November, 1864, for an assessment for filling lots in block bounded by Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets, and Tenth and Eleventh avenues, this said assessment having been remitted by the Common Council, September 18th, 1867, the said warrant to be charged to the account of "Donations."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Flynn, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—13.

Negative—Alderman Gedney—1.

Bill of A. T. Stewart for crape and gloves furnished for funeral of the late Hon. Elijah F. Purdy.

Which was ordered to be paid by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, Flynn, Gedney, Ely, Ryers, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

Bill of the New-York Dispatch for publishing the election canvass.

Which was ordered to be paid by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Flynn, Gedney, Ely, Ryers, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

Negative—Alderman Varnum—1.

Report of Committee on Finance, in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of the Trustees of the Dutch Reformed Church, located in Avenue B, southeast corner of Fifth street, for the sum of three hundred and thirty-five dollars, to enable them to pay taxes and interest due on their church property at the present time, the amount to be charged to the account of "Donations."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Flynn, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

Resolved, That Twenty-fifth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, be paved with Belgian pavement, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department, and that the accompanying ordinance be adopted therefor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Flynn, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

Resolution by Board of Councilmen, as follows:

Resolved, That the Coroners of the County of New-York be requested to advertise a description of all unknown persons on whom they hold inquests, in one or more of the daily newspapers, to be selected by His Honor the Mayor, and the Comptroller directed to pay for the same on presentation of the proper vouchers.

Which was concurred in, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, Flynn, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—13.

Alderman MASTERSON moved a reconsideration of the above action.

Which was carried.

He then moved to amend by inserting after the word "in," in the fourth line of said resolution, the words "The Daily News newspaper, and one other paper, to be selected by His Honor the Mayor."

Alderman GEDNEY moved to amend by substituting The New-York Daily Times in lieu of the newspaper to be selected by His Honor the Mayor.

Which was lost.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Flynn, Ely, Ryers, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—13.

Negative—Aldermen Gedney and Varnum—2.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman REILLY moved to reconsider the vote on the motion fixing the next meeting of the Board.

Which was carried.

He then moved that when the Board adjourn it do adjourn to meet on Monday next, 12th inst., at 2 o'clock.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Ryers, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—7.

Negative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Flynn, Gedney, Ely and Varnum—8.

GENERAL ORDERS RESUMED.

Communications from the Comptroller and the Croton Aqueduct Board, and draft of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the use of the Croton Aqueduct Department, for the amounts raised by tax in 1865, and not before appropriated."

Alderman MASTERSON moved to lay the subject over.

Which was lost.

The ordinance was then adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Flynn, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—15.

MOTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman GEDNEY moved that when the Board adjourn it do so to meet again on Monday next, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Alderman LOEW moved to amend by making the hour of meeting 3 o'clock p. m.

Which was accepted by Alderman Gedney, and the question being put thereon the same was carried.

GENERAL ORDERS AGAIN RESUMED.

Report of Committee on Finance, in favor of concurring with the Board of Councilmen in adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the Trustees of the Congregation of Beth Hamadrash, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-six dollars and twelve cents, with interest, as a donation, to enable said Trustees to redeem the property of the said Congregation from sale for taxes for the year 1865, the amount to be charged by the Comptroller to the account of "Donations."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Flynn, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT announced that the Board stood adjourned until Monday next, 12th instant, at 3 o'clock p. m.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

Board of Councilmen.

STATED SESSION—MONDAY, February 5, 1866, 2 o'clock p. m.

OFFICIAL.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment in their Chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

Present—J. Wilson Green, esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members:

Councilmen Keenan, Long, Stacom, Flynn, Robinson, O'Brien, Kenney, Costello, Hartman, Brinkman, Koster, Watts, Keech, White, Mackay, Kellogg, Tyng, Thomas, Halloran, Pullman, Hettrick and Imlay—23.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman HALLORAN—

Petition of property owners to have the grade of Avenue A, between Eighty-sixth and Ninety-first streets, changed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Councilman KOSTER—

Petition of the Fourth Regiment New-York State National Guard, to be paid for expenses incurred in celebrating Evacuation Day.

Which was referred to the Committee on National Affairs.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman MACKAY—

Resolved, That Fifty-second street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, be paved with Belgian pavement, under the direction of the Croton Board.

Which was referred to the Committee on Belgian Pavement.

By Councilman WHITE—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Messrs. Vernon, Bros. & Co., to receive and deliver goods in front of their premises, number twenty-three Beekman street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman HALLORAN—

Resolved, That Twenty-second street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, be paved with Belgian pavement, under the direction of the Croton Board.

Which was referred to the Committee on Belgian Pavement.

By Councilman HALLORAN—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Alexander Lackey to exhibit goods in front of his store, number nineteen Bowery, said permission to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman MACKAY—

Resolved, That a temporary abutment be built at the head of the Pier number Twenty-nine, East River, and that a proper light be placed on the same, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman KEECH—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Fowler & Wells and S. W. Ward, numbers three hundred and eighty-seven and three hundred and eighty-nine Broadway, to retain their signs in front of their premises during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman STACOM—

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby respectfully requested to return to this Board the paper relative to donation to the congregation of Beth Hamadrash.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman ROBINSON—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Reynolds, Pratt & Co. to exhibit goods in front of their premises, number one hundred and six and one hundred and eight Fulton street, the same not to interfere with public travel, and to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman FLYNN—

Resolved, That the compensation of the sweepers employed in the various markets in the City of New-York be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of sixty dollars per month, the same to take effect from and after the passage of this resolution.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Councilman STACOM—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to cause all incumbrances in West Thirty-first street, between Tenth avenue and Hudson River, removed forthwith.

Councilman PULLMAN moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Streets.

Which was lost.

Councilman TYNG moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Which was lost.

Councilman TYNG moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

Which was lost.

Councilman TYNG moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

Which was lost.

Councilman IMLAY renewed the motion that the paper be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Which was lost.

Councilman KELLOGG renewed the motion that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Streets.

Which was carried.

By Councilman STACOM—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James B. Kirker to erect a small sign in front of his premises, number five hundred and ninety-nine Broadway, said permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman LONG—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Michael Murphy to place a stand on the north-west corner of Barclay and Church streets, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council, he having obtained permission from the owner.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman KEENAN—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Naughton to display goods in front of his premises, number one and a half Catherine street, said permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman WATTS—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to John McCaffil & Co. to receive and deliver goods in front of their premises, — Greenwich street.

Councilman TYNG moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Streets.

Which was lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

By Councilman WATTS—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to John A. Seaman to receive and deliver goods in front of his premises, one hundred and twenty-nine Avenue D.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman HARTMAN—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to H. B. Russell to exhibit goods in front of his premises, numbers two hundred and two and three hundred and sixty Bowery, the same not to interfere with public travel, and to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman HARTMAN—

Resolved, That Sebastian J. Schick be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New-York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Councilman O'BRIEN—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Robert Irwin to exhibit goods in front of his place of business, number three hundred and thirty Bowery, corner of Bond street, said permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman HARTMAN—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to George Bayer to erect a stand on the south-east corner of Sixth street and Avenue A, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman KENNY—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to C. H. Benedict & Co. to receive and deliver goods in front of their premises, number eighty-six Broad street, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman KEECH—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed immediately to notify the Central Railroad Company of New-Jersey to remove the ferry buildings, sheds, and all other obstructions from Piers numbers fourteen and fifteen North River, and from the bulkheads between said piers, and in the event of said company refusing or neglecting to remove such structures within a period of ten days, that the said Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed immediately thereafter to remove the same and sue for and recover from the said railroad company the expense of such removal, and be it further

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed immediately to commence an action against the said railroad company for trespassing upon the rights and franchises of the Corporation of the City of New-York, with a view of obtaining exemplary damages for such willful and unauthorized assumption of its corporate property, in order to deter any further violation of its chartered rights and franchises.

Councilman PULLMAN moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

Which was lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

MOTION.

Councilman THOMAS moved that the Committee on Salaries and Offices be discharged from the further consideration of resolution of Board of Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That the name of John Fettretch, recently appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, be changed so as to read William Fettretch.

Which was carried.

And the action of the Board of Aldermen was concurred in.

REPORTS.

Report of the Committee on National Affairs, in favor of giving the Fifty-fifth Regiment New-York State National Guard a stand of colors.

Which was laid over.

Report of the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, to rebuild Piers numbers fifty-eight and fifty-nine East River.

Which was laid over.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Whereas, In the recent list of Commissioners of Deeds, Richard A. Chambers was appointed in the stead of William O. Jenkins, but, by clerical error, in place of W. O. Jackson, therefore

Resolved, That the name of W. O. Jackson, opposite the name of Richard A. Chambers, in the list of the Commissioners of Deeds, be altered to read William O. Jenkins, the name of Jackson being returned in error.

Which was concurred in.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to L. Cohen to exhibit goods in front of his place of business, number fourteen Baxter street, to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Edward D. Basford to continue sign and exhibit goods in front of his premises, in Cooper Institute Building, during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

Preamble and resolution as follows:

Whereas, A recent investigation, made by one of the Coroners of this city, resulted in proving that a poor friendless emigrant, named Mary Gilroy, and her offspring, met their death through criminal neglect of the officers of the ship Neptune, while on the passage from Liverpool, England, to this city; and

Whereas, It is the imperative duty of the Common Council of this city, with the view of preventing the occurrence of like outrages upon humanity, to call the attention of the Legislature of this State, now in session at the Capitol, to this case, in order that by the necessary legislation greater safeguards may be guaranteed to the destitute poor who seek our hospitable shores in the effort to better their condition, but who, in consequence of the reprehensible rapacity or criminal neglect of those intrusted with their safe conduct across the Atlantic are subject to the most unheard-of atrocities, often, as in the present instance, resulting in the death of the unfortunate emigrant; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the representatives from this city in the State Legislature be and they are hereby earnestly solicited to urge the State authorities who are vested with the necessary power to take immediate steps so to amend the present Emigration laws as to make it imperative upon the captains, consignees, agents and owners of all emigrant vessels, to properly provide and care for all such indigent passengers on their vessels until they shall be placed under the care of the Commissioners of Emigration for this port, at their depot at Castle Garden; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution be forwarded to the members of the Legislature of this city by the Clerk of the Common Council, with a request that such members of the Senate and Assembly be furnished with a duly certified copy thereof.

Which was concurred in.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Thomas Graham of the premises of one hundred and seventy-four Chatham street, to continue sign and exhibit goods in front of his store during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Councilman O'BRIEN—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to H. N. Lane to erect an awning in front of his premises, number eighteen Spring street, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

INVITATIONS.

An invitation was received from the Mutual Base Ball Club to attend their annual ball at Alker's Assembly Room, February 19.

Which was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation relative to rate of fare on the Eighth avenue Railroad, as follows:

CITY OF NEW-YORK—LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
FEBRUARY 1, 1866.

To the Honorable the Board of Councilmen:

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the resolution of January 8, 1866, requesting my opinion as to the rate of fare legally chargeable by the Eighth avenue Railroad Company for passage over the entire length of its road, I will state that, by the terms of its charter, it is entitled to charge no more than a fare of five cents for a passage over the entire length of its road.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD O'GORMAN,
Counsel to the Corporation.

Which was received and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

A communication was received from the Hon. Henry J. Raymond, acknowledging resolution of thanks passed by the Common Council, as follows:

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS, U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2, 1866.

To the President of the Board of Councilmen:

I return my acknowledgments for the resolutions of the Common Council, thanking me for the introduction of the bill now pending for the erection of a new Post-Office building in the City of New-York. I must be excused, however, for adding that some degree of injustice is done to the other members of the House from New-York, by the selection of my name as entitled to special commendation in regard to this matter. The measure was presented with the assent of all our delegation, and will receive their united and cordial support.

Your obedient servant, HENRY J. RAYMOND.

Which was received and ordered on file.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Resolved, That the salary of the Recording Clerk in Bureau of Records and Statistics, City Inspector's Department, be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum, the same to take effect from and after the passage of this resolution, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to pay the said increase from the appropriation for City Contingencies.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Long, Stacom, Flynn, Robinson, O'Brien, Kenny, Costello, Hartman, Brinkman, Koster, Watts, Keech, Green, White, Mackay, Kellogg, Tyng, Thomas, Halloran, Pullman, Hettrick and Imlay—23.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of John George Otto for the sum of four hundred and ten dollars ($410), the same being for the music furnished Twelfth Regiment, New-York State National Guard, for celebration of Fourth of July, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

Councilman KEECH moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which was lost.

Councilman KOSTER moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on National Affairs.

Which was carried.

Subsequently,

Councilman STACOM moved that the vote by which the above paper was referred be reconsidered.

Which was carried.

He then moved that said resolution be adopted.

Which was lost for want of a sufficient number of votes, as follows:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Long, Flynn, O'Brien, Kenny, Hartman, Brinkman, Koster, Green and Imlay—18.

Negative—Councilmen Stacom, Robinson, Costello, Watts, Keech, White, Mackay, Kellogg, Tyng, Thomas, Halloran, Pullman and Hettrick—5.

Councilman STACOM moved that such vote be reconsidered.

Which was carried.

Preamble and resolution as follows:

Whereas, The portraits of each and all of the ex-Governors of the State of New-York have, from the period of the cessation of their terms of office, under the direction of the Common Council, been painted and placed in the Governor's Room, in the City Hall, in this city, with the exception of that of ex-Governor Myron H. Clark; therefore be it

Resolved, That His Honor John T. Hoffman, Mayor of the City of New-York, the Hon. John Brice, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the Hon. J. Wilson Green, President of Board of Councilmen, be and are hereby constituted a committee to select a competent artist for the purpose of painting a correct likeness of ex-Governor Myron H. Clark, and to cause the same to be placed in the Governor's Room, and that the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to draw his warrant for — dollars in favor of such artist selected by said Committee.

Which was laid over.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary legal measures to cause Ninety-first street, from the Third to the Fifth avenue, to be opened according to law.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolution by Board of Aldermen as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to effect a lease of the premises now occupied by the Fourth District Civil Court for a term of five years, at a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars per annum.

Councilman TYNG moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which was lost.

Councilman PULLMAN moved to amend said resolution by striking therefrom the sum of "two thousand dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof the sum of "one thousand five hundred dollars."

Which was lost.

The resolution was then concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Long, Stacom, Flynn, Robinson, O'Brien, Kenny, Costello, Hartman, Brinkman, Koster, Watts, Keech, Green, White, Mackay, Kellogg, Hettrick and Imlay—19.

Negative—Councilmen Tyng, Thomas, Halloran and Pullman—4.

Resolution by Board of Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars for clerk hire and other expenses attendant upon the execution of the resolution relative to donations to the blind.

Which was laid over.

Resolution by Board of Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council of the City of New-York be and is hereby directed to prepare the Annual Manual of the Corporation of the said City of New-York for the year 1866, and cause ten thousand copies to be published under his direction and supervision, and that the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to compensate him for such labor, and the Comptroller is hereby directed to pay the same amount on the completion of the compilation of the said Manual—three thousand seven hundred and fifty copies for the Board of Aldermen, also three thousand seven hundred copies for the Board of Councilmen, also five hundred copies for the use of His Honor the Mayor, also two thousand copies for distribution by the Clerk of the Common Council.

Councilman STACOM moved that the action of the Board of Aldermen be concurred in, and on that motion moved the previous question.

The PRESIDENT put the question, "Shall the main question now be put?"

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT then put the question on the main question, viz: to concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Long, Stacom, Flynn, Robinson, O'Brien, Kenny, Costello, Hartman, Brinkman, Koster, Watts, Keech, Green, Mackay, Halloran, Hettrick and Imlay—18.

Negative Councilmen White, Kellogg, Tyng, Thomas, and Pullman—5.

Preamble and resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, as follows:

Whereas, The applications for donations from the city to blind persons are rapidly increasing in number, and if the practice of making such donations is to be continued, it is desirable to provide some more satisfactory method of ascertaining the merits of each case than that heretofore adopted, as well as to save to the city the heavy expense of advertising separate resolutions;

Resolved (if the Councilmen concur), That the Comptroller be requested to give notice to all persons intending to apply for such relief, that application must be made at his office on or before the first day of May, in each year; such application to be approved by the Aldermen of the District in which such person may reside; each application to state the name, age and residence of the applicant, the period during which he or she has resided in the city, which must be not less than one year; whether the applicant is a graduate of the New-York Institution for the Blind; his or her occupation, if any, and especially whether he or she has been or is a street beggar, and such other information as the Comptroller may deem it advisable to require; the truth of each statement to be verified by the oath of the applicant, and by a certificate of one or more seeing persons. The Comptroller is authorized to prepare such blank forms for the use of persons desiring to make applications as he may deem advisable, and he shall, from time to time, or on the completion of a list of applicants on the first of May, communicate such names to the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, and also to the managers of the Blind Mechanics' Association, with a request that they will respectively furnish him with any information in their possession as to relief or employment furnished during the year ending on the first of May, to any of the persons whose names are on such list, and the Comptroller shall report to the Common Council the list of persons, with all the information thus obtained.

Resolved, That until such report is received from the Comptroller no action whatever shall be taken by the Common Council upon applications or resolutions presented for such relief, nor shall any donations be granted to persons who shall not have first made application to the Controller, as herein provided.

Which was laid over.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of C. S. Grafalla for the sum of two hundred and eight dollars, for music furnished at City Hall Park and Hamilton Square, celebration Fourth July, 1865, as appears per bills annexed, the same have in been ordered by Special Committee having charge of the same, and charge the same to the account of City Contingencies.

Councilman TYNG moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on National Affairs.

Which was lost.

Councilman PULLMAN moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which was lost.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Long, Stacom, Flynn, Robinson, O'Brien, Kenny, Costello, Hartman, Brinkman, Koster, Watts, Keech, Green, White, Mackay, Kellogg, Tyng, Thomas and Halloran—20.

Negative—Councilmen Pullman, Hettrick and Imlay—3.

Report of Committee on Donations and Charities, in favor of concurring with the Board of Aldermen in adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of M. P. Morrough, Treasurer of the Church of the Immaculate Conception for the sum of one hundred and eighty-two dollars and forty-three cents, to enable him to pay assessments against the said church property, and charge the same to account of donations.

Councilman TYNG moved that said paper be laid over.

Which was lost.

The resolution was then lost for want of sufficient number of votes, as follows:

Affirmative—Councilmen Long, Stacom, Flynn, Robinson, O'Brien, Kenny, Costello, Hartman, Brinkman, Koster, Watts, Keech, Thomas, Halloran, Hettrick and Imlay—16.

Negative—Councilmen Keenan, Green, White, Mackay, Kellogg, Tyng and Pullman—7.

Councilman KEENAN moved that said vote be reconsidered.

Which was carried.

And the paper was laid over.

Report of Committee on Streets, in favor of adopting resolution as follows:

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across Third street, opposite number two hundred and twenty-eight, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Long, Stacom, Flynn, Robinson, O'Brien, Kenny, Costello, Hartman, Brinkman, Koster, Watts, Keech, Green, White, Mackay, Kellogg, Tyng, Thomas, Halloran, Hettrick, and Imlay—22.

Negative—Councilman Pullman—1.

Resolved, That section thirty-nine of the rules of order of this Board be amended so as to read two o'clock, in place of four o'clock as it now reads.

Which was adopted.

An Ordinance (by Board of Aldermen), to regulate permits for street stands, show-cases, signs, hoistways, and deliveries, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE

TO REGULATE PERMITS FOR STREET STANDS, SHOW-CASES, SIGNS, HOISTWAYS AND DELIVERIES.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. All power and authority heretofore exercised by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, or by the Street Commissioner, in granting permits for show-cases or stands for the sale of newspapers, fruit, books, or other merchandise, article or thing whatsoever, incumbering the streets or sidewalks,