the completion of Harlem (New) Bridge, as authorized by chapter 837, Laws of 1866, One Hundred and eighty-six thousand eight hundred seventy-six dollars..... $180,878 00

LEGAL EXPENSES.—To provide for the payment of fees of William Curtis Noyes, McKeon & Smyth, Waldo Hutchins, Beebe, Dean and Donohue, and John H. Reynolds, employed as Counsel by A. J. Williamson, and J. W. Browne, Tax Commissioners, in proceedings instituted by them to maintain their title to office, as per Chapter 837, Laws 1866, seven thousand five hundred dollars..... 7,500 00

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF HEALTH FUND.—For the use of the Metropolitan Board of Health, as provided in the 5th section of Chapter 837, Laws 1866, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars..... 225,000 00

Which was referred to the Committee on Annual Taxes.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.

The following was received, viz.:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, April 20, 1866.

To the Honorable the Board of Supervisors.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from the commanding officer of the Fifth Regiment National Guard, State of New-York (formerly the Jefferson Guard), inviting the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Councilmen, and the Board of Supervisors to review that regiment in front of the City Hall, at three o'clock p. m., on the 23d instant, their Anniversary Parade in Celebration of the Birthday of the illustrious Thomas Jefferson.

I have the honor to recommend that the invitation be accepted.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH REGIMENT, NATIONAL GUARD, STATE OF NEW-YORK, FORMERLY JEFFERSON GUARD, NEW-YORK, April 18, 1866.

HON. JOHN T. HOFFMAN, *Mayor of the City of New-York.*

Your Honor, and the Board of Aldermen and Councilmen, and the Board of Supervisors are hereby most respectfully invited to accept a Review of the Fifth Regiment National Guard, State of New-York, on their Anniversary Parade of the Celebration of the Birthday of the illustrious Thomas Jefferson.

The regiment will form line in front of the City Hall on Monday, 23d instant, at three o'clock p. m. precisely.

I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ANTON MEYER,
Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Fifth Regiment, National Guard, State of New-York.

On motion, the invitation was accepted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Supervisor FOX presented the following:

Resolved, That Mr. Mark Healy be and is hereby appointed cleaner in Superior Court rooms, at a compensation of one dollar and fifty cents per diem, to take effect September 12, 1865.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Supervisor BLEAKLEY presented the following:

Whereas, By act of the Legislature of this State, passed April 13, 1865, it is provided that the several Boards of Supervisors in each of the Counties of this State which are entitled to more than one member of Assembly, shall assemble on the third Tuesday in June next, at the place where their annual meetings are to be held, and divide their respective counties into assembly districts, equal to the number of members of assembly to which such counties are now severally entitled, and shall cause to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and the clerks of their respective counties, a description of such assembly districts, specifying the number of each district, and the population thereof, and

Whereas, By said act, the City and County of New-York is entitled to twenty one members of Assembly; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Committee of Four be appointed (with power) to divide the City and County into twenty-one Assembly Districts and report the same to this Board.

Which was adopted; and Supervisors Bleakley, Fox, Stewart, and Hayes appointed such Committee.

Supervisor TWEED presented the following:

Resolved, That the compensation of Honorable Richard O'Gorman, as "Legal Adviser" of this Board, be fixed for the current year at two thousand dollars.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed, and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Supervisor ROCHE presented the following:

Whereas, By chapter 242 of the Session Laws of this State for 1866, and passed March 30, 1866, the Board of Supervisors of the County of New-York were especially empowered to fix an annual salary for each of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction; and

Whereas, The Legislature, in connection with said empowering, mentioned the sum of five thousand dollars; therefore,

Resolved, That said sum of five thousand dollars is hereby designated and fixed by this Board as the amount of the salary to be annually paid to and received by each of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction of the City of New-York. Said salary to date from passage hereof.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed, and Willmann—9.

Supervisor WILLMANN presented the following:

ORANGE, N. J., April 4, 1866.

MR. WILLMANN—*Dear Sir:* Mr. J. W. Hayward having kindly given me your address, I take the liberty to inquire of you as Supervisor whether or not the city will renew the lease on Armory hall, Nos. 24 and 26 Delancy street, now occupied by the Eleventh Regiment, National Guard.

The rent to the city will be the same as heretofore—namely, fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) per annum.

If I do not hear from you within a day or two, I shall conclude to offer the premises to let. Yours, respectfully,

EDK. HOOD.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to release the premises occupied by the Eleventh Regiment, New-York State National Guard, known as Nos. 22, 24 and 26 Delancy street, for three years from —— 1866, at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) per annum, and the Comptroller directed to pay said rent quarterly from appropriation for "Armories and Drill-rooms."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Supervisor FOX presented the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to immediately procure certified copies of all laws relating to the County of New-York passed at the session of the Legislature of 1866.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The PRESIDENT submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to lease the third story of the building corner of University place and Thirteenth street, from Ryerson & Brown, for one year, from May 1, 1866, at a rent of eight hundred dollars ($800) per annum; said premises to be used and occupied by companies "E" and "F" Seventy first Regiment New-York State National Guard; and the Comptroller is hereby directed to pay said rent quarterly from the appropriations for Armories and Drill-rooms.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Supervisor STEWART presented the following:

Resolved, That the Drill-rooms, known as Masonic Hall, Nos. 114 and 116 Fulton street, now occupied by the Ninety-third and Sixth Regiment, be assigned to the Third Regiment, Col. John E. Bendix commanding, and the same be for their exclusive use.

Which was referred to the Special Committee on Armories and Drill-rooms.

Supervisor FOX presented the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to release the premises situated and known as "Second Regiment Armory," corner Hall place and Seventh street, for three years from January, 1866, at the yearly rent of $2,600, and the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed and authorized to pay said rent quarterly from appropriation for "Armories and Drill-rooms," and the Second Regiment be and hereby is assigned to said premises to be used and occupied by the said regiment as Armory and Drill-rooms."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

Negative—Supervisor Ely—1.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

REPORTS.

On motion, Rule 27 was suspended on all reports presented at this meeting, unless objected to.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of Frank S. Bond for reduction of tax, respectfully

REPORT:

That during the whole time the Tax books were open for examination and correction in 1865, Mr. Bond was absent serving in the Army of the United States, and therefore deprived of the opportunity and right of reducing the valuation of personal property to a proper standard.

He swears that his personal property does not exceed the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8,500.)

Your Committee therefore feel bound to present the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the tax assessed on a valuation of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), assessed against Frank S. Bond for the year 1865, be, and is hereby reduced to a valuation of eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8,500), Mr. Bond having been absent from the city during the whole time the Tax Books were open for examination, and having no personal property.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, Smith, Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed communication from the Comptroller, with copy of County Tax levy thereto attached respectfully

REPORT:

That they have examined the matter therein referred to, and so far as they have had opportunity to examine, approve the same, and after mature and careful consideration, herewith submit the following ordinance for adoption:

AN ORDINANCE.

TO AMEND AND IN ADDITION TO THE ORDINANCE MAKING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTY OF NEW-YORK, APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, MARCH SIX EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of New-York do ordain as follows:

SEC. 1. The first section of the ordinance making the annual appropriations for the support of the Government of the County of New-York, approved by the Mayor March 6, 1866, is hereby amended as follows, to wit:

Strike out the following words and figures under the head of "Advertising," viz., *thirty five thousand dollars* ($35,000), and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit, *twenty thousand dollars* ($20,000).

Strike out the following words and figures under the head of "Contingencies, Comptroller's office," viz., *three thousand dollars* ($3,000) and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit, two *thousand dollars* ($2,000).

Strike out the following words and figures under the head "County Contingencies," viz., *forty thousand dollars* ($40,000), and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit, *thirty thousand dollars* ($30,000).

Strike out the following words and figures under the head of "Lighting and Cleaning, and Supplies for County Offices," viz., *twenty five thousand dollars* ($25,000), and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit, *fifteen thousand dollars* ($15,000).

Strike out the following words and figures under the head "Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books," viz., *eighty thousand dollars* ($80,000), and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit, *sixty thousand dollars* ($60,000).

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Mr. McKeon has been assessed on a valuation of $10,000 for the year 1865 as a resident.

Mr. McKeon made oath before your Committee that during the whole of 1865 he resided in New Jersey, and no personal property in County of New-York.

The following resolution is accordingly submitted by your Committee, viz.:

Resolved, That the tax assessed on a valuation of $10,000 personal property against A. B. McKeon for the year 1865, be and the same is hereby remitted, said McKeon having resided in New-Jersey during the year 1865, and having no personal property in this county.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of Samuel Lord for reduction of tax for the year 1865, respectfully

REPORT:

That said petition represents that Mr. Lord was absent in Europe during the whole time the tax books were open for examination, and that his personal property does not exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, which consists of his capital stock as the limited or special partner in the firm of Lord & Taylor.

For the above reasons your Committee feel obliged to submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the tax assessed on a valuation of $200,000 against Samuel Lord for the year 1865, be and the same is hereby reduced to a valuation of $200,000, Mr. Lord having been absent in Europe during the whole time the tax books were open for examination, and having only that amount of personal property.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of Julius Wolfstadt for reduction of tax for the year 1865, respectfully

REPORT:

That your Committee examined the petitioner under oath, and find that he was sick and unable to attend to any business during the whole time the tax books were open for examination, and that his personal property does not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars ($1,000.)

Your Committee therefore submit the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the tax on a valuation of five thousand dollars ($5,000), personal property, assessed against Julius Wolfstadt for the year 1865, be and the same is hereby reduced to a valuation of one thousand dollars ($1,000), said Wolfstadt having been sick during the whole time the tax-books were open for examination, and having only one thousand dollars ($1,000) personal property.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom were referred the annexed communications from the Comptroller, with copy of County Tax levy thereto attached respectfully

REPORT:

That they have examined the matter therein referred to, and so far as they have had opportunity to examine, approve the same, and after mature and careful consideration, herewith submit the following ordinance for adoption:

AN ORDINANCE.

TO AMEND AND IN ADDITION TO THE ORDINANCE MAKING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTY OF NEW-YORK, APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, MARCH SIX EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of New-York do ordain as follows:

SEC. 1. The first section of the ordinance making the annual appropriations for the support of the Government of the County of New-York, approved by the Mayor March 6, 1866, is hereby amended as follows, to wit:

Strike out the following words and figures under the head of "Advertising," viz., *thirty five thousand dollars* ($35,000), and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit, *twenty thousand dollars* ($20,000).

Strike out the following words and figures under the head of "Contingencies, Comptroller's office," viz., *three thousand dollars* ($3,000) and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit, two *thousand dollars* ($2,000).

Strike out the following words and figures under the head "County Contingencies," viz., *forty thousand dollars* ($40,000), and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit, *thirty thousand dollars* ($30,000).

Strike out the following words and figures under the head of "Lighting and Cleaning, and Supplies for County Offices," viz., *twenty five thousand dollars* ($25,000), and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit, *fifteen thousand dollars* ($15,000).

Strike out the following words and figures under the head "Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books," viz., *eighty thousand dollars* ($80,000), and insert in lieu thereof the following, to wit, *sixty thousand dollars* ($60,000).

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of Cahill & Co., for remission of tax, respectfully

REPORT:

That the parties assessed were absent from the city from January 1, 1865, and therefore unable to attend at the office of Taxes and Assessments to swear the tax off.

The petitioners stated under oath before your Committee that they had no personal property, and therefore your Committee present the following:

Resolved, The tax on a valuation of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) personal property assessed against Cahill & Co., for the year 1865 be and the same is hereby remitted, said petitioners having been absent from the city during the whole time the tax-books were open for examination, and having no personal property.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of James Farrell, for pay for services as cleaner of private office of Surrogate, respectfully

REPORT:

That your Committee have carefully inquired into the matter, and find that Mr. Farrell has been appointed and employed without any authority, and therefore, your Committee believe it but right and proper to report against his petition for services. Your Committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report accepted, and Committee discharged.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of the Five Points Mission, for remission of Taxes, respectfully

REPORT:

That the property No. 63 Park street was purchased by the Mission for educational purposes, and is wholly unoccupied. The real estate owned by the Mission and used exclusively for educational purposes, being by law exempt from taxation.

Your Committee submit for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the tax assessed against house and lot, Ward No. 557, in the Sixth Ward, owned by the Five Points Mission, be and the same is hereby remitted; the real estate being used for educational purposes, being by law exempt from taxation.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of John M. Hunter, for remission of tax, respectfully

REPORT:

That Mr. Hunter was examined under oath by your Committee, and the following facts were fully established:

First—That Mr. Hunter was confined to his house by reason of sickness during the whole time the Tax-books were open for examination, and therefore entitled to be heard before your Committee.

Second—That Mr. Hunter had no personal property.

For the above reasons your Committee submit for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the tax on a valuation of two thousand dollars ($2,000), assessed against John M. Hunter, for the year 1865, be, and is hereby remitted, said Hunter having been sick during the whole time the Tax-books were open for examination, and having no personal property liable to taxation.

Report accepted, and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Printing and Stationery, to whom were referred the annexed bills, respectfully

REPORT:

That said bills are for printing stationery, &c.; furnished the various Courts and County offices, and have been applied to the use of the County.

The articles were furnished under direction of your Committee, and the bills therefore are duly verified.

The following is accordingly submitted, viz:

Resolved, That the bills of J. O. Seymour & Co., amounting to ten thousand five hundred and forty-seven dollars and sixty cents ($10,547 60), and of W. D. Roe & Co., three thousand and forty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents ($3,043 27), R. M. Cozzins, four hundred and twenty five dollars ($425), for printing, stationery, &c., furnished the County, be severally audited and allowed, and the Comptroller directed to pay them from appropriation for "Printing, Stationery and Blank Books."

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of James Farrell, for pay for services as cleaner of private office of Surrogate, respectfully

REPORT:

That your Committee have carefully inquired into the matter, and find that Mr. Farrell has been appointed and employed without any authority, and therefore, your Committee believe it but right and proper to report against his petition for services. Your Committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report accepted, and Committee discharged.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of the Five Points Mission, for remission of Taxes, respectfully

REPORT:

That the property No. 63 Park street was purchased by the Mission for educational purposes, and is wholly unoccupied. The real estate owned by the Mission and used exclusively for educational purposes, being by law exempt from taxation.

Your Committee submit for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the tax assessed against house and lot, Ward No. 557, in the Sixth Ward, owned by the Five Points Mission, be and the same is hereby remitted; the real estate being used for educational purposes, being by law exempt from taxation.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of the New-York National Exchange Bank for correction of tax, respectfully

REPORT:

That the Merchants' Exchange Bank was removed from its old Bankers' Building on the corner of Dey and Greenwich streets, in July, 1864, and offered the vacated premises for sale. The highest bona-fide bid received by the Bank was thirty five thousand dollars ($35,000). Subsequently, the said property was purchased for the stockholders of the New-York National Exchange Bank (now occupied by them), for thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars ($32,500).

The Tax Commissioners have taxed the bank for said premises on a valuation of sixty-three thousand eight hundred dollars ($63,800).

Your Committee, after mature deliberation, are of the opinion that the papers should be referred to the Comptroller, and therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of the New-York National Exchange Bank be and is hereby referred to the Comptroller, with power, this Board having no power in the premises.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of Cahill & Co., for remission of tax, respectfully

REPORT:

That the parties assessed were absent from the city from January 1, 1865, and therefore unable to attend at the office of Taxes and Assessments to swear the tax off.

The petitioners stated under oath before your Committee that they had no personal property, and therefore your Committee present the following:

Resolved, The tax on a valuation of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) personal property assessed against Cahill & Co., for the year 1865 be and the same is hereby remitted, said petitioners having been absent from the city during the whole time the tax-books were open for examination, and having no personal property.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of James Farrell, for pay for services as cleaner of private office of Surrogate, respectfully

REPORT:

That your Committee have carefully inquired into the matter, and find that Mr. Farrell has been appointed and employed without any authority, and therefore, your Committee believe it but right and proper to report against his petition for services. Your Committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report accepted, and Committee discharged.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of The Five Points Mission, for remission of Taxes, respectfully

REPORT:

That the property No. 63 Park street was purchased by the Mission for educational purposes, and is wholly unoccupied. The real estate owned by the Mission and used exclusively for educational purposes, being by law exempt from taxation.

Your Committee submit for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the tax assessed against house and lot, Ward No. 557, in the Sixth Ward, owned by the Five Points Mission, be and the same is hereby remitted; the real estate being used for educational purposes, being by law exempt from taxation.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of the New-York National Exchange Bank for correction of tax, respectfully

REPORT:

That the Merchants' Exchange Bank was removed from its old Bankers' Building on the corner of Dey and Greenwich streets, in July, 1864, and offered the vacated premises for sale. The highest bona-fide bid received by the Bank was thirty five thousand dollars ($35,000). Subsequently, the said property was purchased for the stockholders of the New-York National Exchange Bank (now occupied by them), for thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars ($32,500).

The Tax Commissioners have taxed the bank for said premises on a valuation of sixty-three thousand eight hundred dollars ($63,800).

Your Committee, after mature deliberation, are of the opinion that the papers should be referred to the Comptroller, and therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of the New-York National Exchange Bank be and is hereby referred to the Comptroller, with power, this Board having no power in the premises.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of Cahill & Co., for remission of tax, respectfully

REPORT:

That the parties assessed were absent from the city from January 1, 1865, and therefore unable to attend at the office of Taxes and Assessments to swear the tax off.

The petitioners stated under oath before your Committee that they had no personal property, and therefore your Committee present the following:

Resolved, The tax on a valuation of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) personal property assessed against Cahill & Co., for the year 1865 be and the same is hereby remitted, said petitioners having been absent from the city during the whole time the tax-books were open for examination, and having no personal property.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed communication of Board of Supervisors of Dutchess County, relative to the Militia Laws of the State of New-York, respectfully

REPORT:

That, by the Militia Laws of the State of New-York, the Treasurers of the respective Counties are required by law to pay to the Comptroller one dollar ($1) for each person enrolled who neglects to parade; and the Board of Supervisors are required to raise the amount by taxation on the real and personal property of the counties.

Resolved, That this Committee believe that the exigency for which our Militia Laws were enacted having passed, and that our people are wearied with the subject, being desirous to return to their peaceful avocations, and this system of fines and commutations being odious and vexatious, it is the opinion of this Committee that it would be wise and just for the Legislature to repeal so much of the Militia Laws as makes this system necessary.

Your Committee therefore submit for adoption the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, By the Militia Laws of the State of New-York, the Treasurers of the respective counties of the State are by law required to pay to the Comptroller one dollar ($1) for each person enrolled who neglects to parade; and the Board of Supervisors are required to raise the amount by taxation on the real and personal property of the counties; therefore

Resolved, That the exigency for which our Militia Laws were enacted having passed, and our people wearied with the subject, being desirous to return to their peaceful avocations, and this system of fines and commutations being odious and vexatious, it is the opinion of this Board that it would be wise and just to repeal so much of the Militia Laws as makes this system necessary.

Report accepted and recommendation of Committee adopted.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of James D. Fowler, respectfully

REPORT:

That Mr. Fowler states in his petition that he was absent from the County of New-York from January 1 to July 1, 1865, during the whole time, and that his personal property does not exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500).

Your Committee examined the petitioner under oath and the above facts were fully established.

The following resolution is according ly submitted:

Resolved, That the tax on a valuation of $5,000 personal property, assessed against James D. Fowler, for the year 1865, be and is hereby reduced to a valuation of $2,500, said Fowler having been absent from the County of New-York during the whole time the tax-books were open for examination by the public.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of Cornelius Bogert and others for remission of tax, respectfully

REPORT:

That the several parties appeared before your Committee and were examined as to the character of their petitions.

The several parties were not sick and unable to attend to their business from January 1 to May 1, 1865; nor were they absent from the County from January 1 to May 1, 1865.

After a patient hearing your Committee are of the opinion that there is no power vested in the Board of Supervisors to grant the relief asked for; therefore the following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the petitions of Cornelius Bogert, T. J. G. Clark, Moses Cahn, Francis Dunne, William Gardner, James A. Johnston, George W. T. Lord, F. Marx, Malcolm T. Maine, W. Mead, Isaac Myers, T. W. Pearsall, jr., Peter Pin, Abraham Pietch, Henry Henry Schwerkendick, and Spreen and Rosswog, for correction of tax, be and the same are hereby denied, this Board having no power to grant the relief prayed for.

Report accepted and resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Supervisors Bleakley, Ely, Fox, Hayes, Roche, the President, Supervisors Stewart, Tweed and Willmann—9.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of James Farrell, for pay for services as cleaner of private office of Surrogate, respectfully

REPORT:

That your Committee have carefully inquired into the matter, and find that Mr. Farrell has been appointed and employed without any authority, and therefore, your Committee believe it but right and proper to report against his petition for services. Your Committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report accepted, and Committee discharged.

The Committee on Annual Taxes, to whom was referred the annexed petition of The Five Points Mission, for remission of Taxes, respectfully

REPORT:

That the property No. 63 Park street was purchased by the Mission for educational purposes, and is wholly unoccupied. The real estate owned by the Mission and used exclusively for educational purposes, being by law exempt from taxation.

Your Committee submit for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the tax assessed against house and lot, Ward No. 557, in the Sixth Ward, owned by the Five Points Mission, be and the same is hereby remitted; the real estate being used for educational purposes, being by law exempt from taxation.

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REPORT:

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The Tax Commissioners have taxed the bank for said premises on a valuation of sixty-three thousand eight hundred dollars ($63,800).

Your Committee, after mature deliberation, are of the opinion that the papers should be referred to the Comptroller, and therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

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REPORT:

That the parties assessed were absent from the city from January 1, 1865, and therefore unable to attend at the office of Taxes and Assessments to swear the tax off.

The petitioners stated under oath before your Committee that they had no personal property, and therefore your Committee present the following:

Resolved, The tax on a valuation of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) personal property assessed against Cahill & Co., for the year 1865 be and the same is hereby remitted, said petitioners having been absent from the city during the whole time the tax-books were open for examination, and having no personal property.

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