# THE PATTI ROMANCE.

## Great Excitement in the Operatic and Fashionable World in Europe.

## The Fair Vocalist in the English Court of Chancery.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE,

&c., &c., &c.

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[From the London Telegraph, May 30.]

"By her next friend," James William Macdonald, of Howard street to the Strand, the fair vocalist sought the intervention of the court on behalf of her and her interests, as against her father, Salvatore Patti, and a gentleman associated with him, Mr Maurice Strakosch, the latter being by birth a German, by naturalization an American, and by marriage the lady's brother-in-law. The case was again heard by Vice Chancellor Stuart *on Friday in private*, but the result will be better understood when we have told the story as it has come out in the course of these proceedings.

Adelina Maria Johanna Clorinda Patti was born on the 19th of February, 1843, and she has been engaged in operatic singing in Brussels, Ghent, Liege, Louvain, Amsterdam, the Hague, Utrecht, Paris, Vienna, London, and other towns in England, in the course of which she has earned very large sums of money. Her singing engagements were entered into on her behalf by the defendants, who assumed to act as her guardians, directed and controlled all her movements, and received all the profits of her engagements, which amounted in one year to upwards of £24,000, for which sum they have never accounted to Mademoiselle Patti. She arrived in England on the 4th of May last, under the escort of the defendants, who acted as her guardians, and they thereupon entered into some engagements on her behalf with Mr. Gye to sing at the Covent Garden Opera House, during the months of May, June and July, on the terms of a large sum of money being paid the defendants. The bill stated that the defendants threatened and intended to receive that without the consent of Mademoiselle Patti, and they had entered into further engagements for the plaintiff to sing in Paris and other continental towns during the ensuing months of August, September, October, November, December, January and February next, although Mlle. Patti will, before the expiration of that period, have attained her majority. It also stated that her father had, in consideration of an annuity from Maurice Strakosch, entered into some arrangement with him, which enabled him personally to control her movements; that the latter always accompanies her and her maid servant to and from the theatre; that he received all moneys payable to her in virtue of her engagements, and that he gave receipts for such moneys, but had never accounted to Mlle. Patti for them, and retains them without her consent. Mlle. Patti resides with the defendants; they travel with her and live upon her earnings.

Mlle. Patti would have had no objection to make them a reasonable allowance out of her earnings, if they had behaved kindly to her. The bill proceeded to state that the defendants had acted for many months past with cruelty and oppression towards her, and still continued to do so, in consequence of which she daily goes in great bodily and mental fear. Every movement is watched by her father, and still more by Maurice Strakosch, neither of whom will allow her to communicate with her friends, or to receive letters from them, and they seek to thwart all freedom of action on her part, and confine her to certain rooms, and even threaten her with violence in case of her resistance. They even go so far as to open her letters without her consent, and to retain some from her altogether. Maurice Strakosch has also accused Mlle Patti of dishonorable conduct, and of acts of which she is totally innocent; by which they have driven her, as she has alleged, almost to the verge of madness, and she is represented as being thereby rendered most miserable. She has entered into an engagement of marriage with a young Belgian nobleman of fortune himself unfortunately also a minor, to whom she is ardently attached and who is now in this country. Her father and brother-in-law strenuously object to the marriage, or in fact to any marriage on her part, they being evidently afraid that they will thereby be deprived of the profits of her engagements. Mlle. Patti and her betrothed became engaged in March, 1862, with the knowledge of their respective parents, Salvatore Patti having promised his consent if the father of the young nobleman consented. He has done so, yet Signor Patti now refuses; and he and his son in law have prevented all communication between the two lovers. The gentleman, having ample means of his own, has most honorably offered to abstain from receiving any money to which Mlle. Patti may be entitled, and is desirous that all her own property, whether present or future, may be secured for her separate use. Such were the statements made in support of the prayer that, during the remaining period of her minority, Mlle. Patti might have the protection of the Court to restrain the father and brother-in-law from molesting her, interfering with her personal liberty, or receiving money made under the contract with Mr. Gye, or any other engagements; with the further prayer that the Court should appoint a guardian of her person and property. According to the imperfect reports which had got abroad, it might be supposed that the result of the application was purely negative, the Court simply declining to interfere; but practically, we believe, the result is very different. The motion on Friday, made on behalf of the defendants, was merely for an order that Mr. Macdonald should pay the costs of a previous motion and of this last one, and his Honor declined to make any fresh order, the plaintiff having undertaken to pay costs on certain conditions. In short, the case had been settled out of doors, and we believe we are justified in saying that the *denouement* is such as everybody would expect. It is obvious that, although the "natural" guardians might retain custody of a minor, that privilege would terminate on English soil in a few months; while the young lady had one means of retribution and compulsion at her own command, in simple silence. Among the specified conditions were the correction of certain published statements, and we hear there remains little doubt that at no distant date all obstacles will be removed to the marriage of Mlle. Patti with the Baron de Ville, who is now residing in Bury street, St. James.

IN CHANCERY.

VICE CHANCELLORS' COURTS, MAY 29.

Before Vice Chancellor Sir J. Stuart.

*Patti vs. Patti.*—We are requested to state that no order was made by the Vice Chancellor directing the bill and affidavits in this suit to be taken off the file; that the next friend of the plaintiff did not disobey any order of this court; and that he has had nothing whatever to do with the publication of the proceedings in this suit in any foreign journal.

### Excitement Produced by the Romance.

[From the London Star, June 3.]

A romance in real life is such a pleasant relief from the ordinary round of dull prosaic cares that everybody is always ready to believe any tale which wears that semblance. In this respect the practice of the world is in direct defiance of its experience. We know that as a general rule fathers are affectionate and indulgent, and that daughters, especially when they are pretty and clever, are commonly allowed to have even too much their own way. Probably not more than one man in a thousand has ever met with a cruel guardian or a persecuted ward of the boards of a theatre; but still any one of the remaining nine hundred and ninety-nine that a young lady is locked up and maltreated, and in all manner of ways made miserable by her natural protector, and the chances are ten to one that the next minute he will be ready to swear to the truth of the story without ever troubling himself to ask for proof. Practically the course of true love for the most part runs smoothly enough in these days, and when a young couple make up their minds to be married, and are resolute about the matter, they manage to find their way to church together in the end. But it needs only that some one should whisper that a certain sighing damsel is secluded by the iron hand of domestic tyranny from the man of her choice to induce the universal acceptance of the story without a particle of evidence. It is scarcely worth while to waste time in discussing the causes which lead people to be more credulous when the fact alleged is most in accordance with their own experience. The tendency may spring from the more laudable one of the strange and startling—or it may arise from a certain malicious satisfaction in believing that our neighbors have been behaving badly. It is sufficient for our present purposes to note that this propensity exists in very marked development, and exposes innocent people to a great deal of undeserved annoyance.

Mlle. Adelina Patti and her family are the latest sufferers through the propensity to swallow at a gulp any narrative which wears a romantic aspect. For a few days past their private affairs have been made the topic of town talk, and damaging statements have passed from mouth to mouth, growing rapidly, as a matter of course, in the process of transmission. We have been led to believe that the captivating and gifted vocalist is groaning under a heartless and oppressive bondage. She has been pictured to us as spending her leisure hours hemmed in by bolts and bars, and proceeding to the scene of her professional labors in the custody of a stern and hawk-eyed keeper. We have been told that she is not allowed either to see a friend or to write or receive a letter; that her very large income is pocketed entirely by somebody else; that engagements are made for her by her tyrants without her consent and against her will, which she is forced to fulfil by threats of violence and, worst of all, that she has been forcibly debarred from the gratification of an honorable attachment, simply because her marriage would prevent her gains from flowing into the pockets of her relations. All these allegations were put forward in a petition to Vice Chancellor Stuart, in which Mr. James Macdonald, styling himself the next friend of Mlle. Adelina Patti, besought that petition functionary to appoint a guardian to the young lady, and rescue her from a thralldom which made her life a torment.

Now a great many people labor under the disadvantage of not having as many friends as they fancy; but very few indeed are the favored mortals who possess more friends than they are aware of. Mlle. Adelina Patti is one of those thus exceptionally blessed by fortune. She declares that until the commencement of these proceedings in Chancery she never even heard of this chimerical "next friend" who takes so ardent an interest in her welfare. The solicitors whom he has generously employed in her behalf without her knowledge admit, however, that he only acted as a substitute for a certain Baron de Ville, with whom she is certainly not unacquainted—though, according to the information which has reached us from the most reliable source, her reminiscences of him are not altogether pleasant, and she and her friends have long since arrived at the conclusion that if she had married him in haste she would in all probability have had ample opportunity of working out the rest of the adage during the remainder of her existence. But of the treatment which Mademoiselle Adelina Patti has received from her family and the wishes which she cherishes, no one is likely to know so much as the young lady herself, and we must accordingly give her statement the pre-eminence over that of a disembodied author, her engagement with whom, under and under, has impressions subsequently dissolved was broken off by her own act some time ago. It cannot have been very agreeable to her to find herself compelled to come forward and make a formal deposition with regard to the circumstances of her domestic existence as the sole means of silencing the tattle of scandal-mongers. But she was bound to do so in justice to those near and dear to her, whose characters have been grossly aspersed by these beastly allegations, and she has not shrunk from the discharge of the unpleasant duty. We have been fully apprised of the circumstances under which her affidavit was made, and they leave no room to doubt its perfect candor and spontaneity. Mdlle. Adelina Patti contradicts in the clearest and most emphatic terms the assertions that she has been harshly treated by any members of her family, or deprived of perfect freedom of action, or forced into unpalatable engagements, or prevented from disposing as she sees fit of her property and her salary. In short, Mlle Adelina Patti avers that she is a very happy girl, well cared for, and kindly treated by a fond father and an affectionate brother-in-law, and we have unimpeachable authority for asserting that the picture which she has drawn of her position is in all particulars correct. The solicitors for her "next friend" state that they would not have advised the filing of the bill in chancery unless they had seen evidence in her own letters of the truth of the allegations which it contained. We don't doubt their good faith, but we are satisfied that they acted under the influence of a delusion. Whether they misinterpreted passages in these letters, or whether any of the letters themselves bore affinity to a certain communication signed with the name of Mlle. Adelina Patti and addressed to the editor of the Paris *Figaro*, which we have heard spoken of we shall not pretend to say. It is enough for us to know that our little drama has come to an end, or rather never had a beginning. The pearl of Rossini puts off the character with the Spanish costume, and emerges from the stage door happy, light hearted and free. Herr Maurice Strakosch is no Bartolo, but is an upright kindly gentleman, very fond of his sister-in-law—the pupil whom he has trained, and over whose welfare he watches with tenderness and fidelity. Signor Salvatore Patti has not a single qualification for that part of Basilio which we cast to him under the influence of false representations; and Almaviva turns out to be an unauthorized intruder, who, if rumor be not altogether a liar, would not be at all likely, if he won the lady, to follow the example of his operatic prototype by giving up her fortune. The nine days' wonder has collapsed, and henceforward we hope the tattlers will leave Mlle Adelina Patti in the undisturbed enjoyment of that domestic happiness which, everybody will be pleased to learn, sweetens her life and solaces the cares and toils of her professional career.

### Letter from the Baron De Ville.

PATTI VERSUS PATTI.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LONDON STAR.

No 4 Old Cavendish Terrace, June 3, 1863.

SIR—I have read to day the leader in your paper upon the recent proceedings in the Court of Chancery on behalf of Mlle. Patti, and as you cast some strong aspersions therein upon my character, I beg you to publish my denial of the truth of the statements that refer to me. It is not the fact that Mlle. Patti's engagement with me was contracted under "false impressions," and I have a letter in my possession, written by her father to mine, clearly showing that he knew who I was soon after I first made her acquaintance. The engagement was not broken off by the act of Mlle. Patti "some time ago," and I assure you I was not aware of any change in her feelings towards me until she appeared before the Vice Chancellor the other day. I indignantly deny that you have any right to term me an "unauthorized intruder" who "would not be likely to give up her fortune" if I had married Mlle. Patti. I am glad to say that I have ample means of my own, and never for one moment sought Mlle. Patti's acquaintance for pecuniary reasons; and it was stated in the bill of complaint that I was quite willing that all Mlle. Patti's money should be settled upon her for her own sole and separate use. If you make any further remarks upon the case I trust you will not misrepresent the part I took in it. I am, sir, your obedient servant, DE VILLE.

### Explanation of Patti's Solicitors.

[From the London Telegraph, June 2.]

The case of which we made mention on Saturday seems not yet to have reached its denouement, but the plot thickens as it advances. We have received the following correspondence, which is in itself full of a new interest:—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

SIR—We have read with great surprise an article in your paper of this day's date, headed "Adelina Patti in Chancery." We are at a loss to know how your informant became aware of the allegations contained in the bill in chancery of "Patti vs. Patti," as the matter was only once publicly mentioned in court, and that only upon an application for leave to serve a notice of motion. As you have thought fit to publish the article, it is our duty to inform you that Mlle. Patti has stated on oath that the bill was filed not only without her sanction, but even without her knowledge, by a person whom she never saw, and of whom she had never previously heard—that every material allegation in the bill is untrue; with the exception of that referring to an engagement which did at one time exist with the gentleman named in your article, but which engagement was some time since terminated by herself. And we beg to inform you that, on the matter coming before the Vice Chancellor yesterday, his honor dismissed the bill with costs, to be paid by the so called "next friend." We trust to your sense of justice to insert this letter. We are, sir, yours, &c.,

TAMPLIN & TAYLER,

Solicitors for the defendants and also for Mlle. Patti.

No. 159 Fenchurch Street, May 30.

P. S.—We send you with this an extract from Mlle. Patti's affidavit so far as is material, which we will thank you also to publish with this letter.

MLLE. PATTI'S AFFIDAVIT.

The following is an extract from the affidavit of Mlle. Adelo Patti, sworn in the under mentioned cause on the 11th, and filed the 12th May, 1863:—

In Chancery—Between Adelina Maria Johanna Clorinda Patti, an infant under the age of twenty-one years, by James William Macdonald, her next friend, plaintiff, and Salvatori Patti and Maurice Strakosch, defendants.

I, Adelina Maria Patti, in the bill filed in this cause wrongly called Adelina Maria Johanna Clorinda Patti, at present residing at No. 22 High street, Clapham, in the county of Surrey, the person above named as the plaintiff in this suit, make oath and say as follows:—

I have had read to me carefully the bill of complaint and the affidavit of Henri de Lossy, Baron de Ville, Hester Day and Sarah Eliza Elliott, filed in support of it, and I say that, although my name is used as the plaintiff in this suit, it has been done entirely without my sanction, and even without my knowledge.

Until I read the name of James William Macdonald, of No. 15 Howard street, Strand, who styles himself my next friend, I never heard of such a person, nor did I ever to my knowledge see him, nor did I ever communicate with him in any way.

The said defendant, Maurice Strakosch, is the husband of my elder sister, to whom he has been married many years, and he has been my professional instructor from the earliest period. There is not one word of truth in any of the allegations against him or against my said father in any of the affidavits filed in this cause. I wholly deny that I am or ever was treated with cruelty by them, or either of them, or that my liberty is or ever was controlled, or that I am or ever was kept short of money, or that my jewelry or any part of it has been or is appropriated by them or either of them. On the contrary, I have and always have had whatever money I required, and all my jewelry has always been and is under my own control, and I could convert the whole of it into money at once if I were so disposed.

It is, however, true that the defendant, my father, takes care of the bulk of my earnings as an operatic singer for me, and I say that I have the most entire confidence in and the greatest love and affection for my dear father, and also for the defendant, the said Maurice Strakosch, both of whom have always treated me with the most affectionate kindness.

And I say that I am quite satisfied with any and every arrangement which my father sees fit to make on my behalf, and I do not desire to have any other guardianship but his.

I say that ever since the marriage of the defendant, Maurice Strakosch, with my sister I and my father have lived together with the said Maurice Strakosch and my said sister, and we have always lived most happily and affectionately together.

A very large number of letters, sometimes to the amount of thirty and upwards, are daily sent to me, and as most of such letters relate to business matters I requested my said brother-in-law to open all my letters and to consult with my father and answer for me all my business letters, and to hand over to me any private letter; and this course has for several years been pursued with regard to my letters, and I am and always was perfectly satisfied therewith, and desire that the same may continue. A. J. M. PATTI.

Sworn this 11th day of May, 1863.

THE BARON DE VILLE REPLIES AGAIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LONDON TELEGRAPH.

SIR—It has long since become a matter of public record that the object of the proceedings in the Court of Chancery was never explained to Miss Adelina Patti by those who would have acted in her interest; but that, on the contrary, they did it who at the same time were living upon her earnings, and who seem are paid for out of them—under whose influence she was living. Every one who knows me will pity Miss Patti, when she could be induced to swear that she did not believe that I entertained honorable intentions to her. Whether she was so prevailed upon, or whether she did this of her own free will, I was at once determined to give up all thoughts of a person who would break off an engagement in this libellous and perfidious manner. I beg, therefore, that you will give it the utmost publicity that there is not the remotest probability of my marrying Miss Patti, *and some day it may be an impossibility.*

The affection at one time was sincere; but Strakosch and S. Patti, who had a monetary interest at stake, were determined it should not last. I have demanded a return of my letters and a mutual exchange, but it has not been complied with. I am, sir, yours, &c.,

DE VILLE.

No. 4 Old Cavendish Terrace, May 30, 1863.

REJOINDER OF THE EDITOR OF THE TELEGRAPH.

[From the London Telegraph, June 2.]

We could not for one instant hesitate to publish these communications, since our sole object is to elicit truth; and these documents are in themselves so full of interest that it would need more self-restraint than we care to exercise to withhold them from the public. We may indeed, though with the utmost courtesy, slightly demur to the idea implied by the statement of our professional correspondents that the motion of Friday was "dismissed with costs," for the lay reader might be misled by the phraseology which they have selected, since the motion "dismissed" was one made on behalf of their own clients. The usual practice of the Court of Chancery also suggests a question, how far the original bill was out of accord with a statement that must have been made by Mademoiselle Patti, notwithstanding the subsequent statement by the same lady, of which we are now invited to publish an extract. It would be interesting, too, to know the purport of those passages of the later affidavit which we are not invited to publish, to say nothing of other documents that might throw further light on the case.

### Obituary.

The State Department in Washington has received information from the legation at Paris of the deaths of the following named Americans:—

Louis Leonard Lucien Soulie, aged 72; born at New Orleans; unmarried.

Erasmus Gilbert Le Geaster, aged 68; born at New Orleans; married.

James Benners, aged 36; born at Philadelphia.

Mary Evens; born at Philadelphia; aged 30; widow of Gillaume Paillaet.

Anne Blapelle, aged 58; single; of a religious order; born at Detroit.

Mary Page; schmarried; aged 75; born at Boston.

John Buck; unmarried, reamsh; aged 22, born at Dalevir.

## MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

### Board of Aldermen.

(OFFICIAL.)

STATED SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 18, 1863.

Present—William Walsh, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:—

Aldermen Fox, Henry, Hall, McCool, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Boole, Masterson, Ottiwell, Froment, Farley and Long.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Boole—

Bill of Sunday Times for advertising, amounting to seventy dollars and eighty cents.

Whereupon he presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the New York Sunday Times for the sum of seventy dollars for publishing sundry reports of the Common Council, &c., previous to the 15th of June, 1863.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Froment—

Petition of property owners for grading and regulating Rutgers-first street.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By the President—

Memorial of Nathan and Robert N. Eldridge relative to their stand in Washington Market.

Which was referred to Committee on Markets.

By Alderman Long—

Bill of Stetson & Co. for furnishing dinners to the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth and Sixth Regiments, on their return from the war, amounting to nine thousand five hundred dollars.

Which was laid over.

Resignation of Charles E. Lowe as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

Whereupon Alderman Boole presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That William W. Burnham be, and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the city and county of New York, in place of Charles E. Lowe, resigned.

Which was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman McCool—

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Barrow street, from Washington street to the North river, be flagged and reflagged, where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Mitchell—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to let, on terms most advantageous to the city, the premises now occupied by Hose Company No. 13 when said company shall be placed in a new location.

Which was referred to Committee on Fire Department.

By Alderman Masterson—

Resolved, That the sidewalks of Fifty-first street, between Tenth Avenue and Hudson river, be flagged a space four feet wide, through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By the Same—

Resolved, That the southerly sidewalk of Fifty-first street, between Broadway and Eighth avenue, be flagged and reflagged where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Masterson—

Resolved, That the low and sunken lots on the northerly side of Fifty-sixth street, between the Tenth and Eleventh avenues be filled in under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Alderman Fox—

Resolved, That the resolution approved by the Mayor January 3, 1863, permitting William K. Peyton No. 274 Bowery, to keep goods in front of his store, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Henry—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Jacob Rogers to continue the gas lamp in front of his premises, No. 462 Broome street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Fox—

Whereas, the sweepers of the public markets are now receiving a monthly salary of twenty-five dollars; and

Whereas, owing to the great advance in the price of all the necessaries of life, the compensation is insufficient to maintain and support their families; therefore

Resolved, That the compensation of the sweepers of the public markets be and the same is hereby increased to the sum of thirty-five dollars per month each; and be it further

Resolved, That inasmuch as the appropriation for the employment of the attaches of the markets is not sufficient to meet the amount of the proposed increase, that the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to pay the increased salary authorized by the foregoing resolution from the appropriation for city contingencies.

Laid over.

By Alderman Mitchell—

Whereas, a resolution was approved May 14, 1863, appropriating the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to Nathaniel Lockwood for pay for extra work done and materials furnished in the erection of house for Engine Company No. 41 which the Comptroller declines to pay on the ground that no appropriation was designated from which said amount should be taken; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Nathaniel Lockwood for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, being in full for extra work done and materials furnished in the erection of house for Engine Company No. 41, the same to be charged to appropriation for Fire Department.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Aldermen Henry, Hall, McCool, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Boole, Ottiwell, Froment, Farley, Long—16.

And directed to be submitted to the Board of Councilmen this evening for concurrence.

By Alderman Hardy—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to George Kersten to keep a small stand in front of the premises Number Three Hundred and Forty-one Eighth avenue, with the consent of the proprietor of the premises, during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Boole—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Hooker and Brother to receive and deliver goods on the sidewalk in front of their premises on Cherry and Water streets, during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Masterson—

Resolved, That Sixty-second street, between the Ninth and Tenth avenues be exonerated, graded, curb and gutter stone set, and a space four feet wide flagged through the sidewalks thereof, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was laid over.

NOTICES.

Alderman Boole moved that the Committee of Conference on the part of this Board be discharged from the further consideration of ordinance to appoint an additional Deputy Collector of City Revenue, &c., the Board of Councilmen having concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen.

Which was carried.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Streets presented a report in favor of concurring with the Board of Councilmen in adopting a resolution that the sidewalks on the south side of Nineteenth street, between First avenue and avenue A, be flagged a space four feet wide, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report in favor of concurring with the Board of Councilmen in adopting a resolution that curb and gutter stones be set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the same, where not already done, in front of Nos. 42 and 150 Tenth avenue.

Which was laid over.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, nominating George W. Blunt as City Inspector, in the place of Daniel E. Delavan, whose term of office has expired.

Alderman Farley moved that such nomination be rejected.

Alderman Froment moved that the nomination be referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Which was lost by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Alderman Froment—1.

Negative—Alderman Fox, the President, Aldermen Henry, Hall, McCool, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Boole, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley and Long—16.

The motion to reject such nomination was then carried by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, the President, Aldermen Henry, McCool, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Boole, Masterson, Ottiwell, Froment, Farley and Long—15.

Negative—Alderman Hall—1.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, transmitting communications from General Ward B. Burnett, relative to the recruiting service.

Which was referred to Committee on National Affairs.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the City Inspector relative to a dumping ground.

In connection therewith Alderman Hardy offered the following preamble and resolution:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements with the lessee of the dock at the foot of East Twenty-third street to obtain possession of such portion thereof as may be required for the use of the City Inspector, which said portion is hereby set apart for that purpose.

Which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

MOTIONS.

Alderman Farley moved that the Clerk of the Board be directed to furnish the proceedings, as hitherto, to the papers authorized by this Board of the Common Council to publish the same.

Which was carried by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Aldermen McCool, Chipp, Mitchell, Ryers, Hardy Boole, Ottiwell, Farley and Long—11.

Negative—Aldermen Henry, Hall, Jeremiah and Masterson—4.

Alderman Mitchell moved that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of report of the Committee on Salaries and Offices of the Board of Councilmen, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Charles Heath for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, such amount to be in full for services rendered during the year 1856, as Inspector of Wells and Pumps.

Which was carried.

And the paper was laid over.

CONVERSATIONS RESUMED.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, transmitting statement of returns made by the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroad companies of their receipts from February 1 to May 31, inclusive.

Which was received and ordered on file.

A communication was received from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, transmitting resolution of Board of Engineers against steam or hand fire engines being granted to hose companies.

Which was received and referred to Committee on Fire Department.

REPORTS RESUMED.

The Committee on Roads presented a report to flag Forty-ninth street, between Broadway and Eighth avenue.

The Committee on Roads presented a report to pave Fifty-fourth street from Broadway to Eighth avenue with Belgian pavement.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Roads presented a report to regulate, grade, &c., Seventy-ninth street, between Tenth avenue and Broadway.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Roads presented a report to flag, &c., Eighty-fourth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Roads presented a report to flag south erly side of Fifty-fifth street, between Broadway and Eighth avenue.

Which was laid over.

The Special Committee on selecting site for the erection of buildings, &c., and leasing ground to the American Institute, presented a report.

Which was laid over.

PAPERS HERETOFORE LAID OVER.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, in favor of adopting resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to make the necessary alterations and repairs to the house of Hose Company number Fourteen, the same to be done without contract, at an expense not to exceed two hundred dollars.

Alderman Hardy presented the following resolution as a substitute:—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for making extension of and necessary alterations and repairs to the house of Hose Company number Fourteen.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:—

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Aldermen Henry, Hall, McCool, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Boole, Masterson, Ottiwell and Long—13.

Report of Committee on Salaries and Offices, in favor of adopting resolution that the wages of the laborers under the keeper of the City Hall be increased to the sum of one dollar and seventy five cents per day, to take effect from the approval of the resolution by the Mayor.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:—

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Aldermen Henry, Hall, McCool, Chipp, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Boole, Masterson, Ottiwell, Froment, Farley and Long—16.

And directed to be sent to the Board of Councilmen for concurrence this evening.

Report of Committee on Streets in favor of adopting resolution that Ninetieth street, from the Sixth to the Tenth avenues, be paved with trap block, at the expense of the property owners to pay one half the expense and the city to expend the remaining half under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Aldermen Henry, Hall, McCool, Chipp, Mitchell, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Boole, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley—12.

Report of Committee on Assessments in favor of adopting resolution that the sum of five hundred and eighty six dollars and ninety-six cents be donated to the Lexington avenue Methodist Episcopal church, to enable them to pay a series assessments against their property, southeast corner of Lexington avenue and Fifty-second street, as the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of the resolution of the Board of Trustees of said corporation for said amount, and charge the same to account of Donations.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Henry, Hall, McCool, Chipp, Mitchell, Jeremiah, Hardy, Masterson, Ottiwell, Froment, Long—13.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen that the Street Commissioner be directed to have the necessary alterations and additions made to the house of Hose Company number Twenty-four, the work to be done at his earliest convenience, and without advertising for estimates, or contracting therefor.

Which was concurred in by the following:—

Affirmative—Alderman Fox, the President, Henry, Hall, McCool, Chipp, Mitchell, Ryers, Boole, Froment and Farley—10.

Negative—Aldermen Jeremiah, Hardy, Masterson, Ottiwell and Long—4.

Report of Committee on Street Openings, with resolution that the Counsel to the Corporation be directed to cause the necessary legal proceedings to be taken to widen Vesey street on the northerly side, from Hudson street to Greenwich street, in accordance with a map now on file in the Register's office.

Which was laid over.

Alderman McCool moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was lost.

Resolution that permission be given to Michael Dumsday to place a sign in front of his premises, number one hundred and eighty eight Grand street, to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

Alderman Ryers moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was lost by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, the President, Aldermen Henry, McCool, Ryers, Hardy, Ottiwell and Farley—8.

Negative—Aldermen Hall, Chipp, Mitchell, Jeremiah Boole, Masterson, Froment and Long—8.

Resolution that permission be given to Charles J. Morrell to place a barber's pole in front of his premises, number three hundred and thirty-six Fourth street, to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

Resolution of Board of Aldermen that permission be given to Thomas Skinner to cure, gutter and flag Fifty-sixth street and Twelfth avenue, at his own expense, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

(By Board of Councilmen amended by adding thereto the words "the same to be done within ninety days," and as amended adopted.)

Which was concurred in.

Resolution that permission be given to Thomas Farrell to occupy stand on the southeast corner of Broadway and Pine street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

Petition of John McGuire for extension of time on contract for regulating Fifty-seventh street.

(By Board of Councilmen prayer of petitioner granted.)

Which was laid over.

Resolution that the Comptroller be directed to advertise for proposals for a suitable lot of ground for the use of Engine Company Number Thirty-one, the same to be within the following boundaries, viz:—Hester, Elizabeth, Bayard and Cherry streets.

Which was laid over.

Alderman Farley moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was lost by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Mitchell, Ottiwell and Long—4.

Negative—Aldermen Fox, Henry, Hall, McCool, Chipp, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Boole, Masterson, Froment and Farley—12.

(Alderman Froment was here called to the Chair.)

Alderman Farley moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken on adjournment.

Alderman Boole moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

Which was carried by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, Henry, Hall, McCool, Chipp, Mitchell, Ryers, Boole, Froment and Farley—10.

Negative—Aldermen Jeremiah, Hardy, Masterson, Ottiwell and Long—4.

Resolution that two gas lamps be placed in front of the German St Luke's church two hundred and forty feet west of Eighth avenue, in Forty-third street, south side, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was concurred in.

Alderman Long moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was carried by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, Henry, Hall, McCool, Chipp, Mitchell, Ryers, Hardy, Boole, Ottiwell and Long—11.

Negative—Aldermen Jeremiah, Masterson, Froment and Farley—4.

Where upon the President declared that the Board stood adjourned until Monday, the 22d inst., at one o'clock P. M.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

### Board of Councilmen.

(OFFICIAL.)

STATED SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 18—4 P. M.

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

Present—Morgan Jones, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members, viz:—

Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Webster, Gross, Brady, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, Murray, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Councilman Webster—

Petition of Mary Noonan for remuneration for loss of horse.

In connection therewith, Councilman Webster offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Mary Noonan in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, the same being in full for the loss of horse, drowned on the 20th day of April, 1863, from pier foot of water street, in consequence of the removal of the string piece therefrom, and charge the same to Appropriation for Donations and Charities.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman Hayes—

Whereas, the rebels have ruthlessly dared to invade the loyal territory of the United States, with the infamous intention of setting and destroying with fire and sword the property and lives of our people; and

Whereas, the late Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Potomac, Major General McClellan, is now and has been for some time, part out of active service; and

Whereas, The character of General McClellan as a patriot, a man and a soldier, is well known to be high in the estimation of the truly loyal and fighting people of the Northern States; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Board, in conjunction with the Board of Aldermen and Mayor, respectfully and earnestly request the administration to place General McClellan at once in the position which the present crisis demands for the safety of the republic.

Which was adopted.

By Counsellor Juan Keenan—

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Markets be and he is hereby directed to inform a Board the number of parties who're holding stands at the present time who are non residents of the city, together with the number of the stand and the market in which they occupy the same.

Which was adopted.

By the President—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay for the colors furnished by the Committee on National Affairs to the New York city regiments the sum of twenty dollars and seventy five dollars for each regiment, as per resolution of the Common Council, December, 1862, upon the presentation of the proper vouchers, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

Which was laid over.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department relative to Assistant Engineers, transmitting resolution of the Board of Engineers, declaring vacant the place now occupied by Mr. John Banich, by reason of his being a non resident.

Which was received and referred to Committee on Law Department.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, in answer to resolution of inquiry relative to the erection of houses, &c., on the north side of Ferry Slip, footing Forty-second street, North river.

Which was received and referred to Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, transmitting statement of payments to families of volunteers for the fortnight ending June 13, 1863.

Which was received and ordered on file.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, transmitting communication from General Ward B. Burnett, relative to filling out troops for the war, and asking assistance.

Which was received and referred to Committee on National Affairs.

REPORTS.

Report on Committee of Finance, on resolution relative to Number Sixty-one Ann street.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, the President, Webster, Gross, Brady, Repper, Houghtalin, Haviland, Gaw, Murray, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell and Joyce—17.

Report of Committee on Streets, with resolution that Twenty-