

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CENTRAL PARK,

FOR THE

Year Ending April 30th, 1867.



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THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1866.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following :

New York, May 1st, 1866.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Thursday next, the 3d inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,
H. G. STEBBINS,
Presdt. B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green,
“ Hutchins, “ Blatchford,
“ Fields.

The journal of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The following communications were received, and having been answered, were ordered on file :

- From Gordon, Fellows & McMillan, donating an alligator. ✓
- “ Capt. Robt. McKeag, donating a forty-two pound shot and a ship's flag. ✓
- “ Geo. W. Chambers, donating a pair of guinea pigs. ✓
- “ Anonymous, donating an eagle. ✓
- “ the Gate-Keepers at the Park, desiring an increase of pay. ✓

Commissioner BLATCHFORD moved that said communication be referred to the Comptroller of the Park, with power. ✓

[Thursday,

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

From G. A. Balzer, soliciting permission to sell mineral and soda-waters at the Park.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, referred to the Comptroller of the Park, with power.

From Frederic De Peyster, President New York Historical Society, transmitting a resolution of said society, adverse to change of site for museum building.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said communication was laid on the table.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered filed :

NEW YORK, *May* 3, 1866.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :
Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission, \$1,941 26

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer B. C. C. P.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills, as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	\$2,517 50
“ J. W. Stevens & Bros., lumber.....	1,777 37
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	1,410 84
“ The Root Square Engine Co., bird cages....	1,220 00
“ Thos. Cosgrove, excavating.....	942 70
“ The Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co., pipe...	927 45

Bill of Henry Tone, filling.....	\$500 00
“ S. Purdy, cabbage.....	451 37
“ R. N. Tinson & Co., carpeting.....	278 69
“ C. H. Mulligan, asphaltng.....	259 16
“ Lasher & Hover, feed.....	218 43
“ Wm. L. Ferris, trees.....	200 00
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints, oils, &c.....	166 20
“ Frank Hockeron, meat.....	165 20
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	161 30
“ James Barber, fish.....	146 50
“ Otto Sackersdorff, drawing.....	140 00
“ Smith & Butler, badges.....	142 50
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	130 33
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	118 79
“ Lasher & Hover, feed.....	114 09
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	103 30
“ Willard, Felt & Co., stationery.....	100 67
“ Union Adams, gloves.....	99 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	92 97
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	80 51
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	72 44
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., oil.....	67 20
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	65 00
“ N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose.....	64 86
“ Crombie & Silliman, lumber.....	60 00
“ W. I. Smith & Co., pipe.....	59 93
“ Henry Tone, filling.....	58 00
“ H. P. Smith, nuts.....	38 95
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	36 91
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	30 50
“ N. Schainwald, haberdashery.....	26 53
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	21 13
“ Selover & Sauter, brooms.....	36 00
“ J. L. N. Carroll, cedar trees.....	27 00
“ W. C. Wilson, plants.....	26 50
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, postage stamps.....	20 00
“ Chas. Scharbach, leather.....	19 51
“ Saml. Archer, salt.....	16 80

Bill of Slote & Janes, stationery.....	\$16 00
“ “ “	16 75
“ The N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	13 65
“ Jos. Smith, seed	10 15
“ McKesson & Robbins, borax.....	10 15
“ A. Whitlock & Co., duck	10 00
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints, &c.....	8 61
“ Jas. M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	8 50
“ Dietz & Co., lamp chimneys.....	7 50
“ Walton Bros., hardware.....	7 25
“ J. Becker, frames	6 25
“ T. G. Sellew, stools.....	5 00
“ Lalance & Grosjean	3 80
“ Bradly & Smith, brushes.....	3 50
Total.....	\$13,339 24

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of thirteen thousand three hundred and thirty-nine $\frac{24}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, April 27th, 1866.

THOS. C. FIELDS, } Auditing
J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } Committee.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner GREEN submitted certified copies of Acts passed by the Legislature of 1866, entitled respectively: “An Act relative to the powers and duties of the Commissioners of the Central Park;” “An Act to enable the Commissioners of the Central Park to make further improvements in the City of New York;” “An Act to amend an Act, entitled ‘An Act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct in the City of New York, and certain streets in said city, passed April twenty-seventh, eighteen

hundred and sixty-five,' and to provide for the full execution thereof;" and "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to widen Broadway and Bloomingdale Road, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-ninth streets, in the City of New York,' passed April thirteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven."

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said acts be laid on the table, and printed as documents of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

(See Documents Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.)

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to take the necessary steps to have the north half of 77th and the south half of 81st street graded, regulated, paved and flagged between the 8th and 9th avenues.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby authorized, as said amount is at the credit of this Board in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission, as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$5,000, in repairs and fitting up the buildings at Mt. St. Vincent and such portion of the same as may be necessary to be used as a refreshment house.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized on behalf of this Board to carry into execution by contract or otherwise, as allowed by law, the regulation, sewerage and drainage of the Seventh Avenue, from 110th street to the Harlem River, according to such grade as has been, or may hereafter be approved by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford,—5.

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after April 22d, 1866, the pay of carpenters, blacksmiths and carts, be at the rate of not exceeding 35 cents per hour, and the pay of double teams not exceeding 50 cents per hour, until otherwise ordered by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS:

Resolved, That the vote taken on the motion made at a meeting of this Board, held April 12, 1866, to approve the report of the Executive Committee, relative to the appointment of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, landscape architects to the Board, be reconsidered.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Executive Committee on the

subject of the employment of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, as shown in the resolution reported by said Committee to the Board, on the 26th of February last, be, and the same is hereby approved, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay them the moneys specified in said resolution, on their giving a receipt in full for professional services to the date of the passage of said resolution. ✓

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

Nays—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner FIELDS moved a reconsideration of the vote taken upon the adoption of the resolution relative to the approval of the action of the Executive Committee, on the subject of the employment of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, for the purpose of dividing said resolution. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Executive Committee on the subject of the employment of Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux, as shown in the resolution reported by said Committee, to the Board on the 26th of February last, be and the same is hereby approved. ✓

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

Nays—Commissioner Stebbins—1.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Messrs. Olmsted & Vaux the moneys specified in the resolution reported by the Executive Committee, to the Board, on the 26th ✓

of February last, on their giving a receipt in full for professional services, to the date of the passage of said resolution.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the course of that portion of the road or public drive specified in section first of chapter 565 of the laws of 1865, that lies between the junction of the Bloomingdale road, Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and the southerly side of 155th street, be and the same is hereby laid out, fixed and established, as shown by the color red on a map, entitled map of a portion of the road or public drive specified in section first of chapter 565 of the laws of 1865, dated May 3rd. 1866, and signed by Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the Park, and that the lands required for said portion of said road or public drive are those designated on said map by the color red.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, By an Act of the Legislature of the people of the State of New York, passed April 21st, 1866, entitled an Act to amend an Act, entitled "an Act authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the city of New York, to widen Broadway or Bloomingdale road, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-ninth streets, in the city of New York," passed April 13th, 1857, the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, became invested with all the powers conferred by law upon the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the city of New York, relative to the widening of said Broadway or Bloomingdale road, and said Board was authorized and directed to take all proceedings necessary to carry into effect the provisions of said Act, therefore

Resolved, That Richard O'Gorman, Esq., Counsel to the Corporation, be, and he is hereby authorized, and directed to take

the necessary legal measures and proceedings to cause the street known as Broadway or Bloomingdale road to be widened, from a point at the intersection of the easterly line of said Broadway, with the northerly line of Fifty-seventh street, and thence running northerly in a straight line to a point in the southerly line of Fifty-ninth street, distant six hundred and seventy-five feet and eleven inches westerly, from the westerly line of the Seventh avenue. And further, that he take the necessary legal measures and proceedings to acquire for a public place, all the land included within the circumference of a circle having a diameter of four hundred and thirty-two feet, and having its centre at the point where the centre line of the Eighth avenue intersects a line drawn parallel with the southerly line of Fifty-ninth street, and fifty feet northerly therefrom. And further, that he take the necessary legal measures and proceedings to close that portion of Broadway or Bloomingdale road lying south of the circumference of said circle, and between the present westerly line of Broadway and Bloomingdale road, and a line parallel to, and one hundred feet westerly from the easterly line of said street or road, as authorized by the Act passed April 21st, 1866, and hereinbefore referred to; and further, that he take the necessary legal measures and proceedings to close that portion of Sixtieth street, lying between the westerly line of Eighth avenue and the easterly line of Broadway or Bloomingdale road, as laid down and delineated on a certain map, dated New York, April 2d, 1866, drawn by Gardner A. Sage, City Surveyor.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be paid to Geo. M. Van Nort, Clerk of the Commission, for extra services rendered by him to the Commissioners of the Central Park, for the past five years.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

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A communication from Wm. H. Grant, Suptg. Engr., relative to increase of compensation, was received and ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, at three o'clock and fifteen minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green,
“ Hutchins, “ Grinnell.
“ Fields.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the reading of the journal of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT, in accordance with § 1, Art. II, of the By-Laws, announced, as the order of business, the annual election of officers. ✓

On motion of Mr. FIELDS :

Resolved, That the Board do now proceed to ballot for the election of officers for the ensuing year. ✓

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Hutchins and Fields tellers.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, whereupon the Tellers announced the result, as follows:

For President, H. G. Stebbins	received	6	votes.
“ ✓ Vice-President, M. H. Grinnell	“	6	“
“ ✓ Treasurer, Andw. H. Green	“	6	“
“ ✓ Secretary, Thos. C. Fields	“	6	“

The PRESIDENT declared that said persons, having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, were duly elected officers of the Board for the ensuing year.

The following communications were received, and having been answered, were ordered on file :

From Wm. Miller, donating an owl. ✓
“ Master David Edrehi, donating a deer. ✓
“ J. S. T. Stranahan, donating a deer. ✓

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered filed :

NEW YORK, *May* 10, 1866.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

In accordance with § 2, Article II, of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission....	\$	58	76
“ “ “ Treasurer.....		3,863	85
Total.....	\$	3,922	61

ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was accepted, and ordered on file :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee respectfully report—

That they have examined the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, up to the 1st day of April, 1866, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts ; that they find the said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory, and that the balance to the credit of said Board on the 1st day of April, 1866, is \$2,330⁸⁶/₁₀₀.

Dated New York, April 12th, 1866.

M H GRINNELL,	} Auditing Committee.
THOS. C. FIELDS,	
JNO. F. BUTTERWORTH,	

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills, as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	\$2,700	35
“ Thos. Cosgrove, excavating.....	6,344	11
“ Thos. Crimmins, mould.....	880	20
“ National Bank of Commerce in N. Y., rent.	592	50
“ N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose.....	375	00
“ Henry H. Anderson, legal services.....	350	00
“ Michael Cronin, mould.....	337	50
“ James H. Roome, mounting birds and animals	289	25
“ H. L. Ferris, trees.....	150	00
“ King & Murray, trees.....	150	00
“ D. D. Buchanan, trees.....	67	20
“ Willard Felt & Co., stationery.....	63	00
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	60	00
“ R. H. Allen & Co., seed.....	57	60
“ Union Adams, gloves.....	48	09
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	35	35
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	20	45
“ George Lynch, coal.....	18	00
“ Aug. Whitlock & Co., canvass.....	14	40
“ Chas. Scharbach, leather.....	7	65
“ John McMurray.....	7	25
“ McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	2	79
Total.....		\$12,594 60

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of twelve thousand five hundred and ninety-four $\frac{60}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, May 19th, 1866.

M. H. GRINNELL, } Auditing
T. C. FIELDS, } Committee.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner HUTCHINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to assign and set apart for the use of the Croton Aqueduct Board, as a house for the residence of the keeper of the Reservoir, a plot of ground between Transverse Road No. 3, and the Old Reservoir, upon such conditions as he may deem proper.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park report, at the next regular meeting of this Board, whether the services of any of the engineers on the Park, or others, employees, can now be dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the paper submitted to the Board, January 11th, 1866, by the Comptroller of the Park, relative to the work at the north end of the Island, be printed as a document of this Board.

(See Doc. No. 7, Jany. 11, 1866.)

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Grinnell—5.

On motion of Mr. GRINNELL, at three o'clock and five minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Fields,
“ Hutchins, “ Green,

The journals of the previous meetings of May 3rd and 10th, were read and approved.

The following communications were received, and having been answered, were ordered on file:

- From Philip Memegy, donating an ocelot. ✓
- “ ✓ Horace Dresser, donating two packages nuts. ✓
- “ ✓ Col. P. H. Figgelmesi, donating a tapir. ✓
- “ ✓ H. L. Louman, donating a trout. ✓
- “ ✓ Fred. Lachmeyer, donating a California quail. ✓
- “ ✓ Miss Carrie Stewart Hasketts, donating two squirrels. ✓
- “ ✓ Frederic G. Melbye, donating four snakes and a snapping turtle. ✓
- “ ✓ Master Cecil Saguez, donating five white rats. ✓
- “ ✓ Miss Mary G. Barrett, donating a prepared specimen of a canary bird.
- “ ✓ W. H. Douglas, donating two monkey-faced owls. ✓
- “ ✓ J. E. Algers, donating an eagle. ✓
- “ ✓ Master Freddie Calkins, donating a guinea pig. ✓
- “ ✓ Milton Finkle, donating a ring dove and a nun pigeon. ✓

From Geo. T. Strong, soliciting permit for Gramercy Base Ball Club, to play on the Park. ✓

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From Schultz & Warker, for privilege of dispensing artificial spring waters at the Park. ✓

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From L. M. Arnold, enclosing proposal of B. Rathbun, to hire and maintain a restaurant in the building on the Great Hill at the Park.

Referred to the Comptroller of the Park.

From "M. D.," remonstrating against establishing artificial spas at the Park.

From "A Citizen," relative to music at the Park in the afternoon and evening.

From A. W. Craven, Chief Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct Department, transmitting resolution accepting site in transverse road No. 3 for house for the Superintendent of the Receiving Reservoir.

Ordered on file.

From owners of property on Sixtieth street, and contiguous thereto, remonstrating against the closing of said street, between Broadway and Eighth avenue.

Laid on the table.

An estimate, to the amount of \$200,000, required for the maintenance and government of the Central Park, during the current year ending December 31, 1866, was received, and

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, approved and ordered transmitted to the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of New York.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

New York, June 15th, 1866.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission...	\$35,476	86
" " " Treasurer		8,160 62
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Total	\$43,637	48

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills, as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of Janes, Fowler, Kirtland & Co., iron bridge..	\$7,000 00
“ Kingsley, Keeney & Co., wall.....	5,520 00
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,761 30
“ “ “ “	2,703 00
“ Jones, Morgan & Anderson, wall.....	1,100 00
“ “ “ “ “	700 00
“ Willard, Felt & Co., stationery, &c.....	694 23
“ Thomas Crimmins, mould.....	653 60
“ Walter Jones, wall.....	409 20
“ Walton Brothers, hardware	340 29
“ J. Crowley, mould.....	315 00
“ Henry Koster, horse keep.....	288 11
“ M. Cronin, mould.....	287 76
“ Henry Tone, filling.....	257 36
“ L. F. Bancroft, sprinkling wagon.....	250 00
“ Parsons & Co., trees and plants.....	231 20
“ F. A. Pollard, plants.....	208 59
“ Prince & Co., trees and plants.....	158 29
“ Bryan O'Connor, mould.....	150 15
“ Lasher & Hoover, feed.....	111 76
“ P. M. Davis, trees.....	64 50
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	98 86
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints, oils, etc.....	86 34
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	85 29
“ C. F. Woodward, mould.....	84 00
“ Scovill Manufacturing Co., buttons	70 00
“ Philip Miet, harness.....	60 00
“ James Prentice, drawing materials.....	51 65
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	50 00

Bill of Union Adams, gloves.....	\$48 00
“ Theall & Curtis, gloves	45 00
“ Clark & Duerholz, furniture repairs.....	39 00
“ N. Y. Lead Co., pipe.....	38 85
“ The Tribune Association, subs'n and advt'g.	38 00
“ Annin & Co., flags	36 00
“ Robt. H. Pearsall & Co., freight.....	35 00
“ Do do do	35 00
“ Wm. S. Whitlock, rope.....	29 91
“ Wm. H. Beeching, subs'n (World and Times)	25 00
“ Selover & Sauter, baskets.....	24 00
“ Windle & Co., water cooler, etc.....	21 25
“ Colgate & Co., soap.....	15 74
“ Daniel Wardell.....	15 00
“ Estate of S. P. Ayres, screws.....	15 00
“ W. C. Wilson, plants.....	14 00
“ E. Treadwell's Sons, bread.....	9 99
“ T. Conner, couplings.....	5 25
“ Lalance & Grosjean, tumblers.....	4 30
“ Charles Becker, frame.....	3 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	2 59
“ E. & G. W. Blunt, rep'g transit.....	2 50
“ F. W. Christern, map.....	2 50
“ Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	1 88
“ McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	75
“ J. M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	50
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	23 59

\$24,322 08

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day, to the amount of twenty-four thousand three hundred and twenty-two $\frac{08}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, June 14, 1866.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } Auditing
 THOS. C. FIELDS, } Committee.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park deem the creation and issue of the further amount of \$300,000 of the public fund or stock denominated the "Central Park Improvement Fund," authorized by an act entitled "An Act for the improvement, maintenance, regulation and government of the Central Park in the city of New York, and to provide additional means therefor," passed February 10th, 1865, to be now requisite to carry out the object of said act, and that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty be, and they are hereby requested to create and issue the said amount, in accordance with the provisions of said act. ✓

Resolved, That the above resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby authorized, as said amount is at the credit of this Board in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the law of the State of New York, entitled "An Act to provide for laying out and improving certain portions of the City and County of New York," ✓

passed April 24th, 1865; The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out, as one of the streets within that part of the city of New York provided for in said act, the street designated as Inwood street, on the annexed map, plan or survey, of one hundred feet in width, and extending from the Kingsbridge road to the North or Hudson River in a straight or right line, and the centre line of such street being marked or defined by an iron monument or bolt secured in the rock near the line of high water mark of said North or Hudson River, and a similar iron monument or bolt also secured in the rock about one hundred and twenty-nine feet west of the Kingsbridge road, and said centre line being distant from the adjacent buildings, the distances shown in feet and parts of feet on said annexed map, at the points and in the directions respectively shown on the same; And also that the grades or elevations above the level of high water mark of said North or Hudson River, at which the surface of said street, on the centre line thereof, has been established by said Board as for future regulation, is shown in feet and parts of feet, in red figures, and by the red line, on the profile of said street also hereunto annexed. The said width, extent, direction and grade, seeming to said Commissioners of the Central Park most conducive to the public good.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes.—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins.—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in pursuance of sec. 2, chap. 565, of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 24th, 1865, The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park hereby designate Henry G. Stebbins and Andrew H. Green, and either of them, they being officers of said board, as the persons who shall certify to maps or surveys of the streets or roads, or public squares or places, that have been, or may hereafter be laid out by said Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in pursuance of said chap. 565 of the laws of 1865.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes.—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins.—5.

The Comptroller of the Park, pursuant to a resolution of the Board, adopted May 10th, 1866, p. 14 of the Journal, relative to dispensing with the services of the engineers of the Park, or other employees, reported thereon, in writing, which was accepted and ordered on file, when

Commissioner HUTCHINS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be, and he is hereby instructed, in his discretion, to discontinue the services of all employees, when, in the prosecution of the work at the Park, such services are no longer necessary.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after June 1st, 1866, the pay of Park Keepers be at the rate of not exceeding \$2 75 per day, and the pay of Gate Keepers at not exceeding \$2 00 per day, until otherwise ordered by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

On motion of Commissioner BUTTERWORTH, at three o'clock and fortyfive minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—

Commissioner Russell,
“ Green.

Commissioner Grinnell,

No quorum being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—

Commissioner Green,
“ Blatchford.

Commissioner Grinnell,

On motion of Mr. GREEN, adjourned to Friday 10th inst., at
2 P. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1866.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—

Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1866.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following:

New York, Aug. 9th, 1866.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P. :

Sir,—Please call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Saturday next, 11th inst., at 2 P. M., to take up the matter of the grade of the Eighth avenue, and other business.

Yours, &c.,
H. G. STEBBINS,
President B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and—
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green,
“ Hutchins, “ Blatchford,
“ Fields, “ Grinnell.

On motion of Mr. GRINNELL, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following communications were received :

From Olmstead & Vaux, landscape architects, relative to proposed alterations at entrances to Park. Ordered on file. ✓

From L. L. Doty, Chief of Bureau of Military Statistics, relative to a building for the preservation of war relics. Ordered on file. ✓

From Park keepers asking for an increase of pay. Laid on the table. ✓

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

New York, Aug. 11th, 1866.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission...	\$17,905 50
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	1,443 63
Total.....	\$19,349 13

ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Commissioner GREEN, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby authorized, as said amount is at the credit of this Board in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board. ✓

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans of the house for the keeper of the Reservoir this day submitted, be and they are hereby approved. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to transmit to the Board of Supervisors an estimate of the probable expense of working the north half of Seventy-seventh street, and the south side of Eighty-first street, between the Eighth and Ninth avenues, as provided in § 2, of Chap. 632, of the Laws of 1866.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Mr. GRINNELL, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of Kingsley & Keeney, wall.....	\$6,984 00
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,785 15
“ Jesse Ryder, “ and apples.....	2,743 25
“ Miller & Coats, tile.....gold	1,249 50
“ Arnold Martin & Co., cement, &c.....	1,001 82
“ Henry Tone, filling.....	909 00
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	702 00
“ Miss Emma Stebbins, acc. fountain model...	689 38
“ Thomas Crimmins, mould.....	625 80
“ Meyer & Seidler, painting.....	590 00
“ L. G. Morris, cedar trees.....	490 00
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	463 00
“ “ “ “.....	456 00
“ Union Adams, police hats, &c.....	455 00

Bill of Dodworth's Band, music.....	\$450 00
“ J. W. Stevens & Bro., lumber.....	447 15
“ Mott Iron Works, castings.....	361 94
“ W. L. Fischer, plants.....	339 16
“ Jeremiah Crowley, mould.....	303 80
“ Frank Hockeran, meat.....	259 80
“ C. F. Woodward, mould.....	193 20
“ R. H. Allen & Co., seed, &c.....	188 95
“ Reynolds, Pratt & Co., paints, &c.....	147 85
“ Lasher & Hover, feed.....	127 57
“ W. L. Ferris, trees.....	120 00
“ N. Y. Lead Co., lead pipe.....	94 32
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	76 25
“ W. Menzies, timber.....	63 12
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	60 00
“ Willard Felt & Co., stationery.....	51 75
“ John Wolf, loss of crop.....	50 00
“ J. V. Brokaw, silk, &c.....	47 75
“ Norris & Williams.....	44 95
“ R. N. Tinson & Co., oil cloth.....	44 79
“ Windle & Co., water cooler, &c.....	41 20
“ Lawrence Ansert, milk.....	40 45
“ H. Sinclair, ornaments.....	32 00
“ Walton Bros., hardware.....	30 73
“ H. N. Swift, castings.....	30 00
“ W. S. Whitlock & Co., rope.....	26 00
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	21 45
“ Stackpole & Bro., repairing level.....	20 00
“ Meyer Cohen & Bro., shades.....	19 00
“ Selover & Sauter, pails.....	18 00
“ William King, life preservers.....	16 00
“ J. W. Hayes, watering pots.....	15 00
“ John Allen, subscription.....	15 00
“ Samuel Archer, salt.....	9 24
“ Geo. W. Fordham, glazing.....	8 00
“ John J. Budd, putty.....	8 00
“ E. Treadwell's Sons, bread.....	6 75
“ T. G. Sellev, seats.....	5 00
“ J. B. Smith, pickets.....	4 08

Bill of Prince & Co., plants.....	\$3 89
“ Wotherspoon & Bro, plaster.....	3 00
“ Bradley & Smith, dusters.....	2 00
“ James Prentice, drawing pins.....	1 75
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	\$23,978 79

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee in their report of this day, to the amount of twenty-three thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight $\frac{79}{100}$ dollars.

Dated August 9, 1866.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Mr. GRINNELL, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills, as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of Brooks Bros., uniforms.....	\$1,340 00
“ Bank of Commerce, rent, &c.....	903 05
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	350 00
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	211 69
“ Lewis Klotz, cedar.....	140 50
“ Trenton Iron Co., wire.....	137 24
“ Lasher & Hover, feed.....	117 92
“ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	97 88
“ W. Felt & Co., stationery.....	70 63

Bill of N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose.....	\$62 50
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	55 63
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	55 00
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	52 75
“ Jno. W. Orr, engraving.....	50 00
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, postage stamps.....	50 00
“ John Boyle, awning.....	47 50
“ R. H. Allen & Co., hardware.....	46 20
“ B. C. Wheeler & Co., feed.....	25 80
“ Smith & Crane, carving.....	25 00
“ B. F. Crane, incidental expenses.....	22 22
“ Wm. Gibson, timber.....	17 02
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	31 13
“ Tuttle & Bailey Manufacturing Co., registers	9 40
“ Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....	8 25
“ Walton Bros., hardware.....	6 75
“ James Prentice, tape lines.....	5 00
“ Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	4 50
“ Sam'l Archer, salt.....	3 00
“ Geo. W. Fordham, glazing.....	3 00
“ Wm. Menzies, saw dust.....	2 50
“ Dietz & Co., chimneys.....	2 50
“ Reynolds, Pratt & Co., paint.....	2 40
“ N. Schinwald, thread.....	2 00
	\$3,940 96

The Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in the report of this day, to the amount of thirty-nine ulundred and forty $\frac{2}{10}$ dollars.

Dated, August 9, 1866.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*
 THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Mr. GRINNELL, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, up to July 1st, 1866, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts, that they find the said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory, and that the balance to the credit of said Board, on the 1st day of July, 1866, is \$26,627.61.

Dated, New York, July 10, 1866.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Mr. GREEN offered the following,

Resolved,—That the Commissioners of the Central Park deem it expedient for the public interest to acquire the title, for the use of the public, to that part of Seventy-fifth street that lies between the Eighth avenue and the westerly line of the Tenth avenue, and that the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to take the necessary measures for and on behalf of the Commissioners of the Central Park, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of Seventy-fifth street from the Eighth avenue, to the westerly line of the Tenth avenue, and to sign, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Park, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, or otherwise, the necessary papers to acquire such title.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

The following communications were received, and having been answered, were ordered on file :

- ✓ From T. C. Dunn, M. D., donating a tortoise.
- ✓ " Hon. W. H. Seward, donating two peccaries.
- ✓ " Adolph Schmager, donating a raccoon.
- ✓ " Michael Sumner, donating an opossum.

- From W. A. Hopkins, donating a hawk. ✓
 " Joseph Bear, donating a peacock. ✓
 " W. H. Ward, donating a peacock. ✓
 " J. Wall Wilson, donating a bear. ✓
 " W. A. C., donating a red fox. ✓
 " Master Cecil Sagnuezs, donating thirty-five white mice ✓
 . and twenty-two white rats. ✓
 " A. Gasparoni, donating a macaw. ✓
 " Jno. D. Crimmins donating a snapping turtle. ✓
 " Jno. Browning, donating a crane. ✓
 " Wm. Meader, donating a silver-grey fox. ✓
 " S. Whitney Phoenix, donating two Esquimaux dogs. ✓
 " Master Frederick Abeel, donating two small turtles. ✓
 " Master A. H. Hampton, donating one silver-grey fox ✓
 and one raccoon. ✓
 " David Auchenback, donating a greyhound. ✓
 " Jno. Dearborn, donating a Muscovy duck. ✓

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to proceed during the present year with such of the work authorized last year as remains unfinished, and also with such rustic structures as may be required. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins Blatchford—5.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to take the necessary steps on behalf of this Board, for and in behalf of and in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York or otherwise, to acquire the title for public use, to the land specified in Section 1 of Chapter 757 of the Laws of 1866 or any part thereof, and also to acquire the title to any land required for the public drive, streets, roads, avenues, public squares and places, after the same are laid out and determined by this Board under the provisions of Chapter 565 of the Laws of 1865, or under the provisions of Chapter 367 of the Laws of 1866, and the said Comptroller of the Park is authorized to sign on behalf of this Board, all papers neces- ✓

sary for the acquiring, in the manner provided by law, of the title of said lands or any part thereof for the public use, and the signing of the petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of acquiring the lands specified in said Chapter 757 of the Laws of 1866, is hereby approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

On motion of Mr. BLATCHFORD, at two o'clock and fifty-five minutes P. M. the Board adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next, 15th inst., at 1½ P. M.

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1866.

ADJOURNED MEETING—1½ P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green,
“ Hutchins.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1866.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following:

NEW YORK, Aug. 15th, 1866.

Sir,—Please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Friday next, 17th inst., at 2 P. M., for the consideration of the Eighth avenue grade, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,
President B. C. C. P.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Hutchins,
“ Fields, “ Green.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

Mr. GREEN presented communications from Gouverneur M. Wilkins and others, remonstrating against an alteration of the grade of the Eighth avenue.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, ordered filed.

Mr. HUTCHINS offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Central Park, by virtue of the power and authority conferred by an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct, in the City of New York, and certain streets in said city;" passed April twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and "to provide for the full execution thereof;" passed April seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, hereby approve of such part of the grade of the Eighth avenue authorized by said act, as is between the centre line of Fifty-ninth street and the centre line of Sixty-sixth street, being two points at which the grade authorized by said act and the grade of the said avenue, as now established, intersect; and also of such part of the grade of said avenue, authorized by said act, as is between the centre line of Eighty-fourth street and the centre line of One hundred and twenty-second street, being two other points at which the grade authorized by said act, and the grade of the said avenue, as now established, intersect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

Mr. GREEN offered the following,

Resolved, That the monthly payments on the contract for the grading of the south half of Eighty-first street, be made to the contractor as they become due, out of the funds provided by Section 8 of Chapter 367 of the Laws of 1866.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows:

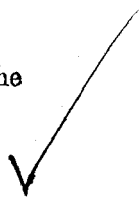
Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

Mr. GREEN offered the following.

Resolved, That from and after June 1st, 1866, the pay of Captain, Sergeants and Assistant Sergeants of Park Keepers be

fixed at the following rates, until otherwise ordered by the Board :

Captain.....	\$4 00 per day.
Sergeants	3 50 " "
Asst. Sergeants.....	3 25 " "

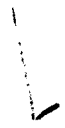


The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, at two o'clock and thirty-five minutes the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Blatchford, Commissioner Green,
“ Fields.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1866.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following:

New York, Oct. 4th, 1866.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P.:

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Saturday next, the 6th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,
Presdt. B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Green, Commissioner Blatchford.
A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Clerk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1866.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following :

New York, Oct. 11th, 1866.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,

Clerk B. C. C. P. :

Sir,—Please call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Saturday next, 13th inst., at 2 P. M., for consideration of the regular order of business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS.

President B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Green.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT.

Clerk.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1866.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

New York, October 17, 1866.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P.:

Sir,—Please call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Friday next, 19th inst., at 2 P. M., to consider the regular order of business, and the location of the public drive.

Yours, &c.,
H. G. STEBBINS,
President B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Fields, “ Blatchford.

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

The following donations were announced as having been received:

- From “Anonymous,” donating an Opossum and a Wild Cat. ✓
- “ “Anonymous,” donating a large Owl. ✓
- “ G. Naphegyi, donating a package of Seed. ✓
- “ Francis Deuren, donating specimen Oil Yielding Rock. ✓
- “ L. L. Ackerman, donating a Ring-dove. ✓
- “ Mrs. F. Hamilton, donating a Grey Squirrel. ✓
- “ Mrs. W. P. Williams, donating a pair of Pea Fowl. ✓
- “ Mrs. A. C. Cheney, donating a Prairie Dog. ✓
- “ Miss M. J. Smith, donating a Ring-dove. ✓

- From Mrs. Amelia Wilkins, donating a Cavy.
- “✓ John McLaughlin, donating a Shepherd Dog.
 - “✓ Master Thos. Lannon, donating a pair of Ring-doves.
 - “✓ Fred’k Goodridge, donating six Liatris Lilifolia.
 - “✓ L. Haymann, donating a quantity of Conch Shells.
 - “✓ John S. Sinni, donating seven Cuban Doves.
 - “✓ “Anonymous,” donating an Eagle.
 - “✓ Adolph L. Cannillo, donating six Doves and a Cardinal Bird.
 - “✓ “W. A. C.,” donating a Humming Bird.
 - “✓ L. H. Morgan, donating a quantity of beaver cuttings.
 - “✓ John H. Conklin, donating a Mexican Fawn.
 - “✓ Master Freddie Downer, donating a pair of Parroquets.
 - “✓ W. D. Murphy, donating forty small Land Turtles.
 - “✓ Adolph Cannillo, donating three Gold Finches.
 - “✓ “A. H. G.,” donating skin of Demoiselle Crane.
 - “✓ J. Carson Brevoort, donating a Java Musk-deer.
 - “✓ Wm. C. Johnson, donating a Cormorant.
 - “✓ Dr. D. T. Macgowan, donating package of “Sequoia Gigantea” seed.

Commissioner GREEN presented a communication from Hon. M. T. Brennan, City Comptroller, asking for an estimate of the amount of moneys required for the year 1867, which was ordered on file.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN—

Resolved,—That the estimates of the amount of moneys required for carrying on the work of the maintenance of the Park for the year 1867, and for the work of laying out the north end of the island for the same year, transmitted to the Comptroller of the City in answer to his circular, be, and are hereby approved.

Several communications were received, and ordered on file as follows :

From C. A. Russell and T. Clark, Asst. Sergt. Park-keepers, asking for increase of compensation.

From Henry Koster, Capt. Park-keepers, asking for increase of compensation.

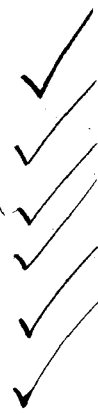
“ Sergeants, and Asst. Sergt. Park-keepers, asking for increase of compensation.

“ “ Vox Populi,” relative to persons standing on the Mall.

“ Sarah E. Webb, relative to suspension of Park-keeper McCoy.

“ Robinson & Unger, for permit to place a camera obscura on the Park.

“ E. B. Dalton, Sanitary Supt., relative to depositing night-soil on the Park.



The Comptroller of the Park submitted for the consideration of the Board, a proposition to amend the Park ordinances, as follows :

SECTION 7 of the ordinances of this Board is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

§ 7. Two pounds are hereby established in the Central Park, for the impounding of horses, cattle, sheep, goats, dogs, swine, geese, and other animals found trespassing upon said Park. All such animals found at large upon the Park may be taken by any person or persons, and driven or carried to one of the said pounds, and may be kept enclosed therein during five days, at the end of which time, if not previously claimed, they may be sold at public auction ; provided that two days previous notice of the sale thereof, shall have been conspicuously posted at the pound.



The owner of any animal so impounded by virtue of the ordinances of the Central Park, may redeem the same before the day of sale, by the payment to the Treasurer of the Board, as follows :

For each animal other than goats and geese two dollars, and the expense of keeping.

For each goat four dollars, and the expense of keeping.

For geese twenty-five cents each, and the expenses of keeping.

The expenses of keeping shall be reckoned as follows :

For each horse, dog, or head of neat stock, fifty cents per day.

For each goat, swine, or sheep, twenty cents per day.

For each goose, five cents per day.



If, within one month after the sale of any impounded animal, its former owner shall appear and claim the same, the Treasurer shall, after deducting the full amount of the charges above provided for, pay over to him the proceeds of its sale.

Whereupon Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the above amendments to the ordinances of the Board be, and they are hereby adopted, and that the same be published for ten days in the New York Daily *Times*, The New York *Herald*, and The New York Daily *Tribune*, three daily newspapers published in the City of New York, and the said newspapers are hereby selected by the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for that purpose.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

NEW YORK, Oct. 19, 1866.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission . . .	\$23,605 88
“ “ “ Treasurer	3,541 17
Total	<u>\$27,147 05</u>

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report—

That they have examined the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, up to the 1st day of Oct., 1866, and the vouchers for all

payments charged in said accounts; that they find the said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory, and that the balance to the credit of said Board on the 1st day of Oct., 1866, is \$9,930¹⁷/₁₀₀.

Dated New York, Oct. 6th, 1866.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*
 THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Mr. FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills, as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

Bill of Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	\$2,780 25
“ “ “ “	2,726 85
“ The Major & Knapp Lithographing Co.....	1,954 00
“ W. Hatfield, ice.....	1,421 60
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing and binding..	1,345 00
“ B. Hufnagel, model of North End.....	1,067 05
“ Woodward & Pearse, painting.....	1,000 00
“ Isaac B. Guest, coal.....	701 26
“ John Healy, grading S. half 81st street.....	504 00
“ J. W. Stevens & Bros., lumber.....	408 88
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	390 00
“ “ “ “	380 00
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, iron work.....	366 54
“ Frank Hockeran, meat.....	276 00
“ Olmsted, Vaux & Co., draughting, &c.....	263 08
“ E. & H. Anthony & Co., photographing....	246 20
“ L. G. Norris, cedar trees.....	243 00
“ Arnold, Martin & Co., cement, &c.....	174 00
“ D. Jackson & Co., feed.....	125 65
“ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	91 65
“ Randolph & Skidmore, coal.....	80 00
“ Lawrence Ansert, milk.....	62 60
“ N. Y. Belting and Packing Co., hose.....	62 50

Bill of Reynolds, Pratt & Co., paints, &c.....	\$59 94
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	50 00
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	47 00
“ Crombie & Silliman, lumber.....	46 00
“ Otto Sackersdorf, mapping.....	45 00
“ D. Jackson & Co., feed.....	44 35
“ Phelps, Dodge & Co., tin.....	43 75
“ Dietz & Co., oil.....	39 50
“ James Montgomery, signs.....	36 50
“ Babcock, Brainerd & Co., granite.....	34 80
“ Geo. M. VanNort, expenses.....	25 64
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	25 48
“ H. Seymour, costume.....	25 00
“ J. G. Cosgriff, wood.....	20 00
“ W. J. Smith & Co., pipe.....	18 75
“ W. Felt & Co., stationery.....	18 25
“ Bradley & Smith, dusters.....	23 00
“ The Erie Railway Co., freight.....	15 46
“ John McMurray, wire cloth.....	13 50
“ Annin & Co., bunting.....	10 00
“ Walton Bros., hardware.....	8 27
“ Wetmore & Co., steel.....	19 36
“ R. Smith, agt., matting.....	6 87
“ James Prentice, tape line.....	5 00
“ W. C. Wilson, plants.....	5 00
“ Ins. and Real Estate Journal, subscription..	3 00
“ Wm. Menzies, saw dust.....	2 50
“ McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	1 00
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	410 00
“ Jones, Morgan & Anderson, wall.....	2,100 00
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Total	\$19,853 47

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of

nineteen thousand eight hundred and fifty-three $\frac{47}{100}$ dollars, (\$19,853 47.)

Dated, New York, Oct. 19, 1866.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*
 THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills, as having been examined, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

Bill of Kingsley & Keeney, wall.....	\$4,456 00
“ “ “ “	3,784 00
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,671 20
“ John Healy & Co., grading 81st street.....	1,206 00
“ Brokaw Brothers, uniforms.....	966 00
“ Henry Tone, filling.....	928 16
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	462 00
“ “ “ “	460 00
“ “ “ “	390 00
“ Lewis G. Morris, cedar trees	304 50
“ Wm. A. Stebbins “	175 50
“ Wm. Gibson, hardwood.....	105 83
“ Union Adams, gloves.....	96 00
“ Peter Cooper, bone dust.....	85 26
“ Wm. Smith & Co., pipe.....	66 74
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	60 00
“ Walton Bros., hardware.....	57 70
“ John P. Jube & Co., hardware.....	55 19
“ John W. Orr, engraving.....	52 50
“ W. Felt & Co., stationery.....	47 50
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	45 00

Bill of Bradley & Smith, brooms.....	\$30 00
“ Reynolds, Pratt & Co., paints.....	29 80
“ N. Schainwald, haberdashery.....	27 04
“ Jas. Barber, vegetables.....	20 75
“ H. P. Smith, nuts.....	20 12
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	19 27
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	17 42
“ Sam'l Archer, salt.....	16 38
“ Wm. S. Whitlock & Co., paint.....	11 50
“ J. Boyle, canvass.....	10 80
“ Jno. P. Shroder, feed.....	10 74
“ Wm. P. Lyon, envelopes.....	8 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	4 41

Total..... \$16,701 31

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of sixteen thousand seven hundred and one $\frac{31}{100}$ dollars.

Dated, New York, Sept. 13th, 1866.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Central Park deem it necessary to change the grade of One Hundred and Tenth Street, between the Fifth and Eighth Avenues, and

Whereas, The said One Hundred and Tenth Street is a Street that intersects one or more avenues or roads required by law to be laid out, established, regulated or improved by the said Commissioners, or under their direction.

Resolved, That under and by virtue of an act entitled “An Act relative to the powers and duties of the Commissioners of

the Central Park, passed April 4, 1866," the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby change the grade of One Hundred and Tenth Street, between the Fifth and Eighth Avenues in the city of New York, and fix and establish the grade of said One Hundred and Tenth Street between the Fifth and Eighth Avenues, as shown by black lines and figures on the Map dated, New York, September 10, 1866, and signed by Gardener A. Sage, City Surveyor. ✓

Resolved, That whenever the Commissioners of the Central Park have fixed, established or changed, the grade of any street or streets or avenues, or part of any street or avenue, the Comptroller of the Park is hereby authorized to prepare and file the maps or profiles of such street or streets or avenues, showing the grade so fixed and established or changed by them, as required in and by section one of an act, entitled "An Act relative to the powers and duties of the Commissioners of the Central Park," passed April 4, 1866. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of an act entitled "An Act relative to the powers and duties of the Commissioners of the Central Park, passed April 4th, 1866," the Commissioners of Central Park hereby change the grade of the Seventh Avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth Street to the Harlem River, in the city of New York, and fix and establish the grade of said Seventh Avenue, between One Hundred and Tenth Street and the Harlem River, as shown by the blue lines and figures on the Map dated November 1st, 1865, and signed by Andrew H. Green, Comptroller of the Park. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to agree with Alexander McC. Stetson for a lease of not exceeding five years of the buildings at Mount St. Vincent, or such part thereof as may be necessary, and for the building known as the ✓

Casino, for refreshment houses, and for the privilege of selling refreshments within the Central Park; such agreement or lease to contain provisions reserving to the Board the full power to fix and regulate the kind and character of the refreshments offered for sale, and the prices thereof, and the right fully to direct and control the mode of transacting the business, and of all persons employed in or about the same. Said agreement or lease shall also contain a provision that this Board may at any time declare the said lease terminated on payment of the appraised value of the furniture and fixtures, an account of which shall be regularly kept and rendered to the Board. The rent reserved to be such as the said Comptroller may deem proper, either in the form of a percentage on the gross receipts, or of a fixed rent.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby authorized, as said amount is at the credit of this Board in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following:

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Central Park have finally established the grade of the Eighth avenue, in pursuance of the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act in relation to the Croton Aqueduct in the City of New York, and certain streets in said city,' passed April twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and to provide for the full execution thereof," passed April 17, 1866.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to prepare and certify on behalf of this Board a map or profile of the grade of said avenue, as so finally established in pursuance of the provisions of said act.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled, "An Act to provide for the laying out and improving certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out that portion of the road or public drive which they are required to lay out by section one of said act, within that part of the city and county of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, and along the western or Hudson River side of the city, that lies between said southerly line of 155th street and the intersection of the Kingsbridge Road with Inwood street, as the same is shown on the map thereof, dated New York, September 13th, 1866, signed by John J. Serrell; the location, widths, courses, windings, extent, and direction of such portions of said road or public drive so laid out are shown by red lines and figures on said map, the said location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction, seeming to the said Commissioners of the Central Park most conducive to the public good, and that the lands lying between the said red lines on the said map, are those required for the said portion of the said road or public drive.

Debate was had thereon, when—

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL said resolution was laid over until the next meeting.

Commissioner GREEN submitted for the consideration of the Board, the plan of Commander Edward Barrett, U. S. Navy, for an expedition to the Persian Gulf, stating that the approval of the Board was desired, as being of scientific and commercial importance.

On motion of Commissioner FIELD, said paper was referred to the President, Comptroller of the Park and the Chairman of the Committee on Statuary, Fountains and Architectural Structures.

Commissioner GREEN submitted an estimate of the cost of casting in bronze of the statuary for the Terrace Fountain.

Commissioner RUSSELL moved that said estimate be referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, at three o'clock and five minutes the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and—
 Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Blatchford,
 “ Butterworth, “ Grinnell,
 “ Green,

The minutes of the previous meeting of June 14th, July 12th, Aug. 9th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 17th, Sept. 13th, Oct. 6th, 11th, 13th, 19th, were read, and on motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, the resolution approving the estimates of the amount of moneys required for the year 1867 for the maintenance of the Park, and for the work of laying out the north end of the island, found on p. 40 of the Journal of Oct. 19th, 1866, was amended by adding at the end thereof the words “to the amount of \$200,000 for maintenance, and \$15,000 for laying out the north end of the island,” and as amended were approved.

The following donations were announced as having been received:

- From Adolph L. Cannillo, donating a silver pheasant. ✓
- “ Mrs. A. H. Minturn, donating an India rubber tree. ✓
- “ C. A. Bussell and R. W. Rountree, donating a black bear. ✓
- “ H. W. Ryder, donating two South American monkeys. ✓
- “ Judson Schultz, donating a cinnamon bear. ✓
- “ Masters Moses Taylor Pyne and Percy R. Pyne, Jr., donating five short tailed capourys. ✓
- “ Charles Smith, donating specimen grains of powder. ✓
- “ Mrs. E. F. Noble, donating a small alligator. ✓
- “ Franklin and Charles Benner, donating a wood chuck. ✓

A communication from Olmsted and Vaux, landscape archi- ✓

✓ tects, submitting plan of proposed alteration at entrances to the Park on Fifty-ninth street, was received, and

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, laid on the table.

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL—

✓ *Ordered*, That the communication of Olmsted & Vaux, landscape architects, submitting plans for proposed enlargement of entrances to the Park, received by the Board Aug. 11th, 1866, be taken from the files and laid on the table.

✓ A communication from David P. Holton, M. D., desiring permission to deliver lectures on Physiology, in the old Arsenal Building on the Park, was received and ordered on file.

✓ The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file:

NEW YORK, Nov. 8th, 1866.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances, as follows:

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission...	\$34,216 42
“ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	6,471 78
Total.....	<u>\$40,688 20</u>

ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

✓ The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills, as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

Bill of Janes, Fowler, Rutland & Co., iron bridge, &c.	\$5,205 17
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	2,865 50
✓“ National Bank of Commerce in N. Y., rent, &c.	897 50
“ John Healy, regulating, &c., 81st street....	549 00
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	405 00

Bill of The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone....	\$300 00
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints, &c.....	269 12
“ J. Wrey Mould, draughting.....	201 00
“ Martin Zborowski, trees.....	164 50
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	107 16
“ Jas. M. Thorburn & Co., bulbs.....	99 50
“ Clark & Dunholz, office fixtures.....	85 00
“ Wm. Menzies, hardwood.....	79 02
“ W. C. Wilson, trees, &c.....	77 05
“ W. H. Morris, trees.....	72 50
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	55 27
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	55 00
“ W. I. Smith & Co., pipe.....	43 13
“ Jno. P. Cumming, labor.....	30 00
“ Wm. L. Ferris, trees.....	18 00
“ N. Y. Herald, subscription.....	12 60
“ John Mason, subscription.....	12 50
“ Chas. Scharbach, leather.....	10 64
“ R. H. Allen & Co., seed.....	9 75
“ Wallace & Wright, brooms.....	9 00
“ H. P. Smith, nuts.....	8 00
“ Blunt & Nichols, transit.....	8 00
“ R. Smith, oil cloth.....	3 00
“ Waltons & Leonard, coal hod.....	2 00
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	\$11,643 91

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of eleven thousand six hundred and forty-three $\frac{91}{100}$ dollars.

Dated N. Y., Nov. 8, 1866.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*
 J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } *Committee.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to contract for not exceeding five thousand cubic yards of mould, to be delivered on the Park at not exceeding 65 cents per cubic yard.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to contract for not exceeding five thousand cubic yards of gravel, to be delivered on the Park at not exceeding \$2 75 per cubic yard.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

The PRESIDENT brought to the notice of the Board the subject of the proposed plan and site of the N. Y. Historical Society Museum Building on the Park, and submitted a copy of the communication made to Frederick De Peyster, Esq., President of said Society, in relation thereto, dated March 6th, 1866, when

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, the communication of Frederick De Peyster, Esq., President N. Y. Historical Society, received by the Board May 3d, 1866, was taken from the table.

Debate was had thereon, when

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL—

Resolved, That the correspondence between the President and the Comptroller of the Park and the Committee of the Historical Society on the subject of the plan and site of building for a Museum, be entered in the minutes at length.

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to the same Committee, to report at the next meeting such communication and resolutions as in their judgment will express the views of the Board on this subject.

Nov. 8, 1866.]

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Resolved, That Mr. Butterworth be added to the said Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE N. Y. HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
MUSEUM BUILDING.

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PARK,
BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING, 31 NASSAU ST.,
NEW YORK, *March 6, 1866.*

SIR: The Commissioners of the Central Park, at their last meeting, made it our duty to confer with the Historical Society, and we were authorized, in conjunction with said Society, to take the necessary steps to secure the necessary legislation to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park to appropriate a site (of not exceeding four acres in extent) for a Museum of Antiquities and Science and Gallery of Art within the limits of the Central Park, at a point between the Fifth avenue and the south line of Eighty-fifth street and the north side line of Seventy-ninth street, extending westerly at right angles with the said avenue, on such terms as may be approved by this Board.

We believe we are correct in saying that the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park was influenced in a great degree by the belief that the late discussions of the subject between the representatives of the Historical Society and those of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park had done much to establish the conviction that the site heretofore appropriated was open to serious objections, and that the Historical Society would cordially cooperate in the requisite measures to secure a site for the proposed Museum that would be free from the objections now urged and much better calculated to forward the important object that both bodies have so much at heart.

Respectfully, your obt. servt.,

AND. H. GREEN,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,

Comptroller of the Park.

Presdt. U. C. Park.

HON. FREDERIC DE PEYSTER,

President of the N. Y. Historical Society.

LIBRARY OF THE N. Y. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, }
April 14, 1866. }

HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq.,
Prest. Commissioners Central Park:

Dear Sir,—I am requested by this Society to communicate to your Board the inclosed resolution received to-day.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Yours, &c.,

FREDERIC DE PEYSTER,
Prest. N. Y. Histl. Socy.

At a stated meeting of the New York Historical Society, held in its Hall, on Tuesday evening, April 3d, 1866—

The following resolution, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, was adopted:

Resolved, That the New York Historical Society does not think it expedient to comply with the proposition for a change in the grounds allotted to the Society, made by the Commissioners of the Central Park, in their communication of the 6th of March, to the President of the Society.

(Extract from the minutes.)

ANDREW WARNER,
Recording Secretary.

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL--

Resolved, That when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet two weeks hence.

On motion of Commissioner RUSSELL, at four o'clock the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NOET,
Clerk.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1866.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—M. H. GRINNELL, Esq., Vice-President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Fields,
“ Butterworth, “ Green.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after November 5th, 1866, the pay of the following classes of workmen on the Park be fixed at not exceeding the following rates, until otherwise ordered by the Board:

Foremen of Laborers.....	\$3 50 per day.
Foreman of Mechanics.....	3 75 “
Carpenters.....	3 50 “
Blacksmiths.....	3 50 “
Helpers.....	2 00 “
Stonecutters and Masons.....	4 00 “
Being for all time within which it is practicable to work.	
Double Teams.....	55c. per hour
Carts.....	38c. “
Gardeners.....	21c. “
Laborers.....	20c. “
Painters.....	3 25 per day.
Skilled Laborers.....	2 65 “
Sculptor.....	4 00 “
Ununiformed Gate-Keepers.....	1 50 “

When laborers are required to do work on Sundays or legal

holidays, not exceeding 50 per cent. to be added to the above rates.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the payment of the salary of Wm. Van Valkenburgh, clerk, during his illness in September and October, for 33, days at \$4 00 per day, is hereby approved.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Central Park, acting by authority of Chap. 363 of the Laws of 1859, Chap. 275 of the Laws of 1864, and Chap. 367 of the Laws of 1866, hereby request the Comptroller of the City of New York to borrow upon assessment bonds, to be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to issue assessment bonds," passed April 16th, 1852, for the payment of the work done and to be done in regulating and grading the Seventh Avenue, from time to time, as may be required to pay the expenses of said work, and to deposit the avails of such bonds to the credit of this Board, in the National Bank of Commerce in New York, and that the Treasurer be authorized to give receipts on behalf of this Board for the avails of such bonds as received; and this Board hereby empower and direct the said Comptroller to apply the proceeds of assessments for said work when collected, or so much thereof as may be necessary to the redemption of said bonds.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Grinnell—5.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

NEW YORK, Nov. 22d, 1866.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission . .	\$76,756 42
“ “ “ “ Treasurer . . .	11,320 81

Total	\$88,077 23
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ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, the resolution relative to the road or public drive, found on p. 49 of the Journal of October 19th, 1866, was taken up and amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled “ An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York,” passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out that portion of the road or public drive which they are required to lay out by Section one of said Act, within that part of the City and County of New York to the Northward of the Southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, and along the Westerly or Hudson River side of the City, that lies between said Southerly line of 155th Street and the intersection of the Kingsbridge Road with Inwood Street, as the same is shown on the map thereof, dated New York, September 13th, 1866, signed by John J. Serrell ; the location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction of such portion of said road or public drive so laid out are shown by red lines and figures on said map, the said location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction, seeming to the said Commissioners of the Central Park, most conducive to the public good, and that the lands lying between the said red lines on the said map, are those required for the said portion of the said road or public drive.

Debate was had thereon, when

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said resolution was laid over.

A communication from Geo. B. Grinnell and others, adverse

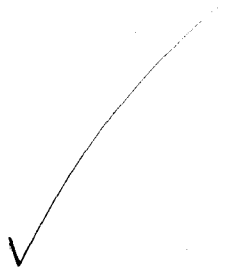
✓ to the proposed route of road or public drive on the westerly side of the city between 155th Street and 167th Street, was received, and

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, laid on the table.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, at three o'clock and fifty minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1866.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and—
 Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green,
 “ Hutchins, “ Blatchford,
 “ Fields, “ Grinnell.

The minutes of the previous meetings of November 8th and 22d, were read and approved.

The following donations were announced as having been received :

- From Master Chas. Couillard, donating a white rat. ✓
- “ Mrs. Fannie A. Grigg, donating a petrified sponge and sea weed. ✓ ✓
- “ A. H. Gallatin, M. D., donating skin of demoiselle crane. ✓
- “ Edward Bouynge, donating a white face monkey. ✓
- “ Nathan G. Bradford, Jr., donating a raccoon. ✓
- “ J. L. Schutt, donating a pair of eagles. ✓
- “ C. L. Ranlett, donating a monkey. ✓
- “ J. A. Close, donating two balm of Gilead trees. ✓
- “ Patrick Mitchell, donating a pair of fox. ✓
- “ Hon. James F. Sullivan, donating seed from Melbourne. ✓
- “ W. Cotheal, donating a rattlesnake. ✓
- “ Jas. L. Little, M. D., donating a silver grey fox. ✓
- “ “Anonymous,” donating a silver grey fox. ✓
- “ Anthony Seagrist, donating a magpie. ✓
- “ John O'Reilly, M. D., donating a Florida squirrel. ✓

The following communications were received :

From Morrison & Lauterbach, relative to damages for trespass in cutting trees. Ordered on file. ✓

From The Metallic Lava Co., relative to adjustment of bills for work done. Ordered on file.

From Wm. M. Tweed, Deputy and Acting Street Commissioner, relative to the grades of Sixth avenue and the intersecting streets north of One Hundred and Tenth street. Ordered on file.

From John H. Bird, Secretary Seventh Regiment Monumental Association, relative to site for monument to perpetuate the memory and services of their comrades lost in the late war.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains and Architectural Structures to report thereon.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

NEW YORK, Dec. 12th, 1866.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission...	\$81,964 42
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	5,278 13
Total.....	\$87,242 55

ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to have the Pond, the Lake and the Harlem Lake, and the buildings about the same, and the office in the arsenal building, lighted with gas.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows ;

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That all statuary, monuments and monumental

structures which may be presented to, or erected by, this Board, shall be located on the Park by the Comptroller of the Park, subject to the approval of the Board upon the report of the Committee on Statuary, Fountains and Architectural Structures. ✓

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to provide a roller, and the necessary machinery to work the same by steam power. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be directed to proceed next year to complete the work heretofore authorized by this Board and now remaining incomplete. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President, who shall be authorized on behalf of this Board to ask for and secure such legislation at the next session of the Legislature, with respect to the Park and its appurtenances, and with respect to the other works under the charge of the Board, as they may deem desirable to ensure their speedy progress and completion. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6. ✓

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to put the Chapel of Mt. St. Vincent in proper condition, and remove thereto works of art, and such other articles as in his judgment are proper. ✓

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

The PRESIDENT announced the appointment of Commissioners Blatchford, Hutchins and Green, a Committee on Legislation.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to fit up the Arsenal building of the Park for the reception of animals.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to proceed with the erection of a picturesque rustic stone structure at or near the southwest corner of the old Reservoir.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said resolution was referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains and Architectural Structures, to report thereon.

The PRESIDENT submitted a communication from Wm. H. Grant, late Superintending Engineer, having reference to his employment as consulting Engineer, which was ordered on file, whereupon

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Board take pleasure in expressing their appreciation of the professional abilities of Mr. William H. Grant, who has for many years been engaged in its service as Superintending Engineer, and the Comptroller of the Park is authorized to engage the services of Mr. Grant, whenever in the judgment of said Comptroller they are needed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase tools, materials and supplies, as may be necessary to carry on the operations of the Park, and that he report to this Board at each regular meeting the articles purchased, and the cost thereof, under authority of this resolution during the previous month.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner GRINNELL, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills, as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of Kingsley & Keeney, wall	\$6677 63
“ Jesse Ryder, gravel	2939 75
“ Jones, Morgan & Anderson, wall.....	2792 23
“ Thomas Crimmins, regulating and grading Seventh avenue.....	2572 50
“ John Healy, do. do. Eighty-first street.	1161 00
“ J. W. Stevens and Bros., lumber.	840 76
“ H. Albert, cedar poles.....	1387 50
“ Thomas Crimmins, mould.....	640 20
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, iron work.....	637 37
“ The Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone....	552 45
“ Olmsted, Vaux & Co., draughting.....	542 37
“ R. Rosa, survey of Hudson River shore	500 00
“ King & Murray, trees	450 00
“ The Metallic Lava Co., paving.....	376 36
“ Meyer & Seidler, painting.....	286 75
“ Seward & Boswell, feed.....	281 93
“ Willard Trull, cedar poles.....	250 00

Bill of J. Wrey Mould, architectural services.....	\$230 00
“ N. Y. Herald, advertising.....	224 40
“ Waltons & Leonard, hardware.....	196 58
“ Otto Sackersdorf, draughting.....	185 00
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	178 55
“ J. L. Jackson & Bro., iron work.....	130 00
“ N. Y. Times, advertising.....	114 40
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works.....	103 60
“ Waltons & Leonard, hardware.....	100 34
“ The Tribune Association, advertising.....	90 20
“ Wm. S. Whitlock & Co., canvas.....	79 63
“ Blatchford, Seward & Griswold, legal ser- vices.....	77 25
“ The Hazard Powder Co., powder.....	75 90
“ Slose & James, stationery.....	72 86
“ Willard Felt & Co, stationery.....	69 25
“ Reynolds, Pratt & Co., paints.....	63 35
“ W. R. Osborn, sash doors.....	63 00
“ C. D. Doughty, mouldings.....	62 32
“ N. Y. Lead Co., pipe.....	53 32
“ Andrew Schwartz, bread.....	51 70
“ N. Schainwald, haberdashery.....	51 02
“ Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	49 85
“ Jackson Wright, hardwood.....	43 68
“ W. L. Fischer, plants.....	40 00
“ Geo. Stacy, photographing.....	35 00
“ D. D. Miller, lanterns.....	29 63
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	24 41
“ James Sheil, leather, &c.....	23 84
“ Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	23 37
“ Wm. S. Whitlock & Co., rope, &c.....	22 98
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	21 08
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	18 25
“ Wallace & Wright, brooms.....	18 00
“ H. P. Smith, nuts.....	16 55
“ A. H. Gallatin, monkey.....	15 00
“ Knickerbocker Ice Co.....	12 45
“ Estate of S. P. Ayres, screws.....	10 50
“ H. P. Smith, seed.....	8 00

Bill of Jas. Prentice, scale.....	\$6 00
“ N. Y. Gas Light Co.....	5 60
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	4 85
“ M'Kesson & Robbins, drugs.....	1 18
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Total.....	\$25,591 89

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of twenty-five thousand five hundred and ninety-one $\frac{89}{100}$ dollars.

Dated N. Y., December 12, 1866.

M. H. GRINNELL,	} <i>Auditing</i>	
THOS. C. FIELDS,		} <i>Committee.</i>
JNO. F. BUTTERWORTH,		

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—7.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, the resolution relative to the road or public drive, found on page 59 of the Journal of November 22d, 1866, was taken up, as follows :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled “ An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York,” passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out that portion of the road or public drive which they are required to lay out by Section one of said Act, within that part of the City and County of New York to the Northward of the Southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, and along the Westerly or Hudson River side of the City, that lies between said Southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street and the intersection of the Kingsbridge Road with Inwood Street, as the same is shown on the map thereof, dated “New York, September 13th, 1866,” signed by “John J. Serrell ;” the location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction of such portion of said road or public drive so laid out are shown by red lines and figures on said map, the said location, widths, courses, windings, extent and direction, seeming to the said

Commissioners of the Central Park, most conducive to the public good, and that the lands lying between the said red lines on the said map, are those required for the said portion of the said road or public drive.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner GREEN moved the adoption of said resolution.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to adopt said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Nays—Commissioners Butterworth, Grinnell—2.

The PRESIDENT, from the Committee consisting of the President, the Comptroller of the Park and Commissioner Butterworth, to whom was referred the whole subject of the plan and site of the New York Historical Society Museum Building, reported thereon, submitting a draft of a communication to said Society, and recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Central Park do not approve of the elevation and the plan accompanying the same, of a building for the purpose of establishing and maintaining therein, by the New York Historical Society, a museum of antiquities and science, and a gallery of art, referred to in a communication of Frederick De Peyster, chairman, and on behalf of the sub-committee, &c., &c., of the New York Historical Society, dated January 27, 1866.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be transmitted to the New York Historical Society, with a communication expressive of the views of the Board on this subject, if the President of the Board and Comptroller of the Park deem it expedient to make such communication.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—6.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an

Act, entitled "An Act relative to the powers and duties of the Commissioners of the Central Park," passed April 4th, 1866, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby extend Manhattan Street in a southerly direction to the Avenue St. Nicholas, and widen said Manhattan Street to the width of one hundred feet, the said extension and widening being shown by lines and figures in feet and inches, and parts of inches; on the "Map showing the proposed extension and widening of Manhattan Street," dated "New York, October 16th, 1866," signed "John J. Serrell." The said Commissioners of the Central Park deeming it expedient to widen and extend said Manhattan Street as before mentioned. The lands embraced between the northerly and southerly lines of said Manhattan Street, so extended and widened, which have not yet been vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in trust, as and for public streets or avenues, being the lands required for said widening and extending of said Manhattan street.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed April 4th, 1866, entitled "An Act relative to the powers and duties of the Commissioners of the Central Park," the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out an avenue called the Avenue St. Nicholas, commencing near the intersection of the Sixth Avenue and One Hundred and Tenth Street, and extending to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, as shown by lines and figures in feet and inches, and parts of inches, on the "Map showing the laying out of the Avenue St. Nicholas from One Hundred and Tenth Street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street," dated "New York, October 15th, 1866," and signed by "John J. Serrell," the said Commissioners of the Central Park deeming such laying out advantageous and expedient. The lands embraced between the easterly and westerly lines of said Avenue St. Nicholas, as shown on said map, which have not yet been vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in trust, as and for public streets or avenues, being the lands required for said avenue.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner HUTCHINS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act, entitled "An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out as one of the streets within that part of the City and County of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, provided for in said act, the street designated as Eleventh Avenue, as shown on the map thereof, dated "New York, September 13th, 1866," and signed by "John J. Serrell"; said Eleventh Avenue, so laid out extending from the road or drive as heretofore laid out by said Commissioners, under said act, in a northeasterly direction, to and across its intersection with the Kingsbridge Road; the location, width, extent and direction of said Eleventh Avenue so laid out are shown by yellow lines and figures on said map; the said location, width, extent and direction seeming to said Commissioners of the Central Park most conducive to public good, and that the lands lying between the said yellow lines on the said map are those required for the said Eleventh Avenue.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, at four o'clock the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT.

Clerk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1867.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth, “ Blatchford,
“ Fields.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented a report, exhibiting the purchase and estimated cost of tools, materials and supplies, necessary to carry on the operations at the Park, since the last regular meeting of the Board, which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

NEW YORK, *January 10, 1867.*

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission..	\$232,993.97
“ “ “ Treasurer....	1,793.92
Total.....	<u>\$234,787.89</u>

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted and ordered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following

bills, as having been examined, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

Bill of Jesse Ryder, gravel.....	\$2,972	75
“ John Healy, reg. and grad'g 81st Street....	1,389	60
“ Brokaw Bros., uniforms.....	767	30
“ Thomas Crimmins, mould.....	747	60
“ Hugh Mooney, cedar trees.....	650	00
“ John Collier, “ “	575	00
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing and binding.....	165	30
“ John Hanson, balustrades.....	121	50
“ R. J. Robinson, bread.....	102	30
“ Bryan Lawrence, sheep.....	81	00
“ J. Cairns, badges.....	80	00
“ Lawrence Ansert, milk.....	76	55
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	57	00
“ P. Furback & Co., brooms.....	48	00
“ Olmsted, Vaux & Co., draughting.....	46	00
“ James Montgomery, signs.....	40	00
“ Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	32	25
“ Annin & Co., flags.....	13	00
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	10	72
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	9	83
“ McKesson & Robbins, borax.....	9	25
“ W. J. Smith & Co., pipe.....	9	15
“ Colgate & Co., soap.....	8	40
“ R. H. Allen & Co., buckwheat.....	6	09
“ Windle & Co., spittoons.....	6	00
“ The N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	4	55
“ Waltons & Leonard, coal scuttle.....	2	50
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Total.....	\$8,031	64

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing

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Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of eight thousand and thirty-one $\frac{64}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, January 10, 1867.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report—

That they have examined the accounts of Andrew H. Green, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, up to the 1st day of January, 1867, and the vouchers for all payments charged in said accounts; that they find the said accounts and vouchers correct and satisfactory, and that the balance to the credit of said Board on the 1st day of January, 1867, is \$203,291 $\frac{34}{100}$.

Dated New York, January 3, 1867.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York is hereby authorized, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of provisions of an Act entitled " An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out, as one of the streets within that part of the City and County of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, provided for in said act; the street shown on the Map thereof, dated " New York, September 28, 1866," and signed by " John J. Serrell," said street so laid out, extending in a right or straight line from the Kingsbridge Road to the Harlem River, the location, width, extent, and direction of said street so laid out, are shewn by red lines and figures on said Map; the said location, width, extent, and direction, seeming to said Commissioners of the Central Park most conducive to public good, and that the lands lying between the said red lines on said Map, are those required for the said street.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act entitled " An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24th, 1865, the Commissioners of the Central Park hereby lay out the following streets and road within that part of the City and County of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, provided for in said Act, viz. :

155th Street, of the width of one hundred feet, from the Hudson River to the Harlem River.

156th Street, of the width of sixty feet, from the Kingsbridge Road to the 11th Avenue.

157th Street, of the width of sixty feet, from the Kingsbridge Road to the Road or Drive.

158th Street, of the width of sixty feet, from the Kingsbridge Road to the Hudson River.

159th Street, of the width of sixty feet, from the Kingsbridge Road to the 11th Avenue.

160th Street, of the width of sixty feet, from the Kingsbridge Road to the 11th Avenue.

161st Street, of the width of sixty feet, from the 10th Avenue to the 11th Avenue.

Kingsbridge Road, of the width of one hundred feet, from the north side of 155th Street to the south line of 161st Street, extended in an easterly direction.

The said streets and road so laid out being shown on the map thereof, dated "New York, January 8th, 1867," signed by "John J. Serrell," the location, widths, extent and direction of said streets and road seeming to said Commissioners of the Central Park most conducive to the public good, and that the lands embraced between the lines of said streets and road as shown on said map, which have not yet been vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in trust, as and for public streets or roads, are those required for said streets and road.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows.

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in pursuance of Section 3, Chap. 367 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 4th, 1866, the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park hereby designate Andrew H. Green, he being one of the officers of said Board, as the person who shall certify to the maps, plans, or surveys which are required to be filed, in pursuance of said Act.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Annual Report presented to the Board this day, be adopted as the Annual Report of this Board for the year 1866; that the same be transmitted to the Common Council, and that not exceeding 3,000 copies be printed, with a map, illustrations, and such documents as may be deemed of sufficient interest to publish.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1867.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

New York, Jan. 22, 1867.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P.:

Sir,—Please call a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, for Thursday next, 24th inst., at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,
President of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth, “ Blatchford,
“ Fields.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
Twenty-six bills were submitted for the action of the Board,
as follows:

Arnold, Martin & Co., cement and brick.....	\$191 85
Waltons & Leonard, hardware.....	98 10
Thos. Crimmins, grading 7th Ave.....	3,964 80
Wm. Gibson, timber.....	9 67
Crombie & Silliman, timber.....	86 00
Harlem Gas Co., gas.....	11 60
N. Y. Gas Co., gas.....	11 20
J. C. Winch & Co., ice.....	41 90

J. B. Guest, coal.....	\$30 00
P. Voorhis, stone.....	340 00
A. Lasher, Agt., feed.....	21 04
J. W. Stevens & Bro., lumber.....	826 61
Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints, &c.....	199 62
W. Felt & Co., stationery.....	57 25
P. Turback, brooms.....	36 00
Jas. Barker, carrots.....	62 00
Saml. Archer, salt.....	27 50
Jesse Ryder, apples.....	15 00
Manhattan Oil Co., oil.....	73 10
Estate of S. P. Ayres, screws.....	30 00
Wm. Menzies, timber.....	128 96
Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	80 76
Dietz & Co., wick.....	1 00
N. Adams, gloves.....	200 00
Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	12 50
James Gould, aloes.....	1 75
Total.....	\$6,558 22

Commissioner GREEN moved that said bills, when properly audited by the Auditing Committee, be paid by the Treasurer.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes.—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after February 1st, 1867, the pay of the Park-keepers be fixed at the following rates—

Captain.....	\$4 50 per day.
Sergeants.....	3 75 “
Asst. Sergeants.....	3 50 “
Patrolmen.....	3 00 “

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—6.

A communication from Abner W. Colgate, with plan and synopsis for an elevated railway, was received, and

On motion Commissioner FIELDS, referred to the Committee on Legislation.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to examine and report to the Board, if any improvement can be made in the mode of keeping the accounts of expenditures on work outside of the Park.

The PRESIDENT submitted a communication addressed to him individually, from Richd. M. Henry, attorney for the Citizens' Association, advising that complaints of the most serious character have been made to the Association, in relation to Mr A. H. Green's administration of the affairs of the Central Park.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner BLATCHFORD offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, A communication, signed by the attorney of the Citizens' Association, addressed personally to one of the Commissioners, and seemingly intended for his private use, has been laid before the Board, stating that "complaints of the most serious character have been made to the Association, in relation to Mr. A. H. Green's administration of the affairs of the Central Park,"

Therefore, waiving all technicalities and formalities, and mindful of the fact that no complaints or charges have been made to this Board in any form, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three, one of whom shall be the President of the Board, be appointed, with power to demand at once the complaints, and report thereon to the Board, and to enquire into the subject of said communication, and if, in their judgment, there be any reasonable cause for complaint, or if they, for any reason, deem it expedient, desirable or proper to do so, then with the further power to proceed to investigate, examine and enquire into any complaints respecting the conduct of the affairs of this Board by any of its officers or subordinates, and to report the result of their examination to this Board at the earliest practicable period, and if the said Committee deem it necessary or proper to make such examination, they are enjoined that the same be thorough and complete.

✓ Debate was had thereon, when

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preamble and resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners Blatchford and Butterworth as members of the special committee on said resolution.

On motion of Commissioner BUTTERWORTH—

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Saturday, 26th inst., at 2 P. M.


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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1867.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth.



A quorum not being present, adjourned

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1867.

SPECIAL MEETING—3 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

New York, Jan. 26th, 1867.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,

Clerk B. C. C. P.:

Sir,—Please call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Tuesday next, 29th inst., at 3 P. M., for the consideration of the regular order of business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,

Presdt. B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth, “ Blatchford.

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD, from the Special Committee appointed to enquire into the subject of a communication received from R. M. Henry, Esq., Atty. of the Citizens' Association, reported verbally thereon, and read for the information of the Board, the correspondence had in relation thereto.

On motion, said report was accepted.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.


FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1867.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following call:

New York, Feb. 6, 1867.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Esq.,
Clerk B. C. C. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park for Friday, 8th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of Committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,
Presdt. B. C. C. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioners Russell, Commissioners Fields,
“ Butterworth, “ Green,
“ Hutchins, “ Blatchford.

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD, from the Special Committee, consisting of Commissioners Blatchford, Butterworth, and the President, appointed to enquire into the subject of a communication received from R. M. Henry, Esq., Attorney of the Citizens' Association, reported thereon in writing, submitting the whole correspondence, and a series of resolutions in relation thereto, whereupon,

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, said report was accepted,

and the resolutions submitted by said Committee were unanimously adopted, as follows :

Resolved, That this Board adopts the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the subject of the communication of the Citizens' Association, and fully approves its proceedings and correspondence, and that the Committee be discharged.

Resolved, That this Board expresses its surprise and regret that the Citizens' Association should withhold the information which it claims to have in its possession, relating to the affairs of the Park, and to which this Board deems itself entitled by every consideration of fairness and justice.

Resolved, That the administration of Mr. Green is inseparable from that of this Board. This Board has assumed and now re-assumes the entire responsibility of it.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD moved that the report of the Special Committee, this day discharged from the further consideration of the communication of the Citizens' Association, and the resolutions attached thereto, be again referred to a Special Committee of three, one of whom shall be the President, with power to take such further proceedings in relation thereto, as they may deem proper.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes — Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Hutchins, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—7.

The PRESIDENT appointed Commissioners Blatchford and Butterworth members of said Special Committee.

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

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Clerk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1867.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—

Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth, “ Blatchford,
“ Fields,

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, on motion of Commissioner FIELDS, Commissioner RUSSELL was appointed President *pro tem*.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following donations were announced as having been received and acknowledged:

- From Capt. Jno. Deakan, donating a cotea. ✓
- “ Master Wm. Shelly, donating an opossum. ✓
- “ Master Montgomery, donating view of Dover Cliffs. ✓
- “ Wm. Astor, Jr., donating a rabbit. ✓
- “ Lewis H. Weinman, donating a hen hawk. ✓
- “ A. J. Dovali, donating an armadillo. ✓
- “ Jas. H. Roome, donating a great Virginia horned owl. ✓
- “ F. P. Smith, donating an Angola rabbit. ✓
- “ “A Gentleman,” donating two S. A. moneys. ✓
- “ R. L. Maitland, Jr., donating an Arctic owl. ✓

A communication was received from the National Bank of Commerce, in New York, advising that the rent of the offices occupied by the Board had been fixed for the ensuing year at \$4,000. ✓

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be referred to the Comptroller of the Park, and Commissioner Blatch- ✓

ford, with power to make such arrangement for offices of the Board as they may deem proper.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

NEW YORK, February 14, 1867.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission..	\$187,439 77
“ “ “ “ Treasurer....	9,152 81
Total.....	\$196,592 58

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

The Treasurer presented a report, exhibiting the purchase and estimated cost of tools, materials, and supplies, necessary to carry on the operations at the Park, since the last regular meeting of the Board, which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Comptroller of the Park presented an inventory of tools, materials, birds, animals, &c., on hand, January 1, 1867, which was ordered on file.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to settle the accounts of the contractor of the boats after the same are approved by the Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5. ✓

Commissioner RUSSELL, from the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, to which was referred the communications from the Seventh Regiment Monumental Association, on the subject of a site for a monumental structure on the Park, reported thereon in writing and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to set apart the site hereafter mentioned, upon which the Seventh Regiment Monumental Association may erect a monumental structure, provided that such structure, nor any of its appendages be of a sepulchral character, and that the design and plan of said structure shall be submitted to, and approved by this Board before any site be set apart, and provided that before any site be set apart, the Association shall give satisfactory evidence to this Board of its pecuniary ability to complete the structure according to such design and plan as shall be approved by the Board; and provided further, that said structure when erected shall be subject to the regulations made, or to be hereafter established by the Board for the care and preservation of monuments, statuary, and such structures within the Park. The site for said structure shall be either at a point just south of the Warriors' Gate, or at such other point as may be approved by the Board upon the report and recommendation of this Committee. ✓

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes.—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5. ✓

Commissioner GREEN moved that the report of the Committee on Statuary, Fountains and Architectural Structures, on the subject of the Seventh Regiment Monumental Structure, be laid on the table and printed in document form. ✓

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5. ✓

(See Doc. No. 5.)

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes, as follows :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills, as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of Thos. Crimmins, Seventh Avenue work.....	\$2,835 00
“ Wm. S. See & Co., granite fountains.....	1,000 00
“ Smith & Butler, fountain bronze work.....	800 00
“ John Healy, Eighty-first street work.....	1,142 10
“ National Bk. Commerce in N. York, rents, &c.	932 50
“ Waltons & Leonard, hardware.....	338 65
“ Seward & Boswell, feed.....	259 11
“ Olmstead, Vaux & Co., drawings.....	251 91
“ D. D. Miller, lanterns.....	186 00
“ Butcher & Butler, reflectors.....	180 00
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	93 20
“ R. J. Robinson, bread.....	84 90
“ Mrs. P. M. Davis, Admx., trees, &c.....	68 00
“ Manhattan Oil Company, oil.....	65 63
“ Stackpole & Brother, surveyors' instruments..	59 00
“ T. C. Freeborn, disinfecting powder.....	56 00
“ H. N. Badeau, blinds.....	32 60
“ Willard, Felt & Co., engineers' materials.....	30 50
“ Coffin & Kenworthy, hardware.....	30 00
“ Raynolds, Pratt & Co., paints.....	24 00
“ John Collier, cedar trees.....	24 00
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	19 51
“ Dietz & Co., lamp fixtures.....	14 50
“ Maxfield & Co., nuts.....	14 00
“ Brokaw Brothers, police pants.....	11 40
“ Norris & Williams, gas fixtures.....	10 00
“ McKesson & Robbins, sponge.....	7 50
“ Wm. Menzies, saw-plates, &c.....	8 86
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	6 43
“ Colgate & Co., soap.....	5 70

Bill of Wm. Gibson, lumber.....	\$4 58
“ N. Schainwald, thread.....	4 50
“ C. B. Van Dyke, looking-glass.....	3 25
“ Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	2 38
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works, blacking.....	1 25
Total.....	\$8,606 96

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report of this day, to the amount of eighty-six hundred and six $\frac{96}{100}$ dollars.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } *Auditing*
 THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

Dated New York, Feb. 14, 1867.

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.* put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Blatchford—5.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, at two o'clock and fifty minutes, the Board adjourned.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
 Clerk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1867.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and	
Commissioner Russell,	Commissioner Green,
“ Butterworth,	“ Blatchford,
“ Fields,	“ Grinnell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A petition was received from the Gate-keepers employed at the Park, asking for an increase of compensation.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the pay of Gate-keepers be fixed at \$2.25 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the negative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields—2.

Nays—Commissioners Russell, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—4.

Commissioner BLATCHFORD moved that the petition be referred to the President of the Board and Comptroller of the Park, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the ~~negative~~, as follows: *(held)*

Ayes—Commissioner Blatchford—1.

Nays—Commissioners Russell, Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins—5.

A communication was received from The Scott Monumental Association, asking for the appropriation of a site on the Park

[Thursday,

for the erection thereon of a monument to the memory of the late Lieut.-Genl. Winfield Scott.

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, referred to the Committee on Statuary, Fountains and Architectural Structures.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file:

NEW YORK, Mar. 14th, 1867.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances, as follows:

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission..	\$160,821.27
“ “ “ Treasurer....	3,700.65
Total.....	\$164,521.92

ANDW. H. GREEN,

Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

Commissioner GREEN presented a statement of interest on account of the Board with National Bank of Commerce in New York—during the year 1866,—Ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS—

Resolved, That the Finance Committee report to this Board at its next meeting, if a greater rate of interest than three per cent. can be obtained on the deposits of this Board, from any banking institution in this City, equally as responsible as the National Bank of Commerce in New York.

The Treasurer presented a report, exhibiting the purchases and estimated cost of tools, materials and supplies necessary to carry on the operations at the Park, since the last regular meeting of the Board, which was accepted and ordered on file.

Commissioner FIELDS, from the Auditing Committee, presented a report, which was accepted, and ordered entered on the minutes, as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills, as having been examined by them, and found to be correct

and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment:

Bill of Thomas Crimmins, grading 7th Ave.....	\$2,100 00
“ John J. Serrell, services as surveyor.....	1,947 50
“ R. Rosa, surveying.....	1,311 75
“ John Healy, grading 81st street.....	1,089 00
“ R. Rosa, surveying.....	864 00
“ J. Albert, cedar poles.....	534 50
“ J. Wrey Mould, services as arch't.....	275 00
“ Baptist & Taylor, printing.....	240 55
“ J. Wrey Mould, services as arch't.....	315 00
“ Olmsted, Vaux & Co., arch't'l services.....	146 84
“ R. J. Robinson, bread.....	79 10
“ The Mica Roofing Co., roofing.....	42 00
“ Reynolds, Pratt & Co., paints, &c.....	41 75
“ Wetmore & Co., iron, &c.....	39 48
“ Willard Felt & Co., stationery.....	38 75
“ Waltons & Leonard, hardware.....	23 75
“ B. F. Crane, expenses.....	19 41
“ The N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	17 50
“ Phelps, Dodge & Co., zinc.....	16 88
“ W. P. Lyon & Son, envelopes.....	16 50
“ J. M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	15 99
“ Windle & Co., fire screen.....	12 00
“ Geo. M. Van Nort, expenses.....	8 78
“ H. N. Badeau, sash.....	7 00
“ Maxfield & Co., nuts.....	7 00
“ N. Schainwald, haberdashery.....	6 00
“ Wotherspoon Bros., plaster.....	5 80
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	5 57
“ James Prentice, tape line.....	5 00
“ McKesson & Robbins, drugs.....	56
Total.....	\$9,231 96

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills reported as correct by the Auditing Committee, in their report

of this day, to the amount of ninety-two hundred and thirty-one $\frac{900}{1000}$ dollars.

Dated New York, March 14, 1867.

J. F. BUTTERWORTH, } *Auditing*
THOS. C. FIELDS, } *Committee.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following—

Resolved, That the map herewith presented, showing the proposed extension and widening of Manhattan Street, dated New York, October 16th, 1866, and signed by John J. Serrell, be, and is hereby declared to be the map referred to in the resolution of the Board, in relation to the widening and extension of Manhattan Street, adopted December 13th, 1866, and shall be filed and certified accordingly.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

The Comptroller of the Park laid before the Board, plans for the proposed alteration of the entrance to the Park at Fifty-ninth Street and Fifth Avenue, and for the improvement of Manhattan Square for a Zoological Garden. Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. GREEN—

Resolved, That a space of twenty feet of the Park, on the lines of Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first Streets, between the Eighth and Ninth Avenues, be filled to the level of the grades of said streets respectively, for an exterior Park walk.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

The Comptroller of the Park laid before the Board certain documents, maps, plans and profiles relative to the territory

described in Section 1 of an Act passed April 13, 1866, and the improvement thereof, as required by said act. ✓

Debate was had thereon, when—

Commissioner RUSSELL moved that the further consideration of the subject be deferred for two weeks.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the negative, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Russell, Grinnell—2.

Nays—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner RUSSELL moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Saturday fortnight, 30th inst. ✓

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

Commissioner FIELDS moved that when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Saturday next, 16th inst., at 2 P. M.

Commissioner RUSSELL moved to amend said motion by striking out the words "next, 16th inst." and insert in lieu thereof the words "23d inst."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was decided in the negative.

The question recurring on Commissioner Fields' motion, it was put, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion, at four o'clock and twenty minutes, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.

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SATURDAY MARCH 16, 1867.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Green,
“ Fields, “ Blatchford.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Executive Committee of the West Side Association.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said communication be entered at length on the minutes.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Executive Committee of the West Side Association, representing the property owners west of 8th Avenue and north of 59th Street, beg leave respectfully to suggest to your Board the importance of having legislative action on the subject of the general improvement of the west side, in continuance of the Act of 1866, at the present session.

And that your Board should present to the Legislature the Report contemplated by the Act of 1866, as the basis of their

further action, even though such report should be but general in its indication of the changes that may be found desirable.

If legislative action can be procured at this session, a year will be gained in the improvement of the district.

March 15th, 1867.

Respectfully yours,

WM. A. WHITBECK,

President.

JAMES F. RUGGLES,

Secretary.

The property owners on the west side consider it a matter of imperative necessity that there should be no delay in carrying out these measures, and in having a bill passed at the present session of the Legislature.

N. York, 16th March, 1867.

COURTLANDT PALMER,

AND. CARRIGAN.

Commissioner FIELDS called up the documents, plans, profiles, &c., presented by the Comptroller of the Park to the Board, at its last meeting, relative to improvements on the west side of the city, and asked that the same be read—the reading being completed :

Commissioner BLATCHFORD moved that the same be referred to the Committee on Legislation, appointed December 13th last, with authority to print the same, and to transmit such portions thereof, as they may deem proper, to the Legislature, on behalf of this Board, in such form as said committee may approve, and that the officers of the Board be authorized to sign, on behalf of the Board, such communication or report to the Legislature on this subject as the said committee may approve.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner BUTTERWORTH offered the following :

Resolved, That the several plans for the improvement of the Seventh Avenue from the Park to the Harlem River be referred

to a special committee of three members, with power to determine upon the plan of surface improvement for said avenue, and that when said committee have decided thereon, the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to carry the same into execution. ✓

THE PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

THE PRESIDENT appointed, as such special committee, Commissioners Butterworth, Blatchford, and Green.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board approve of the plan for the enlargement of the opening at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth street, submitted to the Board at its last meeting, and that it be referred to the Committee on Legislation, appointed 13th December last, to take such action to obtain the authority to have the same made a public place, under proper restrictions against its use and occupation by railroad cars and hacks and other obstructions, and that the subject of providing open spaces as approaches to other entrances to the Park, be referred to the same committee for the like purpose. ✓

THE PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Fields, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—5.

Commissioner FIELDS moved to reconsider the resolution adopted May 11, 1865, pp. 14, 15, referring the subject of compensating R. M. Hunt, architect, for plans of 59th Street gateways, and for the alteration of the old Arsenal building, to the Auditing Committee, for adjustment. ✓

THE PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, one of whom shall be the President of the Board, and to whom be referred, for adjustment, the subject of compensating R. M. Hunt, architect, for plans for gateways and alterations of the ✓

old Arsenal building, at the Park, and that they be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Blatchford and Grinnell members of said committee.

At three o'clock and forty-five minutes the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Asst. Clerk.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1867.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner Butterworth, Commissioner Blatchford,
“ Green, “ Grinnell.

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file :

NEW YORK, April 11, 1867.

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

In accordance with § 2, Article II., of the By-Laws, the Treasurer reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Commission.. \$143,017.27 ✓
“ “ “ Treasurer.... 5,184.99

Total..... \$148,202.26

ANDW. H. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners
of the Central Park.

The Treasurer presented a report, exhibiting the purchase and estimated cost of tools, materials, and supplies necessary to carry on the operations at the Park, since the last regular meeting of the Board, which was accepted and ordered on file. ✓

The following communications were received :

From A. Utha, for appointment as Park or Gate Keeper. ✓
Ordered on file.

✓ From Messrs. Chase & Co., offering cast-iron vases for sale.
Ordered on file.

✓ From Henry Koster, Captain of Park-Keepers, asking for an increase of compensation.

Laid on the table.

✓ The Comptroller of the Park presented a report relative to his action in the settlement of the accounts of Thomas S. Dick, contractor of the boats on the Lake at the Park, under the authority of a resolution passed February 14th, 1867, p. 86.

Commissioner GRINNELL moved that such action be approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

✓ *Ayes*—Commissioners Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

A report was received from the Committee on Statuary, Fountains, and Architectural Structures, relative to a site for the erection of a statue of Genl. Scott, and the erection of a picturesque rustic structure at or near the southwest corner of the old Reservoir on the Park, recommending the deferring of action relative to a site for the monument, and that not exceeding three architects be requested to suggest designs for the rustic stone structure.

On motion of Commissioner GRINNELL, said report was accepted, and laid on the table.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following resolution :

✓ *Resolved*, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the National Bank of Commerce in New York, is hereby specifically authorized to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Board, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Commission, as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

✓ *Ayes*—Commissioners Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GRINNELL offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the Park be authorized to enter into an agreement with Messrs. Schultz & Walker, for the permission to sell on the Park mineral and carbonic acid waters, on such terms as he may deem best.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

Commissioner GRINNELL, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following :

To the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report the following bills as having been examined by them, and found to be correct and just in every particular, and which they hereby recommend for payment :

Bill of Wm. Rumble, surveying.....	\$1,442 43
“ John Healy, grading 81st Street.....	819 00
“ Michael Varian, cedar trees.....	814 20
“ John Collier, cedar trees.....	546 00
“ J. Wrey Mould, architectural services.....	333 00
“ Seward & Boswell, feed.....	267 06
“ The N. Y. Lead Co., pipe.....	149 65
“ R. Rosa, surveying.....	124 65
“ Chas. T. Reynolds & Co., paints, &c.....	89 10
“ P. C. Coffin, hardware.....	84 65
“ Wm. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	79 50
“ Lawrence Ansert, milk.....	76 50
“ Wm. Gibson, timber.....	68 44
“ R. J. Robinson, bread.....	61 60
“ Wetmore & Co., iron, &c.....	50 08
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	49 33
“ The U. S. Express Co., freight.....	40 00
“ James Montgomery, signs.....	30 50
“ W. H. Corey, brooms.....	30 00

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	Brought forward.....	\$5,155 69
Bill of	Union Adams, gloves.....	30 00
"	The J. L. Mott Iron Works, iron work....	25 94
"	Waltons & Leonard, hardware,.....	25 50
"	B. F. Crane, incidental expenses.....	17 75
"	The N. Y. Gas Light Co., gas.....	16 80
"	W. Felt & Co., stationery.....	16 00
"	Phelps, Dodge & Co., tin.....	13 00
"	Blunt & Nichols, rep'g surveying inst's....	14 25
"	J. L. Jackson & Bro., iron work.....	9 15
"	James Prentice, tape lines, &c.....	5 75
"	J. P. Jube & Co., cart rims.....	5 00
"	The J. L. Mott Iron Works, nails.....	2 00
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	Total.....	<u>\$5,336 83</u>

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the above mentioned bills, when properly audited by the Auditing Committee, amounting to fifty-three hundred and thirty-six $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars.

Dated New York, April 11, 1867.

M. H. GRINNELL, } *Auditing*
 } *Committee.*

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

Ayes—Commissioners Butterworth, Green, Stebbins, Blatchford, Grinnell—5.

On motion of Commissioner BLATCHFORD, at three o'clock and twenty minutes, the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
 Asst. Clerk.