

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

Department of Public Parks

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1873.



NEW YORK:

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— Parks —

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—Commissioner DILLON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meetings, of April 24th and May 1st, were read and approved.

A petition was received from the rockmen in the employ of the Department, asking an increase of compensation.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to present at the next meeting of the Board a statement showing the rates of wages paid by this Department, the Department of Public Works, and by contractors generally.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to provide a temporary base and to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the erection of the Shakespear Monument.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

The Treasurer, to whom was referred the subject of Carrousel and goat-carriages on the Central Park, presented a report, stating that no satisfactory arrangement had been arrived at with the party operating the same. Whereupon,

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to take such measures as he may deem proper to enforce the carrying out of the contract for operating goat-carriages and Carrousel on the Central Park.

A communication was received from W. A. Conklin, submitting proposal of Henry Reiche to sell birds and animals, and recommending the purchase of one Kangaroo at \$75, and three black Storks—one saddle-bill Stork and one Pelican, at \$100.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase the birds and animals as recommended by Mr. Conklin.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

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On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to report to this Board the legal obligations of the city as to Stuyvesant square.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of William A. Conklin be fixed at \$2,500 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

A communication was received from Geo. H. Mellen, desiring to introduce novelty-carriages on the Central Park for hire.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to make arrangements for the running of novelty-carriages on the Central Park during the pleasure of the Board.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the German Hospital, transmitting resolution of thanks for donation of cuttings.

Ordered filed.

The Treasurer presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 BROADWAY.

May 8, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Treasurer respectfully reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Board.....	\$35,202 16
" " " " Treasurer.....	8,255 81
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Total.....	\$43,457 97
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Balance due bank on former over-draft, about.... \$51,000 00

H. G. STEBBINS,

*Treasurer of the Department
of Public Parks.*

The TREASURER presented a list of appointments and removals made by him since the last meeting of the Board, which was approved and ordered filed.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to make arrangements with William H. Florence for the opening of the draw and the care of McComb's Dam Bridge, at a salary not exceeding \$1,000 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

The Treasurer presented the following :

The Treasurer begs leave to submit a list of bills, which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority, for purchase and correctness of computation and detail.

Bill of Charles Guidet, pavement.....	\$15,750 00
“ John P. Cummings, Jr., Ave. St. Nicholas work	4,972 00
“ James C. Hoe & Co., cottages	3,000 00
“ Thomas Handibode, filling.....	2,000 00
“ A. Cooper & Lauferswiler, flower-pots.	423 50
“ Hollister & Brownell, hay, oats and feed...	409 31
“ William Nelson, Jr., pipe.....	152 80
“ Townsend & Co., coal.....	135 00
“ A. S. Gatchel, hose	84 00
“ C. T. Raynolds & Co., sponges, white lead, &c.....	68 75
“ R. H. Allen & Co., grass seed	43 85

Bill of Bradley & Smith, brooms and mops	\$45 00
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware	43 00
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery	41 94
“ D. E. Reese, carpenter work	32 56
“ Thomas Harrison's Son, oil cans	30 00
“ William S. Whitlock & Co., rope	21 40
“ Gillis & Geoghegan, coupling	15 00
“ A. T. Stewart & Co., muslin	14 12
“ Wetmore & Co., iron	13 92
“ Bell Brothers, lumber	7 22
“ Landers, Frary & Clark, mower parts	4 00
“ James Prentice, tape	4 00
“ J. H. Sullivan, 7th ave. pavement	12,375 00
“ W. H. Grant, expenses	94 18
“ U. S. Express Co., freight	26 65
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., printing	9 14
“ Rohrbeck & Goebeler, apparatus	200 50
“ Isaac Evans, expenses	57 03
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and flagging	15,189 56
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., base course	5,796 50
“ Marvin & Co., rent	2,129 13
“ New York Evening Post, printing	793 92
“ C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints, oils, &c.	227 38
“ Union Adams & Co., gloves	173 25
“ James Booth & Son, plants	<i>gold</i> , 154 56
“ Tenth National Bank, interest	130 88
“ Robert C. Reeves, mowing machines	127 50
“ James Green, apparatus	110 00
“ Theodore F. Towe, coal	90 00
“ A. Dumahaut, expenses	79 20
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, steel	65 43
“ George Such, plants	50 00
“ American Clock Co., clock	40 00
“ Bradley & Smith, brooms and mops	39 00

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Bill of James Duffy, milk	\$30 10
“ New York Gas Light Co., gas	30 00
“ A. S. Gatchel, hose	17 00
“ Keuffel & Esser, tracing cloth	15 00
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery	14 61
“ Lalance and Grosjean Mfg. Co., cups	5 40
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware	5 00
“ H. A. Rogers & Co., tongs	3 20
“ Walter W. Wooley, sieve	1 15
“ J. W. Tyler, putting up awning	8 00
“ J. H. Sullivan, filling on Manhattan street..	7,200 00
“ Charles Guidet, reserved percentage	903 93
“ Allen Engine Works, repairing steam rollers	299 69
Total	<hr/> \$73,803 22

Dated New York, May 8th, 1872.

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following:

Resolved, That the order to remove four trees on the north side of the play-ground on the Central Park be suspended until the further order of the Board.

Laid on the table.

Commissioner GREEN called from the table the resolution offered by him April 9, 1872, as follows :

Resolved, That the deer house on the Central Park be removed, and the materials utilized in the best possible way.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Noes—Mr. Dillon—1.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to accept a section of a California tree, and provide a suitable shelter for the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Olmsted & Vaux the sum of five thousand dollars, in full liquidation of all claims against this Department, or against the late Commissioners of the Central Park, for plans furnished, or services rendered, and that they deliver to this Department all plans and drawings relating to the Central Park.

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The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

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

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 BROADWAY.

May 15, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Treasurer \$7,069 77
Balance due bank on former over-draft..... 54,797 84

H. G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer of the Department
of Public Parks.

The TREASURER presented a list of appointments and removals made by him since the last meeting of the Board, which was approved and ordered filed.

A communication was received from Henry Patterson, relative to a street known on map of the estate of Isaac Dyckman, as Cooper street.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to consider the subject of allowance to be made for areaway on 155th street.

In compliance with a resolution adopted at the last meeting, the TREASURER presented a schedule of wages paid.

Ordered filed.

The TREASURER laid before the Board a contract with J. H. Sullivan for filling on Manhattan street and new Avenue.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, referred to the Treasurer to examine into and report on to the Board.

The TREASURER presented a copy of the deed relative to Stuyvesant square.

Ordered filed.

A communication was received from the Eureka Pavement Company desiring to lay a piece of their pavement at Central Park.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the Eureka Pavement Co. be allowed to lay a

sample of their pavement in front of St. Vincent at the Central Park, at their own expense, under the direction of the President.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the report of the Board of Engineers on concrete pavements.

Laid on the table.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of Chap. 697 of the Laws of 1867, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) dollars for payment of work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage and improving the Seventh avenue, from 110th street to the Harlem river.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to report to this Board the amount already expended on the improvement of Seventh avenue, and the probable cost of completing the same.

A communication was received from Olmsted & Vaux, Landscape Architects, relative to the communication between the Terrace and the Reservoirs, and on the deficiency of shade on the drives and walks of the Central Park.

Commissioner DILLON moved that the same be laid on the table, and printed as a document of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

(See Doc. No. 35.)

A communication was received from C. B. Howard, for permission to erect an ornamental weather-protecting seat in City Hall Park.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, the permission was granted, under direction of Superintendent.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the law relating to the improvement of 155th street be referred to the Executive Committee, to report a plan for the improvement of said street.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The TREASURER begs leave to submit a list of bills, which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of James Slattery, gravel.....	\$2,600 00
“ Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	1,465 00
“ Caldwell, Weston & Co., coal.....	936 00

Bill of Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	\$923 81
“ A. Leroy, plants..... <i>gold</i>	876 50
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone.....	413 62
“ Louis Van Houlte, plants..... <i>gold</i>	400 28
“ George Such, sand and peat.....	370 00
“ Tatham Brothers, pipe.....	205 74
“ J. W. Bissell & Co., beavers.....	165 00
“ A. S. Gatchel, hose.....	144 00
“ New York Lead Co., pipe.....	142 29
“ William Cartwright, vegetables and fish....	105 65
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	90 78
“ E. H. Reeves & Co., mowing-machines....	85 00
“ J. M. Thorburn & Co., grass-seed.....	74 30
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	685 87
“ Edward C. Miller, services.....	60 00
“ C. T. Raynolds, & Co., paints, &c.	68 25
“ John P. Jube & Co., carriage hardware ..	48 98
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	41 00
“ James Booth & Son, plant..... <i>gold</i>	39 07
“ J. W. Bartlett, lamps.....	37 00
“ Kunhardt & Co., freight.....	29 08
“ John Cadness, plants.....	21 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	18 55
“ William Menzies, sawdust.....	15 00
“ Charles Scharbach, leather.....	12 25
“ Charles M. Terry, rope.....	9 95
“ Charles Scharbach, leather.....	10 34
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	9 15
“ James C. Talcott, oatmeal.....	6 00
“ William V. Cussey & Co., soap.....	4 73
“ Van Tayl & Co., coal dust.....	3 50
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, furnace.....	2 50
“ J. Della Torre, oars.....	2 00
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and flagging.	17,815 59

Bill of New York Evening Post, printing	\$48 50
“ Peter Henderson, plants	90 00
“ A. Simpson, bread	56 81
“ R. C. Reeves, grass-hooks	13 00
“ Davis & Riker, cotton-washer	10 00
Total	<hr/> \$28,156 09

Dated New York, May 15th, 1872.

HENRY G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer Dep't Public Parks.

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Stebbins, Church—4.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That ANDREW H. GREEN be, and he is hereby elected Vice-President of this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Stebbins, Church—3.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, at four o'clock and fifteen minutes, the Board

Adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ FIELDS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 BROADWAY.
May 22, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Bank over-draft on Board account.....	\$54,296 89
Bank over-draft on Treasurer's account.....	5,281 51
Total.....	\$59,578 40

H. G. STEBBINS,
*Treasurer of the Department
of Public Parks.*

From Lewis B. Brown, relative to improving the triangle at Ninth avenue, Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets.

Referred to the Landscape Architects to report on.

From William R. Martin, president of the West Side Association, relative to the prosecution of the work on Boulevard, Morningside Park and elsewhere, and desiring to be furnished with a copy of printed minutes of the Board.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the President of the Department of Public Parks be, and he is hereby, requested to take immediate measures to acquire title to the land necessary for the extension of the Boulevard north of 155th street.

Further debate was had, when,

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, inasmuch as legislation having been had affecting the Boulevard, streets and avenues north of Fifty-ninth street, said communications and resolutions were laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board.

The TREASURER presented a list of appointments made by him since the last meeting of the Board, which was approved and ordered filed.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay the Peekskill Gravel Company the balance due for gravel furnished this Department upon an abatement of interest on the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—4.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the members of the police and gate-keepers' force of the Department of Parks be allowed to retain such uniforms as are condemned.

Referred to the President to report on.

A communication was received from C. Ryan, Superintendent, recommending that Transverse Road No. 2 be paved the same as Nos. 1 and 3.

Referred to the Engineer, to report as to the advisability of the same.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Whereas, uniformity in the wages paid by the various departments of the city government to laborers is desirable ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the President of the Department of Public Parks be, and he is hereby, requested to consult with the heads of the other departments of the city and county government, with a view to the attainment of such result, and urge upon them a unity of action whereby the same rate of wages to laborers shall be paid by each and every department.

Resolved, That in view of the expenses of living, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per day of eight hours is but a fair remuneration for ordinary labor ; skilled and other labor to receive a proportionately increased compensation.

Whereas, the great majority of people are unable to enjoy the music at Central Park on Saturday afternoons ;

Resolved, That the President of the Department of Public Parks be, and he is hereby, directed to have appropriate music in Central Park upon each Sunday afternoon.

Resolved, That hereafter the meetings of this Board be open to the public.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS said preambles and resolutions were laid on the table, and made the special order for the next meeting of the Board.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—3.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and is hereby authorized, to enter into a contract for having backs put on all Park settees now without backs.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—3.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to contract for eight hundred Park settees of the same pattern as those already ordered from J. L. Mott.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—3.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Engineers on concrete pavements, presented at the last meeting, be printed as a document of this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—3.

(See Document No. 37.)

On motion of Commissioner DILLON :

Resolved, That the President be requested to fix the location of the baths at either end of the Battery.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Robert Demcker be fixed at \$2,250 per annum, and that of Emil T. Lagrave at \$2,000 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—3.

In compliance with the order of the Board, at the last meeting, the Treasurer presented a statement of the amount expended on the improvement of Seventh avenue, and an estimate of the cost for completing the same.

Ordered filed.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The TREASURER begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail.

Bill of J. H. Sullivan, 7th ave. pavement.....	\$14,850 00
“ James Slattery, mould.....	2,508 30
“ Nelson J. Waterbury, services.....	1,500 00
“ Anthony Imhoff, rep'g bridge.....	948 00
“ Hollister & Brownell, hay, oats and feed...	508 59
“ Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	260 10
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	227 03
“ Slote & Janes, stationery.....	215 08
“ Slote & Janes, “.....	210 40
“ R. W. Adams & Co., tar kettle.....	175 00
“ William C. Wilson, plants.....	129 00

Bill of James McFarland, Jr., dryer.....	\$125 00
“ Charles Helmuth, rustic work.....	100 25
“ Charles Reiche & Bro., birds.....	100 00
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	93 90
“ J. H. Telfair & Co., oil.....	93 60
“ J. J. Johnston & Co., hats.....	81 08
“ Miller & Coates, pipe.....	51 81
“ Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., binding reports..	30 00
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, castings.....	28 61
“ Henry Herbst, plants.....	24 50
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery.....	21 90
“ Charles M. Terry, rope.....	4 60
“ Keuffel & Esser, drawing-pins.....	1 00
“ William Gibson, stone boats.....	250 00
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, settee legs, &c.....	203 98
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, steel.....	18 48
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, ring and eye-bolt..	2 50
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Total.....	<u>\$22,762 66</u>

Dated New York, May 22d, 1872.

HENRY G. STEBBINS,
Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Stebbins—3.

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

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1872.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 BROADWAY, N. Y.
May 25, 1872.

Mr. E. P. BARKER, *Clerk to Board* :

Sir : You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday next, 27th instant, at 2 P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,

H. G. STEBBINS,
*President of the Department
of Public Parks.*

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Commissioner DILLON.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—ANDREW H. GREEN, Esq., Vice-President, and
Commissioner FIELDS,
“ CHURCH,
“ OLMSTED.

The minutes of the previous meetings of 22d and 27th were read and approved.

The VICE-PRESIDENT presented the resignation of Olmsted & Vaux, landscape architects and general superintendents.

Accepted.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Board a certificate of His Honor the Mayor, of the appointment of Frederick Law Olmsted as Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks, with copy of oath of office. Ordered entered at length upon the minutes and placed on file, as follows,

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, May 28, 1872. }

Under and by virtue of section 95 of an act entitled "An

act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 5, 1870,

FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, Esq.,

is hereby appointed a member of the Department of Public Parks of the City Government, for a full term of five years, and as successor to Henry G. Stebbins, Esq., who has resigned as a member of said Department.



(Signed) A. OAKEY HALL,
Mayor of the City of New York.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this office.

CHAS. O. JOLINE,
Chief Clerk.

I, FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of a member of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, according to the best of my ability.

(Signed) FRED. LAW OLMSTED.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
this 29th day of May, 1872, }

A. OAKEY HALL,
Mayor of the City of New York,

and filed in the Mayor's office, this 29th day of May, A. D. 1872, according to ordinance.

(Signed) CHAS. O. JOLINE,
Chief Clerk.

On motion of Commissioner CHURCH, it was—

Ordered, That the Board do now proceed to the election of President, by ballot.

The CHAIRMAN appointed Commissioner CHURCH, Teller.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for President, whereupon—

The Teller announced the result, as follows :

For President, Frederick Law Olmsted received 3 votes.

“	Andrew H. Green,	“	1	“
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	Total,		4	“

Commissioner OLMSTED having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was declared duly elected President.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication of Henry G. Stebbins, resigning his office of Treasurer.

Accepted.

On motion of Commissioner CHURCH, it was—

Ordered, That the Board do now proceed to the election of Treasurer, the same Teller acting.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for Treasurer, whereupon—

The Teller announced the result, as follows :

For Treasurer, Frederick Law Olmsted, received 3 votes.

“	Andrew H. Green,	“	1	“
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	Total,		4	“

Commissioner OLMSTED having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was declared duly elected Treasurer.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux be, and he is hereby, appointed Landscape Architect and General Superintendent, at a salary of \$6,000 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

No—Mr. Fields—1.

Commissioner GREEN called up the resolution found on p. 258 of the Minutes, as follows :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it expedient for the public interest for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for that portion of the road or public drive laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park, under and by virtue of an act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York, passed April 24, 1865, within that part of the City and County of New York, to the northward of the southerly line of 155th Street, and along the westerly or Hudson River side of said City that lies between said southerly line of 155th Street, and the intersection of the Kings Bridge Road with Inwood Street, as said portion of said road or public drive was laid out by a resolution of the Commissioners of Central Park, adopted December 13, 1866 ; and that the President of the Department of Public Parks be

authorized to take the necessary measures, for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of and required for such portion of said road or public drive, and to sign on behalf of the Department of Public Parks the necessary papers to acquire such title.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Commissioner FIELDS called up his resolutions offered at the last meeting.

On motion of Commissioner CHURCH said resolutions were laid over, and made the special order for the next meeting.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to present at the next meeting of the Board, specifications for the regulating and grading of 155th Street, east of the Boulevard, as provided by the late law ; the said work to be done by contract.

Commissioner FIELDS moved as an amendment, that said work be done by days' work, instead of by contract.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Mr. Fields—1.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

The question recurring on the original motion, Commissioner FIELDS moved a division of the question.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

A communication was received from Fernando Wood, relative to the placing of statues in the Central Park.

Laid on the table.

A communication was received from M. A. Kellogg, Engineer, relative to paving Transverse Road No. 2 on the Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer to report on at the next meeting of the Board.

A report was received showing the appointments made by the President since the last meeting of the Board, which was approved.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, the Treasurer was directed to present at the next meeting of the Board a report as to the quality of gravel now being used by the Department.

The following report was received :

The TREASURER begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of William Baird, pavement.....	\$12,123 00
“ Cook & Chesebrough, park-wall.....	3,431 00
“ William Menzies & Son, lumber.....	1,703 04
“ James L. Jackson & Bro., roof-cresting..	581 00
“ Parsons & Co., trees and plants.....	558 75
“ Hollister & Brownell, hay, oats and feed.	501 28
“ John McCaulay, trap-rock screenings....	405 34
“ Composite Iron Works Co., railing.....	317 35
“ Archer & Pancoast Mfg. Co., lanterns....	199 50
“ John Balmore, repairing bridge.....	120 00
“ Peter Henderson, plants.....	89 00
“ Annin & Co., flags.....	64 00
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, steel.....	61 63
“ N. Y. Laminated Pipe Co., pipe.....	40 40
“ P. Van Gieson, sprinklers.....	39 00
“ W. C. Wilson, plants.....	17 50
“ Vanderbilt Brothers, mats.....	13 00
“ Keuffel & Esser, drawing-paper.....	12 00
“ E. H. Reeves & Co., scythe-rifles.....	8 55
“ James S. Barron & Co., pails.....	8 00
“ John J. Remier & Co., matches and brushes.....	7 57
“ Lalance & Grosjean Mfg. Co., cups.....	6 75
“ John Boyle, awnings.....	6 60
“ Swan & Browbacher, sash-cord.....	6 47
“ William O. Labagh, salt.....	2 00
“ John J. Serrell, services.....	475 00
“ H. B. Dodworth, music.....	420 00
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb and flagging	8,814 94
“ James C. Talcott, hay, oats and meal....	191 57
Total.....	<hr/> \$30,284 24

Dated New York, May, 29, 1872.

H. G. STEBBINS,

Treasurer D. P. P.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS :

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Park report to this Board, at its next meeting, what number, if any, laborers of the Department of Public Parks are required to work more than eight hours per day, without extra compensation for work done in excess of eight hours.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS, the Treasurer was directed to report to this Board, at its next meeting, what action is necessary to be taken relative to completing the wall on the Jumel property on the line of Tenth avenue.

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

E. P. BARKER,
Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—FRED. LAW OL MSTED, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ FIELDS,
“ DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and on motion of Commissioner FIELDS, amended, on page 406, line eight, by striking out the word “relative” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “objecting,” and after the word “statues” the words “of foreigners,” and as amended was approved.

A petition was received from A. B. Mills, relative to grade of Tenth avenue, at 155th street.

Referred to the Treasurer to report on.

The following communications were received :

From the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, relative to money due for work done.

Referred to the Treasurer to report on.

From the New York Sabbath Committee, desiring an oppor-

tunity to express views adverse to the furnishing of music on the Central Park on Sundays.

Laid over.

From George Raphael, relative to license fee for exhibition of camera obscura on Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer to report on the whole subject of exhibitions on the Central Park.

Commissioner GREEN 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 of certain portions of the city and county of New York," passed April 24th, 1865, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby lay out the streets and roads within that part of the city of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One hundred and fifty-fifth street, provided for in said act, which are shown by red color and figures on the map thereof, dated New York, May 1st, 1872, and signed by Wm. H. Grant, civil and topographical engineer; the widths, locations, courses, windings, extent and direction of the said streets and roads so laid down on said map, seeming to said Board of Commissioners most conducive to public good, and that the lands colored red on said map are those required for the said streets and roads laid out as aforesaid, and that the President of said Board of Commissioners cause the said streets and roads, so laid out as aforesaid, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, and also cause to be prepared and submit to this Board profiles and grades for the said streets and roads so laid out.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks deem it expedient for the public interest for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for that portion of a street running from the Kingsbridge road on the west, and the Tenth avenue on the east, laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park, under and by virtue of an act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the city and county of New York, passed April 24, 1865, 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, extending from the Kingsbridge road on the west to the Tenth avenue on the east, as said street was laid out by a resolution of the Commissioners of the Central Park, adopted February 11, 1869, and described in said resolution, the southerly side of said street being parallel with and $2,644\frac{3}{10}$ feet northerly from the southerly side of One hundred and fifty-fifth street, and shown by map now on file; and that the President of the Department of Public Parks be authorized to take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Department of Public Parks, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of and required for such portion of said street, and to sign on behalf of the Department of Public Parks the necessary papers to acquire such title.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner FIELDS called up the resolutions offered by him on 22d May, page 393, laid over at the last meeting, “and made the special order for the next meeting.”

Debate was had thereon, when Commissioner FIELDS raised the point of order that the resolutions offered by him on 22d

May, and laid over at the last meeting, having been made the special order for to-day, must be taken up on the call of a Commissioner, unless otherwise directed by a vote of the Board.

The PRESIDENT decided the point of order not well taken ; that the regular order of business must be proceeded with.

Commissioner FIELDS appealed from the decision of the President.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would sustain the decision of the President, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Church, Olmsted—4.

No—Mr. Fields—1.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the Board do now take up the resolutions found on p. 393 of the minutes, relating to the pay of workmen, Sunday music and opening of the meetings of the Board to the public. •

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the resolutions found on p. 393 of the minutes relating to the pay of workmen, Sunday music and opening of the meetings of the Board to the public, be made the special order for the next meeting, immediately after the reading of the minutes.

Commissioner GREEN moved as an amendment that the whole subject be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Noes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That with the view of establishing proper rates of wages, the Treasurer be requested to report at the next meeting a statement showing a comparative list of wages paid elsewhere in this city, and what increase, if any, would be proper.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following as an amendment :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to report a scale of wages of \$2.50 per day of eight hours for common laborers, and for skilled and other labor an increase in proportion, and that he be requested to urge upon the other Departments of the city the adoption of that rate of wages.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Mr. Fields—1.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Church, Olmsted—4.

The question recurring on the original resolution, it was put and determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he is hereby requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, monthly, a proportionate amount of the moneys appropriated by the Board of Apportionment for the maintenance of the Central Park, parks and places, and other works under the control of the Department for the year 1872.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the follows :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Department of Public

Parks make arrangements for the usual Exhibition of Fireworks, on the 4th of July next, not exceeding the amount expended for like purpose last year.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The TREASURER begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of Charles Guidet, pavement.....	\$14,333 80
“ D. E. Culver, trap-rock.....	3,741 92
“ Frank Ryder, gravel.....	2,573 97
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., blue stone....	1,092 40
“ Parsons & Co., plants.....	385 70
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb.....	327 28
“ Tenth National Bank, interest.....	164 43
“ Antony Imhoff, materials for rep'g. bridge	125 40
“ N. Y. & Richmond Granite Co., granite	112 30
“ C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints, oils, &c.,	79 97
“ Emil L. Heusner, services.....	75 00
“ James L. Jackson & Bro., hinges.....	75 00
“ Charles H. Mulligan, asphaltum.....	65 00
“ John J. Remier & Co., brooms, brushes,	
&c.....	56 77
“ R. H. Allen & Co., scythes.....	52 00
“ Gifford, Beach & Co., axles and wheels	44 10

Bill of Keuffel & Esser, drawing-paper.....	\$41 50
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery.....	16 81
“ J. J. R. Croes, expenses.....	15 04
“ W. H. Grant, “	10 12
“ Frederick W. Hamilton, services.....	6 75
“ J. E. Halsey & Co., washers.....	5 75
“ Anton Gerster, rustic bridge.....	1,200 00
“ J. H. Sullivan, 7th ave. pavement.....	10,395 00
“ William T. Blodgett, filling.....	7,204 90
“ J. W. Bartlett, lamps.....	645 00
“ Page, Kidder & Fletcher, cement.....	422 00
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Total.....	\$43,267 91

Dated New York, June 5th, 1872.

FRED. LAW OL MSTED,

Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

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

E. P. BARKER,

Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ FIELDS,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner GREEN moved a reconsideration of the resolution, adopted at the last meeting, on page 414 of the Journal.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be, and he is hereby, requested to deposit in the Tenth National Bank, in the city of New York, monthly, a proportionate amount

of the moneys appropriated by the Board of Apportionment for the maintenance of the Central Park, parks and places, and other works under the control of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner FIELDS moved a reconsideration of the resolution offered by him and adopted at the last meeting, page 411 of the minutes.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The following communications were received :

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From Alexander Shaler, Major-General Commanding First Division N. G., S. N. Y., desiring to consult with reference to provisions of Chap. 628, Laws of 1871, for the establishment of a Parade Ground.

Referred to the President.

From the Comptroller of the City, designating "The Daily Register" as the official journal.

Ordered filed.

From Wm. R. Martin, attorney for Mrs. Curtis, relative to triangle at 107th street and Boulevard.

Laid on the table.

A report was received from the Treasurer relative to the claim of the Schillinger Artificial Stone Company, recommending that a settlement be made on a basis of thirty cents per foot.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the whole subject be referred to the Treasurer, with power to settle.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

A report was received from the Superintendent, relative to men in the employ of the Department working more than eight hours per day.

Ordered filed.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The TREASURER begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of J. H. Sullivan, filling.....	\$13,840 00
“ D. E. Culver, broken stone.....	4,135 95
“ W. G. Adams, filling.....	3,227 91
“ James Slattery, sand.....	1,536 00
“ Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse...	968 75

Bill of Patrick Dunnican, broken stone.....	\$863 83
“ Fisk Pavement & Flagging Co., apparatus	774 00
“ David J. Tyson, Jr., vegetables.....	742 80
“ Watrous & Wilson, lumber.....	587 87
“ Richard Dudgeon, repairing rollers, &c..	480 40
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	415 00
“ Thomas Handibods, filling.....	338 34
“ Irah Chase, lamp-posts.....	288 76
“ Dodworth's Band, music,.....	200 00
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., printing.....	222 47
“ Richard Dudgeon, repairing rollers, &c.	206 90
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	202 61
“ Hollisher & Brownell, meal, oats & salt..	151 70
“ James M Thorburn & Co., seed.....	147 60
“ William Cartwright, vegetables.....	141 85
“ J. E. Halsey & Co., hardware.....	131 74
“ Peck & Wandell, lime, brick and cement	114 25
“ James C. Talcott, corn and straw.....	111 77
“ Robt. C. Reeves, mowing machine.....	106 25
“ A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	102 92
“ Miller & Coates, pipe.....	101 15
“ A. Simpson, bread.....	61 64
“ Edward C. Miller, services.....	52 50
“ Keuffel & Esser, tracing cloth.....	40 00
“ James Duffy, milk.....	31 00
“ E. H. Reeves & Co., mower parts.....	30 25
“ New York Gaslight Co., gas.....	26 70
“ Frazer Lubricator Co., axle grease.....	18 00
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, steel.....	14 93
“ William V. Crissey & Co., soap and acid	11 50
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery.....	6 11
“ W. Bullinger, counting house monitor..	6 00
“ A. T. Stewart & Co., thread and tape...	6 00
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery.....	5 90

Bill of E. Treadwell's Son, soda biscuit.	\$5 85
“ Wotherspoon Brothers, plaster.	5 30
“ John J. Remier & Co., twine.	3 75
“ John P. Jube & Co., jacks for shafts.	3 50
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb & flagging.	19,794 02
“ F. H. Hamlin, rent of instrument.	56 00
“ M. A. Kellogg, “ “	28 00
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Total.	\$50,407 77

Dated New York, June 12th, 1872.

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,

Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The TREASURER laid before the Board a plan for a drinking fountain for Reservoir square.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the same be approved, and the Treasurer authorized to proceed with the construction of the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

A communication was received from Geo. M. Van Nort, Commissioner of Public Works, transmitting certified copy of a law, relative to the control and management of the Boulevard, streets and avenues above Fifty-ninth street, and requesting the transfer to the Department of Public Works of the said Boulevard, streets and avenues, in accordance with the provisions of said law.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the communication from the Commissioner of Public Works be referred to the President, with instructions to make the transfer requested by the communication, but that the President is authorized, if in his judgment it is desirable, to employ counsel to advise him what is required by the law to be so transferred, and what jurisdiction and powers remain to this Board over the Boulevard, streets, avenues and public places outside of the limits of the public parks.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Vaux be requested to consult with the Executive Committee of the Museum of Natural History, and report to this Board in reference to the general plan for the new building, and its location.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That from and after the third Wednesday in June stated meetings be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner GREEN called up the By-laws presented at the meeting of January 30, 1872, p. 286, and moved the adoption of the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Church, Olmsted—4.

No—Mr. Fields—1.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the brick urinals at the Central Park be removed as rapidly as possible, and that iron urinals be substituted in places to be selected by the President.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, it was

Resolved, That the President be requested to revise the location of sign-boards at the Central Park, for the benefit of pedestrians.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to report on the pending arrangements with Schultz & Walker, in reference to the Mineral Spring, and whether a carriage approach can be constructed to the same.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to report at the next meeting on the subject of the Carrousel and goat carriages at the Central Park, and what action, if any, is necessary in the matter.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, it was

Resolved, That the President be requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the speedy completion of the Fifth avenue, above Ninety-second street.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, it was

Resolved, That the President be requested to report how far the resolution of the Board, ordering one thousand park settees, has been proceeded with; also, as to the order of the Board in relation to putting backs on settees.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following:

Resolved, That the President be directed to re-open the path through the centre to northward and southward of Union square, and to erect a urinal at the south-east end of the square.

Laid on the table.

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

E. P. BARKER,

Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ FIELDS,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Geo. M. Van Nort, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to placing lamps in Fifty-ninth street, between Fifth and Seventh avenues.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the same be referred to the Treasurer with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a certified copy of an

act, entitled "An Act to repeal an act entitled an act relative to the improvement of certain portions of the counties of Westchester and New York, including provisions for communication between said counties, and for the improving of the navigation of Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek," passed April fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, so far as relates to the survey of towns of Eastchester and Westchester, in the county of Westchester, and to amend the same in other respects.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said act be laid on the table and printed in document form.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

(See Doc. No. 38.)

The TREASURER stated that Mr. Edward Kemeys, the modeler of the group of animals at the Park, was desirous of purchasing the same.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that the subject be referred to the Treasurer with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner FIELDS called upon the Treasurer for a report

showing comparative list of wages as paid on works in this city, as called for by resolution adopted on 5th inst., p. 413 of the minutes.

Whereupon the TREASURER stated that he was not yet ready to report, but would do so at the next meeting.

The TREASURER in accordance with a resolution, adopted at the last meeting of the Board, presented a report relative to carrousel and goat carriages.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the contract for running goat carriages and carrousel on the Central Park be, and the same is hereby declared null and void, the same having been violated, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to take all necessary proceedings to secure the amount due the Department on account of license-fee.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The TREASURER begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of Schillinger, Artificial Stone Co., pavement.	\$25,165	29
“ John P. Cummings, Jr., grading Avenue St.		
Nicholas.....	4,024	00
“ John McCaulay, broken trap-rock.....	3,659	32
“ Frank Ryder, gravel.....	2,503	57

Bill of Johnson & Davis, brick, lime and sand..	\$1,893 75
“ D. E. Culver, trap-rock screening.....	506 07
“ Norris & Williams, plumbers' ware.....	482 08
“ Solomon Sayles, meat.....	427 75
“ Hollister & Brownell, hay, bran and feed.	314 11
“ A. T. Stewart & Co., oil-cloth.....	269 20
“ Pugsley & Chapman, wheelbarrows.....	265 20
“ William Gibson, stone boats.....	250 00
“ Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas.....	213 30
“ Charles Helmuth, charges on plants....	205 25
“ J. M. Grenell, scroll-sawing, &c.....	148 50
“ Charles H. Mulligan, asphaltum.....	128 07
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	94 50
“ J. W. Stevens & Bros., lumber.....	79 70
“ G. Gunther, bird-cages.....	79 20
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works Co., iron working.	62 00
“ Joseph Cohen, casks.....	51 00
“ Calvert Vaux, expenses.....	36 00
“ Daniel Draper, articles for Mtg'l Dept....	28 95
“ E. Hallock, corn and wheat.....	28 25
“ J. E. Halsey & Co., paint brushes.....	27 83
“ W. S. Whittock & Co., rope.....	18 72
“ Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	16 63
“ Journal of Commerce, subscription.....	15 00
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron.....	11 57
“ J. Becker, looking-glass.....	9 75
“ W. & J. Sloane, oil-cloth.....	9 33
“ J. E. Halsey & Co., hammer handles....	8 00
“ Tatham & Brothers, lead.....	7 23
“ F. W. Christern, plates.....	6 10
“ Keuffel & Esser, paint, &c.....	3 90
“ Paul C. Coffin, coat-hooks.....	2 25
“ C. T. Reynolds & Co., sand.....	1 75
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	405 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$41,458 12

Dated New York, June 19, 1872.

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Treasurer Dept. Public Parks.

Commissioner CHURCH moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That all further proceedings relative to taking the lands lying between Seventy-second street and One hundred and twenty-ninth street, and the Eleventh avenue and the Hudson River, commonly known as Riverside Park, under the 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 24, 1865, be and the same are hereby discontinued.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner GREEN moved that said resolution be laid on the table and be made the special order for the next meeting, immediately after the reading of the minutes.

Mr. FIELDS called for the ayes and noes on said motion, when

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Church, Olmsted—4.

No—Mr. Fields—1.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS :

Resolved, That the President of this Board report in writing at the next meeting what number of rooms under lease to the Department of Public Parks, in this building, are used and occupied by other persons than the employees of this Department, and what rent, if any, is allowed or paid for the use of the same, and by whom occupied.

Commissioner DILLON called up the resolution offered by him, and laid over at the last meeting of the Board, as follows :

Resolved, That the President be directed to re-open the path through the centre to northward and southward of Union square, and to erect a urinal at the south-east end of the square.

Debate was had thereon, when

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Nays—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the urinal at Union square be placed at the south-east corner.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Nays—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from M. A. Kellogg, resigning the position of Engineer-in-Chief.

Commissioner GREEN moved that the same be accepted and ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The PRESIDENT stated, for the information of the Board, that he had transmitted to the Commissioner of Public Works a copy of the resolution adopted at the last meeting relative to transfer of Boulevard streets, roads and avenues, as well as submitted the whole matter to counsel, and presented the correspondence with the Commissioner of Public Works, and opinion of counsel on the subject, and stated that the Commissioner of Public Works had taken possession of the Boulevard streets, roads and avenues, as mentioned in the act.

Debate was had thereon, when, on motion of Commissioner GREEN—

Resolved, That the whole subject be laid over until the next meeting, and that the Corporation Counsel be requested to furnish his opinion on the questions heretofore submitted to him by the President in reference to section seven of chapter 872 of laws of 1872, on or before Tuesday next.

On motion of Commissioner GREEN :

Resolved, That the President be requested to report as to the obliteration of a walk leading from the Drive to the Mu-

seum, and to suggest a plan in relation to approaches to the Museum from the Main Drive.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS :

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it do adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at 2 o'clock P. M.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from E. P. Barker, resigning his position of Clerk to the Board governing the Department.

Commissioner FIELDS moved that said resignation be accepted and placed on file.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

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

E. P. BARKER,

Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Esq., President, and
Commissioner GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ FIELDS,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner FIELDS called up the resolution offered by him at the last meeting, page 431 of the minutes, and made the special order for the day, as follows :

Resolved, That all further proceedings relative to taking the lands lying between Seventy-second street and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, and the Eleventh avenue and the Hudson River, commonly known as Riverside Park, under the 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 24, 1865, be and the same are hereby discontinued.

Debate was had thereon, when

Commissioner GREEN moved that said resolution be laid on

the table and be made the special order for the next meeting, immediately after the reading of the minutes

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The County Judge of Westchester county and the Supervisor of the town of Morrisania appeared before the Board relative to the apportionment of the expenses of repairing and constructing bridges over the Harlem River, between the counties of New York and Westchester.

Commissioner GREEN, moved to refer the matter of the issuing of bonds for the construction of tunnels and bridges and the repairing of bridges to the Treasurer, to report thereon.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That this Board, in accepting the resignation of the clerk, Mr. E. P. Barker, regrets the loss of his services, and from an intimate knowledge of Mr. Barker in the employ of the Department for the last fourteen years, the Board, entertains the highest respect for his character as a man, and his ability as an officer.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, By a resolution of this Board, adopted on the 24th day of May, 1870, the necessary measures were adopted to secure the widening of Kingsbridge road, between the westerly side of 155th street and the Harlem River ; and

Whereas, More than two years have elapsed since the adoption of the above resolution, and the interests of the public are unfavorably affected by the delay, and the necessary arrangements for sewerage and supply of water are retarded, much to the inconvenience of the inhabitants of the northerly part of the island ;

Resolved, That the President be requested to ascertain and report to the Board the reasons for the delay in these proceedings, and to report to this Board whether any measures can be taken to expedite the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner FIELDS offered a similar preamble and resolution of enquiry, as follows :

Whereas, By resolution of this Board adopted on May 23,

1871, p. 98 of minutes, declaring it to be for the best interest of the public to acquire title to lands for the laying out of certain streets in the city and county of New York north of 155th street.

And whereas, More than twelve months have elapsed since the adoption of the above resolution, and the interests of the public are unfavorably affected by the delay;

Resolved, That the President be requested to ascertain and report to the Board whether any measures can be taken to expedite the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner CHURCH offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board, a copy of a resolution of the Common Council, as follows :

“ *Resolved*, That the Central Park Commissioners be requested to open a transverse road between 106th and 107th streets, on the Eighth avenue, during the grading of said avenue.”

Laid on the table.

The resolution laid over at the previous meeting, relative to the opinion of Corporation Counsel on the question submitted by the President, in reference to Sec. 7 of Chap. 872, of Laws of 1872, was called up.

Debate was had thereon, when Commissioner FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel, being the legal adviser of this Board, and having decided Sec. 7 of Chap. 872, of Laws of 1872, relative to the transfer of Boulevard streets, roads and avenues, to the Department of Public Works, to be constitutional, this Board abides by his decision.

Commissioner GREEN moved to amend, by striking out the word “ decision,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “ opinion,” and adding at the end of said resolution the words “ and adopts the suggestions therein contained.”

Commissioner DILLON moved an amendment :

Resolved, Whenever the President, in the discharge of his duties, shall be uncertain as to the powers of himself in the Department, under the seventh section of chap. 872, of laws 1872, the President shall take the opinion of Counsel to the Corporation on the subject of such uncertainty, and be governed by such opinion.

After debate was had thereon—

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

When, on motion of Commissioner DILLON, the amendment was reconsidered, and withdrawn by unanimous consent.

The question recurring on Commissioner GREEN'S motion to amend, it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Noes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

The question recurring on the original motion as amended, was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

On motion of Commissioner DILLON, it was

Resolved, Whenever the President, in the discharge of his duties, shall be uncertain as to the powers of himself in the Department, under the seventh section of chapter 872, of laws 1872, the President shall take the opinion of Counsel to the Corporation on the subject of such uncertainty, and be governed by such opinion.

A majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Commissioner FIELDS called upon the Treasurer for a report stating what number of rooms under lease to this Department in this building are used by persons other than the employees of the Department, and what rent is paid, and by whom occupied, as called for by resolution adopted on 19th inst., p. 432 of minutes.

Whereupon the Treasurer stated that he was not yet ready to report, but would do so at the next meeting.

Commissioner GREEN offered the following:

Resolved, That Frederick W. Whittemore be and is hereby appointed Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner FIELDS offered the following as an amendment:

Resolved, That C. W. Lawrence be and is hereby appointed clerk to the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

The question recurring on the original resolution, it was put and determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

No—Mr. Fields—1.

The PRESIDENT presented for the consideration of the Board a portion of the second annual report, so far as prepared.

On motion of Commissioner FIELDS :

Resolved, That printed slips of same be prepared and transmitted to the members of the Board.

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

ISAAC EVANS,
Asst. Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—FRED. L. OLMSTED, Esq., President and
Commissioner FIELDS.

A quorum not being present—

Adjourned.

ISAAC EVANS,
Asst. Clerk.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th, 1872.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

City of New York,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway, N. Y.

July 8th, 1872.

Mr. F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Clerk to Board :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Wednesday next, 10th inst., at 2 P. M., for action upon the resolution before the Board relating to Riverside Park.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
President D. P. P.

AND. H. GREEN,
Commissioner D. P. P.

Present :—FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Esq., President, and

Mr. GREEN,

“ DILLON,

“ FIELDS.

The minutes of the previous meetings, June 26 and July 3, were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT announced the special business to be the consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Fields at the meeting held June 26, p. 437 of the minutes, as follows :

Resolved, That all further proceedings relative to taking the lands lying between Seventy-second street and One hundred and Twenty-ninth street, and the Eleventh avenue and the Hudson river, commonly known as Riverside Park, under the 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 24, 1865, be and the same are hereby discontinued.

The PRESIDENT stated that many citizens had called to remonstrate against the passage of the resolution before the Board, and also presented twenty-two communications signed by the following persons :

. G. A. Sacchi, E. G. Burling and Gilbert Burling, Courtlandt Palmer, D. Colden Murray, Secretary for Governors of the Society of the New York Hospital ; Jacob Halsted, as executor est. of Jacob Harsen ; Leopold Eidlitz, John McClave, R. A. Witthaus, John W. Pirsson, R. L. Scheiffelin, Joseph W. Clowes, D. C. Wilcox and Nathaniel Smith, Joseph Walker, John T. Daly, B. E. Beekman, R. N. Hazard, Lewis B. Brown, L. B. Clark, James L. Curtiss, for C. Emma Curtiss ; John H. Morris, Henry M. Faber, W. H. Raynor, John H. Power and Lewis J. White, Peter Callaghan,

Remonstrating against the same.

Debate was had thereon, when

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Nays—Messrs. Green, Olmsted—2.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Department provide music in Mount Morris Park, as in other parks under the control of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Olmsted—4.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

By unanimous consent, Sections 2 and 8 of Article 2 of the By-Laws was amended by striking out the words "Clerk to the Board" and "Assistant Clerk," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Secretary to the Board" and "Assistant Secretary."

Mr. DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the TREASURER be authorized to contract for one thousand additional settees, providing the contractor agrees to deliver the same within thirty days from date of order.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Olmsted—4.

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

ISAAC EVANS,
Assistant Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Esq., President, and
Mr. GREEN,
“ DILLON,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Here Mr. Fields took his seat.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a copy of a resolution of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, as follows :

“ *Resolved*, That the Commissioners of Public Parks report to this Board the total cost of the Boulevard, from Fifty-ninth street to One hundred and Fifty-fifth street, for regulating, grading, macadamizing and curbing ; also the cost per yard of the roadway.”

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Referred to the Treasurer to reply thereto.

Also laid before the Board a copy of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, as follows :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be, and is hereby, respectfully requested to inform this Board by what

authority, or under what provisions of law, that Department is now extending the sidewalks at the junction of Broadway, Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street, and curtailing the dimensions and changing the form of the Worth Monument Square, at Broadway, Fifth avenue, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets.

On motion of Mr. DILLON, referred to the Treasurer.

The following communications were received :

From Isaac M. Dyckman, W. B. Ogden and others, owners of land bordering on the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, in the city of New York and county of Westchester, petitioning this Department to adopt tunnels where communications are required between New York and Westchester, except where suspension bridges may be advantageously substituted.

- On motion of Mr. FIELDS, said communications was referred to the President, to report at the next meeting on such plans as are before the Board, together with the cost thereof, and upon the general subject of the petition.

From N. P. Bailey and others relative to the surveys of that portion of Westchester county lying south of Yonkers and west of the Harlem Railroad.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, That the Treasurer report to the Board, at the next meeting, what progress has been made in the surveying of Westchester County, and what engineers and other persons are employed thereon, together with their compensation.

From W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, relative to proposals for laying out, mapping and monumenting streets, in the town of West Farm.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

From W. H. Grant, relative to stone-arched bridge designed to be built across Spuyten Duyvil Creek at Kingsbridge, and now transferred from Department of Public Works to the Department of Public Parks.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, said communication was referred to the Treasurer, with directions to confer with the contractor for building said bridge, and report thereon to the Board.

The PRESIDENT called the attention of the Board to the circumstances under which Mr. Waterhouse Hawkins had been employed on the Central Park, and to the fact that while pursuing the work for which he was engaged, he had been suddenly and without explanation suspended, without pay, by the Treasurer. Mr. Hawkins represented that injustice and pecuniary loss had thus been brought upon him. The President desired the Board to consider whether any compensation could now be made to Mr. Hawkins, the Board declining to take any action,

The TREASURER submitted his report, as called for by resolution adopted on June 5th, p. 413 of minutes.

Mr. FIELDS moved to recommit the said communication to the Treasurer, and that he be, and is hereby directed to report a scale of wages of \$2.50 per day of eight hours, for laborers, and for skilled and other labor a proportionate increase.

Debate was had thereon, when

Mr. GREEN moved that said resolution be laid on the table, which was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3. •

Noes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Mr. DILLON offered the following :

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer, showing comparative list of wages paid elsewhere in this city for common and skilled labor, be printed in document form.

Whereupon Mr. Fields raised the point of order, that the resolution having been laid on the table, carried the report with it.

The PRESIDENT decided the point of order not well taken.

The question recurring on the resolution,

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

(See document No. 39.)

On motion of Mr. FIELDS,

Resolved, That the matter of continuing the partition on the Harlem Bridge, to the floor line thereof, to protect pedestrians from the view of horses, be referred to the President.

Mr. FIELDS called up the resolution of inquiry offered by him, and found on p. 439 of the minutes.

Whereupon the TREASURER stated that he was not yet ready to report, the Counsel to the Corporation not having fully replied to his enquiries.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS :

Resolved, That the President be requested to confer with the Corporation Counsel, and if practicable to prepare a resolution, establishing the western boundary of Riverside Park on the eastern line of the property of Hudson River Railroad.

The TREASURER laid before the Board a report, stating what rooms under lease to this Department, in this building, are used by persons other than the employées of this Department, as called for by a resolution adopted 19th inst., p. 432 of the minutes.

Mr. FIELDS moved to recommit said statement to the Treasurer, with instructions to report to this Board what amount of rent can be obtained and what would, in his judgment, be a fair rent to charge for the rooms mentioned in said statement.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Mr. Vaux, the Landscape Architect, relative to the accompanying general plan for the Metropolitan Museum Art Building.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board approve the general plan of the portion of the Art Building prepared by Mr. Vaux, on consultation with the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and that Mr. Vaux be requested to prepare and present to this Board working-plans and estimates for said building, and that the Treasurer proceed to prepare the ground-work for the same.

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend by striking out the word "Mr." and insert in lieu thereof the word "Calvert," and after the word "Vaux," add the words "and Jacob Wrey Mould."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the

affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church—2.

Mr. FIELDS moved to further amend said resolution by striking out the words of the last clause, " and that the Treasurer proceed to prepare the ground-work for the same."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Mr. DILLON offered an amendment, as follows :

Resolved, That the construction of the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art be postponed until the completion of the Conservatory, and that the Board be informed of the probable cost thereof.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Dillon, Fields—2.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Mr. DILLON offered an amendment, as follows :

Resolved, That no work be done in connection with the building for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, until an opportunity be given to the architects of the country, to present designs for the same.

Debate was had thereon, when

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Aye—Mr. Dillon—1.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. DILLON offered an amendment, as follows :

Resolved, That the consideration of the general plans of the building for the Museum of Art, now submitted by the architects of this Department, be postponed until they furnish the Board with the proposed elevation.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the TREASURER be, and he is hereby, directed

to have the partition between the Board-Room and the room adjoining, removed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agreed to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

July 17, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department...	\$3,043 56
Balance in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer.....	2,830 39
Total.....	\$5,873 95

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Treasurer D. P. P.

Mr. GREEN called up his motion to amend the By-Laws, found on page 449 of the minutes, stating that the By-Laws required the unanimous consent of all the members of the Board to amend the same, and moved that the said motion to amend, be now confirmed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks hereby designate the Third National Bank as the depository of all moneys which by law are to be deposited to the credit of said Department, or which said Department is authorized to receive, and that the Treasurer of this Department transmit a copy of this resolution to the Comptroller of the City.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be requested, and authorized to prepare a volume, suitable for reference, of statistical and documentary matter relating to the Central Park.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS,

Laid on the table.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred

thousand dollars from the Third National Bank, in the city of New York, is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of chapter 290 of the laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Third National Bank, in the city of New York, the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars, for payment of work, services and materials furnished or to be furnished for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and for permanent improvements upon the several public squares and places under the control of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York,

under the provisions of chapter 290 of the laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Third National Bank, in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars for payment of work, services and materials furnished or to be furnished for permanent improvements upon the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The TREASURER begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of C. H. Hardwick & Co., granite.....	\$3,000 00
“ “ J. L. Mott ” Iron Works, settees.....	675 00
“ Page, Kidder & Fletcher, composition...	496 32
“ Robert C. Reeves, mowers.....	210 50
“ J. Zeigler & Co., chairs.....	182 00
“ P. Van Gieson, sprinklers.....	84 00
“ J. E. Halsey & Co., hardware.....	75 28
“ Hussey’s Special Message Post, deliver- ing reports.....	31 98
“ Paul C. Coffin, sand-screws.....	30 00
“ Keuffel & Esser, artists’ materials.....	23 35
“ Henry Brown, dippers.....	16 00
“ Wm. S. Whitelock & Co., rope.....	15 38

Bill of Funch, Edye & Co., freight on plants	\$16 21
“ Louis Ruhe, bird food	18 25
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery	9 75
“ J. Becker, looking-glass	9 75
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, sheet iron	8 89
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., level books	8 40
“ Charles Scharbach, leather	7 40
“ James M. Thorburn & Co., seed	5 50
“ Colgate & Co., soap	4 65
“ John J. Beimer & Co., brushes	3 50
“ Cook & Cheeseborough, stone	3,107 00
“ Murphy & Nesbit, cement	1,858 60
“ Dodworth's Band, music	1,005 00
“ J. C. Talcott, grain	223 88
“ Strippel & Son, repairing	130 00
“ Brown & Valentine, stone work	150 00
“ S. Sayles, meat	189 85
“ Wm. Cartwright, fish	177 25
“ Miller & Coates, pipe	158 61
“ D. F. Tiemann & Co., paint	139 00
“ Emil Heusner, services	120 00
“ Hollister & Brownell, feed	87 95
“ “J. L. Mott” Iron Works, hardware	82 84
“ Pitkins & Co., hardware	70 50
“ Isaac Evans, expenses	67 51
“ A. Simpson, bread	62 06
“ J. W. Bartlett, lamps	58 00
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron and steel	54 15
“ James Prentiss, repairs and freight	72 50
“ J. C. Talcott, feed	264 23
“ Peter Van Gieson, sprinklers	84 00
“ W. S. Whitlock & Co., rope	73
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware	232 90
“ Tatham Bros., Croton pipe	56 53

Bill of O. C. Bullard, ferns.....	\$120 00
“ A. Dumahaut, expenses.....	117 66
“ Michael Curley, wagon and repairs.....	531 75
“ J. G. & J. Edge, fireworks.....	8,143 00
“ Frank Ryder, gravel.....	1,875 00
“ Frank Ryder, gravel.....	1,377 50
“ Page, Kidder & Fletcher, paving composition.....	900 00
“ Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	464 72
“ “J. L. Mott” Iron Works, iron arms.....	279 01
“ Colwells, Shaw & Willard Man'g. Co., sheet lead.....	208 01
“ Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	145 67
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., gas.....	104 10
“ Knut Forsberg, services.....	98 35
“ Knut Forsberg, services.....	70 97
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	61 88
“ J. W. Bartlett, lamps and globes.....	49 00
“ J. E. Halsey & Co., whistles.....	24 00
“ Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	20 20
“ Wm. H. Grant, expenses.....	52 83
“ J. J. Johnston & Co., panama hats.....	19 74
“ J. E. Halsey & Co., hardware.....	12 15
“ Zeigler & Co., furniture.....	11 00
“ Charles Schurbach, leather.....	10 22
“ Wm. H. Gray, blanket and whip.....	5 00
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery.....	4 45
“ Louis Ruhe, bird seed.....	4 12
“ Funch, Edye & Co., freight on plants.....	4 16
“ Gifford, Beach & Co., spokes.....	3 67
“ Wm. O. Labagh, salt.....	2 00
“ E. J. Halsey & Co., knives.....	1 00
“ J. J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	75
“ Keuffel & Esser, drawing materials.....	13 20

Bill of Lorenz & Weigand, plants.....	\$75 00
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery.....	7 10
“ Union, Adams & Co., towels.....	8 50
“ J. J. Reimer & Co., wooden-ware.....	27 25
“ New York Gas-Light Co., gas.....	22 80
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery.....	17 40
“ J. J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	14 00
“ J. Mason, subscription.....	12 50
“ Argus Co., subscription.....	10 00
“ Lalance & Grosjean Manfg. Co., drinking- cups.....	8 10
“ Hollister & Brownell, feed.....	4 60
“ Bradley & Smith, brushes.....	4 50
“ W. S. Whitlock & Co., rope.....	2 14
“ J. W. Bartlett, lamp globes.....	51 00
“ Charles H. Fenton, oats.....	125 00
“ Klingenstein Bros., clothing.....	1,193 75
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	570 00
“ Abraham Bros., sperm oil.....	89 30
“ James M. Thorburn & Co., seed.....	75 40
“ Wm. Chipman, pruning shears.....	36 00
“ Lous Ruhe, bird-seed.....	4 00
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Total.....	<u>\$30,478 65</u>

Dated New York, July 17th, 1872.

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,

Treasurer Dep't Public Parks.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

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The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Dillon, Fields, Church, Olmsted—5.

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

ISAAC EVANS,

Assistant Secretary.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1872.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

July 27th, 1872.

Mr. F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Tuesday next, 30th inst., at 2 P. M., for consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
President D. P. P.

Present :—FRED. LAW OLMSTED, President, and

Mr. GREEN,

“ FIELDS.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS,

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT submitted the drawings showing the elevation of the proposed building for the Museum of Art, in compliance with resolution adopted at the last meeting, and found on p. 457 of minutes.

Debate was had thereon, when

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be instructed to prepare plans and estimates according to the study for the Building for the Art Museum now presented, and that the same be submitted to this Board at the earliest opportunity.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

The PRESIDENT also submitted plans for proposed building on the north end of Union square.

Whereupon Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans for a building on Union square, now before the Board, be approved, and that the Treasurer be directed to proceed with the construction of the same, together with a rostrum and other suitable arrangements for public meetings and military reviews.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer provide and set jets at the fountain in Washington square.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to have the stone work of the fountain on the square at the junction of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street removed to, and to use the same in the construction of, the fountain at Washington square.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to increase the rate of wages of Robert McWhinney to a sum not exceeding \$7.00 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the authority conferred on them by Sec. 3, Chap. 534 of Laws of 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby establish and define the line of jurisdiction between the county of New York and the county of Westchester as and at the line of low-water mark on the Westchester side of the Harlem river, and according to this definition of the line of jurisdiction, 637 feet of Central Bridge are in the county of New York, and 349 feet in the county of Westchester as the same now exists.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York, under the provisions of Chap. 290 of the laws of 1871, be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks in the Third National Bank in the city of New York, the balance of money not heretofore deposited, as required by said chapter, for the payment of work, services and materials furnished or to be furnished for regulating, grading, paving, sewerage, and for permanent improvements upon the several public squares and places under the control of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the erection of the Merchant's Gate at the Central Park, in accordance with plans heretofore submitted to this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Mr. Green offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect report to this Board plans for the Scholar's Gate (Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street), the Woman's Gate (Eighth avenue and Seventy-second street), the Children's Gate (Fifth avenue and Seventy-second street), and that if the plans that have been heretofore submitted are again submitted, that the said architect report whether, in his judgment, any modification of the same is advisable.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to J. H. Sullivan's agreements and contracts, and requesting the transfer of the same to the Department of Public Works.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a copy of the resolution of the Board of Apportionment as follows :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the request of the President of the Department of Public Parks, the sum of eight thousand nine hundred and eleven dollars (\$8,911) be, and the same is hereby, appropriated under the head of "Department of Public Parks, Fund for Maintenance," and that said amount be transferred from the appropriation of "Extra Contingencies, to meet the expenses of fireworks and music on July 4th, 1872."

Whereupon Mr. FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be, and is hereby, authorized to make requisition on the Comptroller of the city for said amount, to meet said expense.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That in pursuance of Section 3 of Chapter 534 of the Laws of this State, of the year 1871, the sum of fifty thousand dollars is necessary to be raised for repairing and maintaining the bridge across the Harlem river, known as Central bridge, and we hereby designate the Comptroller of the city of New York to receive the bonds that may be issued in pursuance of said chapter ; also, that under and by virtue of said chapter, that the amounts for which the several bonds issued in and

for the county of New York shall be for \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) each, and that they shall become due and payable on the 1st day of January, 1892, and shall bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, and that the amounts for which the several bonds shall be issued in and for the county of Westchester shall be \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) each, that they shall become due and payable on the 1st day of January, 1892, and shall bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to make arrangements for the establishments of an Electric Telegraph between the office of the Board and the offices in the Central Park, at a cost not exceeding \$750 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, at 3 o'clock, the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Sec'y.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Esq., President, and
Mr. GREEN,
“ FIELDS,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meetings, July 17 and 30, were read, and on motion of Mr. Fields, amended on page 453, line 20, by striking out the word “communication” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “report,” and as amended were approved.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Landscape Architect, submitting preliminary studies for the proposed building for the Museum of Natural History, and also a copy of resolution adopted by the Committee on Plans of American Museum of Natural History, approving the same.

Debate was had thereon, when

Mr. GREEN moved the following :

Resolved, That the preliminary studies for the American Museum of Natural History building, presented by Mr. Vaux, be approved by this Board, and the architect be instructed to prepare working-plans, specifications and estimates in accordance therewith, and submit the same to this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The PRESIDENT also presented the following communications.

From the Landscape Architect submitting plan for the improvement of the Public Place at the intersection of the Boulevard and Ninth avenue and Sixty-third street.

Mr. GREEN moved that the same be approved, and that the Treasurer be directed to proceed with the work.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

From Emmons Clark, Col. Com'g Seventh Reg. N. G., S. N. Y., relative to the location of proposed Seventh Regiment Statue in Central Park.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, That the Seventh Regiment Statue be, and is hereby located on the southerly side of the drive, at a point opposite the Warrior's Gate.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The TREASURER laid before the Board a report as called for by a resolution, adopted July 17, p. 455 of the minutes, as to the rent-value of certain rooms.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT also laid before the Board a communication received by him from the Counsel to the Corporation, relative to the widening of Kingsbridge road, as required by resolution adopted June 26, p. 439 of the minutes.

Ordered filed.

In conformity with resolution adopted July 17, p. 452 of the minutes, the Treasurer submitted a communication from W. H. Grant, relative to the progress made in the surveying of Westchester county, together with the number of persons employed on said work and their compensation.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT submitted to the Board a report, with accompanying sketch, received from W. H. Grant on the general topography of the territory in Westchester county, for which plans of streets, &c., are to be prepared by this Department, and indicating the general principles proposed by him to be applied in carrying out the same.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT read a communication received by him from the Commissioner of Public Works, declining to receive certified copies of certain agreements, and asking for the originals.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Board do now take up the resolution found on p. 394 of the minutes relating to Sunday music in Central Park.

The **PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Fields, Church—2.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Olmsted—2.

Mr. **CHURCH** offered the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby make requisition upon the Comptroller of the City of New York for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for the construction of a Museum of Art, and a Museum of Natural History, as provided by Chap. 290 of the Laws of 1871, and that said Comptroller be requested to deposit said sum in the Third National Bank in the city of New York, to the credit of this Department.

The **PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. **FIELDS** moved that the Treasurer be requested to report to the Board, at the next meeting, the state of the finances between this Department and the county of Westchester.

Adopted.

Mr. **GREEN** offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks make application to the Supreme Court, in the manner prescribed in Sec. 9 of Chap. 534 of the Laws

of 1871, to acquire the title to lands in Westchester county, and on behalf of said county, for the use of the public, for the necessary approaches to the Suspension Bridge, mentioned and described in Sec. 3 of said chapter as "a suspension bridge, north of the bridge known as the 'High Bridge,' but not more than half a mile therefrom," and also for the Tunnel mentioned and described in said 3d Section as the "tunnel that may be planned or located near or at the northerly end of the Seventh avenue, in the city of New York," and for the necessary sites or land above or under water, in said county, for said Suspension Bridge and said Tunnel.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks make application to the Supreme Court of First Judicial District for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, as prescribed in Sec. 10, Chap. 534, of the Laws of 1871, to acquire title for the use of the public to the necessary lands within the city and county of New York, and in behalf of said city and county, as shown on the plans thereof, adopted or to be adopted by this Board, for the approaches to the bridge known as "a suspension bridge, north of the bridge known as the 'High Bridge,' but not more than half a mile therefrom," and also for the approaches to the tunnel known as "the tunnel that may be planned or located near or at the northerly end of Seventh avenue, in the city of New York."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the President of this Board be authorized to sign the necessary papers to make the applications specified in the two foregoing resolutions.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to engage the services of counsel for the Department, in making the said applications to the Supreme Court of Second Judicial District, and to prepare the necessary papers therefor, and to conduct and complete the necessary proceedings to take land for the approaches to the Suspension Bridge and Tunnel.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the authority con-

ferred on them by Sec. 3, Chap. 534, of the Laws of 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby establish and define the line of jurisdiction between the county of New York and the county of Westchester, at the site of the Suspension Bridge hereafter mentioned, as and at the line of low water-mark on the Westchester side of the Harlem river, and according to this definition of the said line of jurisdiction, 734 feet of the Suspension Bridge mentioned and described in Sec. 3, of Chap. 534, of the Laws of 1871, as "a suspension bridge, north of the bridge known as the 'High Bridge,' but not more than half a mile therefrom," are in the county of New York, and 1,066½ feet in the county of Westchester, according to preliminary plan.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the authority conferred on them by Sec. 3, Chap. 534, of the Laws of 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby establish and define the line of jurisdiction between the county of New York and the county of Westchester, at the site of the tunnel, as and at the line of low water-mark on the Westchester side of the Harlem river, and according to this definition of the said line of jurisdiction, 1,663 feet of the Tunnel, mentioned and described in Sec. 3, Chap. 534, of the Laws of 1871, as "the tunnel that may be planned or located near or at the northerly end of Seventh avenue, in the city of New York," are in the county of New York, and 1,078 feet in the county of Westchester, according to preliminary plan.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That in pursuance of Section 3, Chap. 534 of the Laws of this State of the year 1871, the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars is now necessary to be raised for constructing the Suspension Bridge across the Harlem river, mentioned and described in Section 3 of Chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, as “ a Suspension Bridge, north of the bridge known as the ‘ High Bridge,’ but not more than half a mile therefrom,” and the Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby designated to receive the bonds that may be issued in pursuance of said chapter ; that the amounts for which the several bonds issued in and for the county of New York shall be \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) each, and that they shall become due and payable on the 1st day of January, 1892, and shall bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, and that the amounts for which the several bonds shall be issued, in and for the county of Westchester, shall be \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) each, that they shall become due and payable on the 1st day of January, 1892, and shall bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly.

Laid over.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That in pursuance of Section 3 of Chapter 534 of the Laws of this State of the year 1871, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is now necessary to be raised for constructing the tunnel mentioned and described

in said section as "the tunnel that may be planned or located near or at the northerly end of Seventh avenue, in the city of New York"; and the Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby designated to receive the bonds that may be issued in pursuance of said Chapter; also, that under and by virtue of said Chapter, that the amounts for which the several bonds issued in and for the county of New York shall be \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) each, and that they shall become due and payable on the 1st day of January, 1892, and shall bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, and that the amounts for which the several bonds shall be issued in and for the County of Westchester shall be \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) each; that they shall become due and payable on the 1st day of January, 1892, and shall bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly.

Laid over.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That leave of absence for eight weeks be given Mr. W. A. Conklin, Director of the Menagerie, to visit European Zoological Gardens, and that the Treasurer be authorized to supply him funds to an amount not exceeding \$800, for traveling expenses, and the acquisition for the Department, of appliances and illustrations of the management of such gardens.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to dispose of the

buildings on Morningside Park, by private sale or auction, at his discretion.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The TREASURER reported the appointment of H. A. Martin as a clerk in the office of the Department in the place of A. S. Wydler, resigned, which was approved.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be instructed to complete the surveys and prepare preliminary studies for the improvement of Riverside Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from the Landscape Architect, submitting plan for the improvement of the Public Place at Fifth avenue, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets.

Mr. GREEN moved that the plan of the entrance to Central Park, at the junction of Fifth avenue, Fifty-eight and Fifty-ninth streets, now submitted, be approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The TREASURER presented a bill of Marvin & Co. for \$2,125, for rent of offices 265 Broadway for three months ending July 31, 1872.

Mr. GREEN moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof; as follows : .

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

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

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary to Board.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—F. L. OLMSTED, Esq., President,
Mr. GREEN,
“ FIELDS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and on motion of Mr. FIELDS, amended on page 477, line 28, by substituting the word “resolutions” for the word “resolution,” and adding after the word “Park,” on line 29 of said page, the words “and open meetings of the Board,” and as amended were approved.

The following communications were received :

From Abner Bartlett, relative to the removal of the railway tracks on the southerly side of Central Park, in Fifty-ninth street.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS,

Ordered filed.

From the Sabbath Committee, in relation to music on Sunday at the Central Park.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, with reference to

the grade of Fifth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Mount Morris square.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

August 21, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks:

The TREASURER respectfully reports the conditions of the finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department...	\$9,878 66
“ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	3,363 92
Total.....	<u>\$13,242 58</u>

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Treasurer D. P. P.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The Treasurer begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of C. T. Reynolds & Co., shellac.....	\$18 50
“ Knut Forsberg, services.....	39 20
“ Wm. W. Pratt, “	22 50
“ Robert Ellin & Co., repairing.....	180 36

Bill of Louis Ruhe, bird-seed.....	\$10 25
“ Insurance and Real Estate Journal, sub- scription.....	3 00
“ Davis & Johnson, brick and cement.	1,163 06
“ R. C. Reeves, hardware.....	38 50
“ M. Rathbun & Co., cracked corn.....	12 50
“ John J. Reimer & Co., combs and brushes	8 00
“ Wm. V. Crissey & Co., chamois skins....	6 50
“ Tilden & Co., broma.....	51 75
“ David E. Reese, covering roof.....	375 00
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., stone.....	3,331 92
“ Henry Wagner, filling.....	1,540 33
“ Hollister & Brownell, feed.....	200 14
“ W. T. Romaine, beef.....	148 15
“ Keuffel & Esser, drawing-paper.....	12 00
“ Caldwell, Weston & Co., coal.....	344 50
“ Wm. Shute & Co., pipe.....	36 77
“ E. C. Miller, services.....	11 25
“ Isaac Evans, expenses.....	48 05
“ Connecticut Clock Co., clock.....	6 50
“ J. G. Batterson, granite.....	10,000 00
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	768 00
“ E. C. Miller, services.....	129 37
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curb.....	1,153 26
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron.....	7 00
“ Estate of S. P. Ayres, rep’g stop-cock...	8 00
“ E. F. Holbrook & Bros., glass.....	10 20
“ J. Zeigler & Co., furniture.....	12 00
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	14 80
“ Henry Parry, granite panels.....	500 00
“ D. F. Tieman & Co., gold leaf.....	16 50
“ Davis & Riker, lock.....	1 94
“ U. S. Express Co., freight on bear.....	17 25

Bill of Solomon Sayles, meat.....	\$24 00
“ Composite Iron Works Co., wire-work...	2,276 45
“ W. O. Labagh, salt.....	5 50
“ Anton Gerster, repairing rustic bridge..	2,458 00
“ D. E. Reese, lock and key.....	4 50
“ Keuffel & Esser, tracing cloth.....	21 25
“ Louis Ruhe, bird-seed.....	55 50
“ E. C. Miller, services.....	40 00
“ E. H. Reeves & Co., hardware.....	42 50
“ Paul C. Coffin, “.....	80 50
“ Keuffel & Esser, artists' materials.....	11 25
“ Keuffel & Esser “ “.....	45 20
“ Wm. Cartright, fish, &c.....	102 70
“ Louis Van Houlte, plants.....	117 40
“ A. Dumahout, expenses.....	103 00
“ D. F. Tieman & Co., paints.....	181 68
“ Wm. H. Gray, harness.....	50 00
“ Tilden & Co., broma.....	58 50
“ A. S. Gatchel, hose.....	60 00
“ E. C. Miller, services.....	27 00
“ Knut Forsberg, “.....	37 40
“ Page, Kidder & Fletcher, composition... ..	869 19
“ Grahamite Asphalte Paving Co., paving..	500 00
“ J. L. Mott, Iron Works, castings.....	121 46
“ J. Becker, looking-glasses.....	25 00
“ R. C. Reeves, mower parts.....	15 50
“ Leavitt & Smith, tar.....	150 00
“ R. C. Reeves, mower parts.....	50
“ Sydney & Campbell, medicines.....	34 95
“ Charles Scharbach, leather.....	10 81
“ Wm. Redman, tan-bark.....	75 00
“ J. J. Reimer & Co., brooms.....	14 00
“ Clark, Wilson & Co, chain.....	2 16
“ “N. Y. Evening Post,” subscripcion.	15 00

Bill of Cook & Cheeseborough, park wall.....	\$2,249 58
“ Tilden & Co., hanging baskets.....	29 62
“ John Martin, veterinary surgeon.....	75 00
“ Wm. H. Grant, expenses.....	36 26
“ John M. Cornell, meat.....	69 30
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, settees.....	2,700 00
“ Knut Forsberg, services.....	35 60
“ G. B. Hart, repairing boat.....	14 00
“ Knut Forsberg, services.....	35 00
“ J. C. Tallcot, corn.....	32 50
“ R. C. Reeves, mower parts.....	26 60
“ Cutter, Tower & Co., stationery.....	34 30
“ E. L. Heusner, services.....	10 00
“ A. P. Almgram “.....	25 00
“ C. T. Reynolds & Co., paints.....	65 00
“ J. Zeigler & Co., furniture.....	108 00
“ Tilden & Co., broom.....	58 50
“ Frank Ryder, gravel.....	4,012 50
“ J. R. Chadwick, sand-dryer.....	285 00
“ W. & J. Sloane, altering carpet.....	9 25
“ Dodworth's Band, music.....	580 00
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Total.....	\$38,382,65
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Dated New York, August 21st, 1872.

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

Mr. FIELDS gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he would move to amend the by-laws to provide for the appointment of an auditing committee, and a method of certification of bills.

The TREASURER laid before the Board a report, in compliance with a resolution adopted at the last meeting, showing the state of the finances between this department and the county of Westchester.

Mr. FIELDS moved that said report be referred to the Treasurer, with instructions to use the necessary measures to recover, if possible, the moneys disbursed by this department on behalf of the county of Westchester.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

The PRESIDENT submitted a revised printed copy of draft for the second annual report of this department.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the same be adopted as the Second Annual Report of the Department of Public Parks, and printed under the direction of the Treasurer.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

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The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Mr Vaux, landscape architect, enclosing one from Mr. Munckwitz, superintendent of architectural constructions, giving estimated cost of building for museum of natural history as directed by resolution, p. 475 of the minutes. On motion of Mr. FIELD's said communications were ordered entered at length on the minutes and placed on file.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,)
265 Broadway,)
August 20th, 1872. }

F. L. OLMSTED, Esq.,
President D. P. P.

Sir: The accompanying estimate has been prepared for the first section of natural history museum building, to be erected at this time in accordance with design approved August 7th. The block of building expected to be included in first estimate was colored black on plan (No. 1), and at current prices it will be seen that this portion of the building may be executed for about \$127,000, exclusive of fittings and furniture.

Respectfully,
(Signed), CALVERT VAUX,
L. A.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,)
265 Broadway,)
August 17th, 1872. }

C. VAUX, Esq., L. A.

Sir: The accompanying estimate is made on the present market prices of labor and materials. The amount given for granite is from a direct price (for red Passamaquoddy, Western and Quincy granite), furnished by Mr. Moffit, a granite-cutter of standing in the trade, in New York.

When the working-drawings and specifications are fully prepared, and the working details are offered to competition

on the various items, the prices approved may be slightly reduced. The excavated material is calculated to be used for filling, and to be worth for that purpose what it costs to get it out.

The section included in estimate has been staked out on the ground, and calculation made for adaptation to the special formation of the site.

In accordance with your instructions, a reservation of \$50,000 is made for plate-glass and cases, with metal bars.

Yours respectfully,

JULIUS MUNCKWITZ,

Superintendent of Architectural Constructions.

The following is the estimate for the different works and materials required in the erection of the Museum of Natural History (1st section).

Rubble Stone-work in basement, sub-basement, and extra depth of foundations where re- quired by grade of ground.....	\$51,000
Areas.....	8,000
Brick-work.....	36,000
Granite (external walls and dressing).....	171,000
Cement (cellar floors.).....	7,200
Drainage.....	4,300
Plastering.....	13,500
Iron-work.....	53,400
Granite Stairs.....	9,800
Plate Glass.....	6,000
Common do.....	300
Sky-lights.....	5,300
Slating, Tinning, Cresting, &c.....	15,400

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Heating.....	\$18,000
Carpenter.....	20,450
Painting.....	4,000
Reservation for cases, &c.....	50,000
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	\$476,650

(Signed)

JULIUS MUNCKWITZ,

Superintendent of Architectural Constructions.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to prepare the ground-work for the proposed building for the American Museum of Natural History, in accordance with the plans submitted to and approved by this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Olmsted—3.

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

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—FRED. L. OLMSTED, Esq., President,
Mr. FIELDS,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
255 Broadway,
August 21, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the conditions of the finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department . . .	\$30,235 84
“ “ “ “ Treasurer	5,168 67
Total	<u>\$35,404 51</u>

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Treasurer D. P. P.

The TREASURER presented the following :

The Treasurer begs leave to submit a list of bills which have been approved by him, after proper certification of authority for purchase and correctness of computation and detail :

Bill of Charles Guidet, pavement.....	\$2,861 40
“ Page, Kidder & Fletcher, composition....	1,574 27
“ Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	1,011 61
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	760 00
“ O. C. Bullard, ferns, &c.....	755 00
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	745 00
“ Dodworths Band, music.....	590 00
“ Wm. H. Gray, horse, wagon and harness.	500 00
“ Composite Iron Works, repairing.....	343 73
“ F. Adolph Huage & Co., trees, shrubs, &c. G.	315 50
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	262 48
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, steel.....	182 04
“ Wm. Shute & Co., vit. pipe.....	177 65
“ J. W. Bartlett, reflectors, globes, &c.....	175 50
“ A. S. Barnes & Co., stationery.....	154 95
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., lintels, &c.....	139 60
“ Harlem Gas-Light Co., gas.....	125 10
“ Robert Nulty, repairs to machinery.....	124 00
“ Miller & Coates, tiles.....	117 50
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, steel.....	94 62
“ Abraham & Bro., sperm oil.....	91 20
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., curbs-tone.....	83 85
“ Thomas Reid, elk.....	75 00
“ Paul C. Coffin, hardware.....	61 50
“ New York Gas-Light Co., gas.....	60 00
“ Keuffel & Esser, stationery.....	56 50
“ Edward C. Miller, services.....	45 00
“ John P. Jube & Co., wheels, &c.....	41 28

Bill of Davis & Johnson, lime, &c.	\$23 70
“ Keeler & Lawrence, locust posts.....	17 00
“ Van Cleek, Clark & Co., stationery	12 87
“ Samuel Booth, dippers.....	12 00
“ J. B. Crook, netting.....	10 50
“ R. C. Reeves, lawn mowers	10 00
“ Maxfield & Co., hickory nuts.....	9 00
“ Whitlock & Co., rope	6 60
“ Crissey & Co., candles	2 10
“ M. Campbell, hydraulic power	2 50
“ Arthur J. Stever, services.....	3 00
“ Wm. H. Reagan, water-casks	3 00
“ J. B. & J. M. Cornell, iron work.....	6,182 40
“ Thomas G. Cornell, services and maps	9,085 84
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., stationery.....	849 00
“ Babcock, Brainerd & Co., granite.....	722 38
“ W. C. Bryant & Co., stationery.....	343 15
“ Wm. Cartwright, fish, &c.....	108 95
“ J. J. Winants, dump tickets.....	125 00
“ Rockwood & Co., photographs	90 00
“ Wm. H. Grant, expenses	65 42
“ George A. Cushing, expenses	39 42
“ Wm. Chipman, pruning shears.....	39 00
“ C. T. Raynolds & Co., dry paint.....	39 00
“ Wm. S. Whitlock & Co., rope	23 01
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, steel	13 69
“ James Duffy, milk	8 20
“ O. C. Bullard, ferns.....	300 00
“ R. C. Hatfield, services.....	598 66
“ John W. Cornell, meat	213 60
Total.....	\$30,483 29

Dated New York, September 4th, 1872.

(Signed)

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,

Treasurer D. P. P.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof as follows :

Ayes—Messrs Fields, Church, Olmsted—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board bill of A. D. & N. Ewer, for services rendered the Department in the year 1871, in surveying, mapping, &c., of Madison square, Grand street square, Battery, Christopher street square and Jackson square, amounting to \$600.00, the same having been certified by M. A. Kellogg.

Mr. FIELDS moved that said bill be referred to the Treasurer, with power to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Fields, Church, Olmsted—3.

The PRESIDENT submitted report of R. G. Hatfield, estimating the value of the Carrousel, including the machinery therein, at \$5,316.60 ; whereupon Mr. Fields offered the following :

Resolved, That the claim of Christian Kolle for the Carrousel be referred to the Treasurer, with authority to adjust and settle the same, but, before payment, to deduct therefrom any arrears of rent and fees due from said Kolle to this Department.

Here Mr. GREEN took his seat.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The TREASURER submitted a report in compliance with resolutions adopted April 17, p. 360 of the Minutes, and June 12, p. 424 of the Minutes, relative to the valuation and lease of, and carriage approach to, the building known as the "Springs" on Central Park.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the latter portion of the report now submitted be disagreed to, and that the Board do authorize the construction of a carriage-way to the "Springs."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Mr. Fields—1.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to settle the claim of Shultz & Warker for the building known as the "Springs" on Central Park, on the basis of a sum not exceeding \$27,000, deducting therefrom the amount of rent that has accrued under and by virtue of the contract between them and this Department, and provided said Shultz & Warker take a lease of the building for fifteen years, at a rent not exceeding ten per cent, on the valuation of said building, as fixed in the settlement hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect, report to this Board whether in his opinion the sheep-fold, being unsuitable for the purposes for which it was erected, can be, with moderate expense, advantageously changed into an aquarium or used for any other purpose.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Board do now take up the resolutions found on p. 393 of Minutes relative to Sunday music on Central Park, and open meetings of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Fields, Church—2.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Olmsted—2.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be instructed to re-

port what better arrangements, if any, can be made for the public concerts at the Central Park, and also as to the practicability of arrangements for continuing the concerts during the entire year.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That a commission of 2½ per cent. be paid to Calvert Vaux for the preparation of the preliminary studies and the working-drawings and plans of buildings for the Museum of Art, Museum of Natural History and Astronomical Observatory, it being understood that the work of superintendence of these structure is to be conducted through the existing organization of the Board.

Mr GREEN moved to amend said resolution by adding at the end thereof the words “ and that the said commission be paid from time to time as the buildings progress.”

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Noes—Mr. Fields—1.

Mr. FIELDS offered an amendment as follows :

That the amount of his annual compensation as Landscape Architect to the Board be deducted from said compensation of 2½ per cent. during the time of his employment on said work.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Mr. Fields—1.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Mr. FIELDS offered an amendment as follows :

Resolved, That the said commission be paid Calvert Vaux from the date of his resignation as Landscape Architect to the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Mr. Fields—1.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Mr. FIELDS offered an amendment, as follows :

That the time devoted to the preparation of said plans and specification be deducted from the said compensation of \$6,000 per annum received from this Board as Landscape Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows ;

Ayes—Mr. Fields—1.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

The question recurring on the original resolution as amended, was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Noes—Mr. Fields—1.

The PRESIDENT submitted a design for the improvement of the public place at the intersection of the Boulevard, Ninth avenue and Sixty-sixth streets.

Mr. CHURCH moved that the same be approved, and the Treasurer authorized to proceed with the work.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and is hereby, directed to plant elm and maple trees, without intermixture, in the streets, avenues and public places under the control and direction of this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the portion of the Park along the line of 110th street, and between the line of the northerly wall and the southerly line of 110th street be filled in to grade, and the northerly part of the Park be adapted to the new grade.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Vice-president Composite Ironworks, relative to cost of substituting a fountain in place of one at northwest corner City Hall Park.

In pursuance of notice given at the last meeting—

Mr. FIELDS moved to amend the By-laws by inserting on page 290 of the Minutes, in Article II, the following additional section :

“ § 15. There shall be an AUDITING COMMITTEE, to consist of two members of the Board, appointed by the President, and all bills, claims and accounts, before being submitted to the Board for audit, shall be examined and audited by said committee, and certified as to their correctness, and the authority therefor, by the Secretary.”

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

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Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

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

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—FRED. L. OLMSTED, Esq., President,
Mr. GREEN,
“ FIELDS,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and, on motion of Mr. GREEN, were amended on page 503, line twelve (12), by striking out the word “the” before the words “preliminary studies,” and substituting therefor the words “any further;” and, on motion of Mr. FIELDS, were also amended on page 506, by altering the amendment to the By-laws, so as to read as follows:

“§ 15. There shall be an AUDITING COMMITTEE, to consist of two members of the Board, appointed by the President, and all bills, claims and accounts, before being submitted to the Board for approval, shall be examined, audited and certified by at least one member of said Committee. And the authority for said purchases or indebtedness shall be certified thereon by the Secretary.”

And the minutes, as amended, were approved.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS, it was

Resolved, That the Vice-President be requested to prepare

and present for adoption by this Board, at its next meeting, a resolution defining the authority for making purchases on behalf of the Board, and designating the officer who shall exercise such authority.

The PRESIDENT presented a petition signed by Courtlandt Palmer, E. H. Munson, B. P. Fairchild and others, owners of property adjoining Morningside Park, requesting the Board to proceed immediately with the improvement of said Park.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes and placed on file, as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway,

September 18, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department. . . .	\$2,022 90
“ “ “ “ Treasurer. . . .	5,333 05
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Total.	\$7,355 95
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FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Treasurer D. P. P.

A communication from the TREASURER was presented, requesting the appointment of a special committee to examine and audit his accounts.

Whereupon Mr. FIELDS moved that a special committee be appointed by the Vice-President to examine and audit the

Treasurer's accounts, in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Sec. 6 of the By-Laws.

Adopted.

The VICE-PRESIDENT thereupon appointed Mr. Fields and Mr. Church members of said special committee.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from the Landscape Architect, relative to the practicability of public concerts on the Central Park during the entire year.

Laid over.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be instructed to report as to the feasibility of changing the location for out-door concerts.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be instructed to prepare a study, in accordance with his suggestions, for winter music.

The Treasurer offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The TREASURER offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested, under the provisions of Chapter 739 of the Laws of 1872, to issue, to an amount not exceeding the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) of the public fund or stock, to be denominated the "City Parks Improvement Fund," for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and places, which by law now are or may hereafter be under the control of the Department of Public Parks, and also for the construction and equipment of a meteorological and astronomical observatory on the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The TREASURER offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested, under the provisions of Chapter 739 of the Laws of 1872, to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Third National Bank in the city of New York, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), for work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for permanent improvements on the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested to inform this Board whether the sum of \$35,000, provided for by Chapter 350, Laws of 1869, for the erection of a monument to commemorate the services of the soldiers and sailors of New York in the war for the preservation of the Union, is at the disposal of this Board, and should he reply in the affirmative, that the Treasurer proceed to procure designs for said monument, to be submitted to this Board for approval.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to engage the services of General George S. Greene, as Consulting Engineer to the Department, at a salary not exceeding \$5,000 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from

Mr. Vaux, Landscape Architect, submitting working-plan for basement of Art Museum building, and inclosing a report from the Superintendent of Architectural Constructions, giving estimate of cost of said building, as required by resolution adopted July 30th, 1872, page 463 of the minutes.

Laid over.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to report as to the reasons for change of lines of location of Fort Washington Ridge road from the location made by the Commissioners of Central Park, and which, in his judgment, is the better?

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to the said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That in Eighth avenue, adjoining the Central Park, the sidewalk or mall on the east side shall be laid out 27 feet in width, and the roadway 48 feet in width, and that the Railroad Company be required to lay the rails of the track flush with the pavement, using a suitable kind of rail therefor, and placing the same as near as practicable to the curb on the east side.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

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tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

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

F. W. WHITEMORE,

Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Esq., President, and
Mr. GREEN,
“ FIELDS,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Mr. W. H. Grant, relative to the authority of this Department over railroad property in Westchester county.

Also a communication relative to the proposed construction of tunnel at Kingsbridge.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT reported progress in regard to the matter of Fort Washington Ridge Road.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
205 Broadway,

October 2, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in Bank to the credit of the Department	\$2,568 62
“ “ “ “ Treasurer	27,361 94
Total	\$29,930 56

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Treasurer D. P. P.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay William H. Florence, for the opening and closing of the draw and the care of Macomb's Dam Bridge, at the rate of \$1,250 per annum for the time he has performed the same, under the resolution of May 8, 1872.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer report to this Board, at its next meeting, the amount of any balance which remains to the credit of the Maintenance account for 1872, of the Department of Public Parks, and whether any portion of money or appropriation

properly belonging to Maintenance has been appropriated to any other purpose, and if so, to what purpose and to what amount?

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The PRESIDENT submitted a communication from Mr. W. H. Grant, in reference to payment for blacksmith-work in the improvement of Harlem river.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That all proceedings by authority of this Board which involve any expenditures for surveys in Westchester county be, and they are hereby, suspended until the moneys due from certain towns in said county, for sums heretofore expended by this Board under various acts of the Legislature authorizing said surveys, are provided as required by law. This resolution in nowise, however, to affect the construction of the Tunnel, the Suspension Bridge, the improvement of Harlem river, or the repairs of the various bridges and structures for said river.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church—3.

On motion of Mr. GREEN—

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to prepare and present to the Board a statement showing the respective balances of the principal accounts of the Board.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be instructed to furnish the Department of Public Works with certified copies of contracts relating to such works heretofore carried on by this Department, which have been or may hereafter be applied for by the Commissioner of Public Works.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows

Ayes—Mr. Fields—1.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to report on the expediency of securing a more economical and efficient administration of the police force of this Department.

Adopted.

The VICE-PRESIDENT submitted a communication from General Henry Raymond and others.

Mr. FIELDS moved that said communication be ordered printed, and entered at length on the minutes.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE VETERANS }
OF THE WAR OF 1812. }
No. 4 City Hall Place, N. Y. City. }

To the Commissioners of Public Parks :

Gentlemen,—The Veterans of the War of 1812 are desirous of celebrating the coming 25th day of November (Evacuation day), as has been their custom for many years, and would most respectfully request your Honorable Body to erect a suitable liberty-pole, and furnish it with a suitable American flag. It is proposed by us that it be erected on the old Fort within the enclosure of the Central Park, near 110th street and Seventh avenue, built by us during the war of 1812, for the protection of the city of New York. We would most respectfully suggest to your Honorable Body that the ceremony takes place on the coming Evacuation day, and that a hickory pole, in the rough, be erected in commemoration of the noble old patriot Andrew Jackson, who whipped the British at New Orleans, on the 8th of January, 1815. There are some now living who assisted in erecting the Fort, and who will be with us on the occasion ; and we would also request that we have the exclusive privilege of hoisting the flag on the 25th November, 22d February and the 4th July.

Yours, very respectfully,

(Signed) Genl. HENRY RAYMOND,

“ Col. ABRAHAM DALLY,

“ Adjt. J. GOULD WARNER,

Committee in behalf

of the Veterans of 1812.

Mr. GREEN moved that the communication from the Veterans of the War of 1812 be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Mr. FIELDS moved an amendment—

That the Treasurer be empowered to cause a hickory liberty-pole to be temporarily erected, and to display therefrom an American ensign, in compliance with the request of the petitioners, to be used on November 25th, 1872, known as Evacuation day, and for that day only; and that the Treasurer be requested to receive the veterans on said day on behalf of the Board.

Mr. GREEN moved to amend said amendment by adding at the end thereof the words "and that he be further authorized to place said pole and flag at the disposition of the veterans on each recurrence of said day, and also on the eighth day of January and fourth day of July of each succeeding year."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields—2.

Noes—Messrs. Church, Olmsted—2.

The question recurring on the original amendment, was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields—2.

Noes—Messrs. Church, Olmsted—2.

Mr. FIELDS offered an amendment—

That the Treasurer be authorized to extend the hospitality of the Board by giving a dinner or refreshment to said veterans on said day, at an expense not exceeding \$5 for each veteran.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Fields, Olmsted—2.

Noes—Messrs. Green, Church—2.

The question recurring on the original resolution, the PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The PRESIDENT submitted a communication from Capt. Mills.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the question of the compensation of Captain Mills be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion thereon.

Adopted.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from William Van Valkenburgh, requesting an increase of salary.

Another from the same, recommending increase of salary of William H. Hoyt.

Also one from Superintendent Ryan, recommending that the salary of C. B. Trimble be increased to \$2,000.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of William Van Valkenburgh be, and is hereby fixed at the rate of \$3,500 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Charles B. Trimble be, and is hereby fixed at the rate of \$2,000 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of William H. Hoyt be, and is hereby fixed at the rate of \$1,800 per annum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

The PRESIDENT submitted a communication from H. L. Stuart, on behalf of the managers of the American Institute, relative to placing the advertisements of the fair of said Institute on the parks.

Mr. FIELDS presented the following :

The AUDITING COMMITTEE beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bill of Bigelow Blue Stone Co., base course.....	\$2,092 00
“ Blunt & Co., instruments.....	251 50
“ Composite Iron Works, settees.....	6,250 00
“ George J. Clan Ranald, plumbing.....	306 00
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	1,470 00
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	1,475 00
“ Daniel Draper, incidental expenses.....	24 69
“ Isaac Evans, incidental expenses.....	64 01
“ Knut Fosberg, services.....	198 83
“ Funch, Edye & Co., freight.....	21 05
“ William H. Grant, expenses.....	8 40
“ A. S. Gatchel, rubber tubing.....	45 36

Bill of William H. Gray, robe and letters.....	\$53 50
“ Michael Grosz & Son, iron work.....	4,000 00
“ Anton Gerster, rustic work.....	255 00
“ J. C. Hoe & Co., cottages.....	4,300 00
“ J. E. Halsey & Co., shovels.....	30 00
“ Klunder & Long, ferns.....	145 50
“ Leavitt & Smith, tar.....	37 50
“ E. C. Miller, services.....	39 00
“ J. L. Mott Iron Works, settees.....	10,786 50
“ Norris & Williams, plumbers' ware.....	23 22
“ N. A. Neuchatel Rock Paving Co., pave- ment.....	976 45
“ Prentiss & Ward, glass.....	801 65
“ C. T. Raynolds & Co., cement.....	148 13
“ Frank Ryder, gravel.....	2,650 00
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	\$36,453 29

Dated New York, October 2d, 1872.

THOS. C. FIELDS,
Auditing Committee.

Mr. FIELDS moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

Mr. FIELDS offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to make all necessary purchases for this Department until the next meet-

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ing of the Board, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Fields, Church, Olmsted—4.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, at four o'clock, the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Esq., President,
MR. GREEN,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In accordance with the action of the Board, in meeting, June 12, p. 418 of the Minutes, the PRESIDENT presented his report in reference to the establishment of a Parade Ground. X

MR. GREEN moved that said communication be laid over and printed as a document of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

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The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communications.

From A. Ruppanner, M. D., in reference to the World's Exposition at Vienna in 1873.

Laid on the table.

From Eli Charlier and others, delegates of the French population of New York, asking the approval of the Board of the project of erecting in the Central Park a Statue of Lafayette,

On motion of Mr. GREEN :

Resolved, That the Board will accept the offer of a statue of Lafayette, and assign a place for the same under the usual rules and regulations of the department.

From Miss C. C. Talman, donating a marble bust of "Abraham Lincoln," with pedestal for same, the whole executed by Miss Edmonia Lewis.

On motion of Mr. GREEN :

Resolved, That the bust of Abraham Lincoln, with pedestal, donated by Miss C. C. Talman, be accepted, with the thanks of the Board.

From the Corporation Counsel, in compliance with resolution found on p. 523 of the minutes, stating that Sec. 6, Chap. 296, Laws 1871, limits the pay of Captain Mills to an amount equal to the salary paid to a captain of the Municipal Police Force.

Ordered filed.

From Mr. W. H. Grant, relative to the work of tunneling at Harlem river.

Laid over.

From Mr. C. Vaux, Landscape Architect, in reference to the feasibility of changing the location of out-door concerts, as called for by resolution, p. 511 of the minutes.

Laid over.

From the same, with accompanying plan and section, as requested by resolution, p. 511 of minutes, in relation to use of lower floor of Conservatory for winter concerts.

Laid over.

From John Creighton and others, a committee of the New York Skating Club, requesting permission to erect a club-house near one of the lakes in Central Park.

Referred to Treasurer, to report thereon.

The TREASURER, in compliance with resolution on p. 518 of the minutes, submitted report on the Maintenance Account for 1872.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from J. G. and I. Edge, relative to bill for fire-works furnished July 4, 1871.

Laid on table.

The PRESIDENT presented a plan for improvement of Five Points Park.

Laid over.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a petition signed by B. L. Ackermann and others, with accompanying sketch, praying for the opening of a street with branch to north-east, and situated on top of ridge north end of the Island, and south of Spuyten Duyvil Station.

Referred to Treasurer, to report on the practicability thereof.

Also a communication from B. L. Ackermann, relative to the improvement of Inwood street.

Whereupon Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the necessary proceedings be taken for the opening of Inwood street, simultaneously with Dyckman street, if practicable.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Mr GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That with the exception of money necessary for the completion of the Conservatory, Belvedere, Gates and Exterior Walls, Terrace, Angel Fountain, Adjustment of the Park roads and entrances to the altered grades of 110th street and Fifth and Eighth avenues, and for Planting, no moneys shall be paid on account of constructions, except by the special order of this Board.

Laid over.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Bill of Architectural Iron Works, iron plates.....	\$165 00
“ American Shelving Co., racks	25 60
“ Annin & Co., flag	9 00
“ Abraham Bros., tar	257 50
“ Arnold & Co., cement	1,895 56
“ Allen, R. H. & Co., grass-seed	165 00
“ Boyle, John, canvas.....	3 00
“ Baeder, Adamson & Co., curled hair.....	12 70
“ Baeder, Adamson & Co., “	12 60
“ Bullard, O. C., ferns	462 00
“ Blunt & Co., repairing transit	45 00
“ Burr & Co., blocks	18 61
“ Barnes, A. S. & Co., stationery	7 65
“ Becker Bros., mirror.....	6 00
“ Crissey, W. V. & Co., soap, &c.....	24 92
“ Cooper, Hewitt & Co., galvanized wire.....	94 66
“ Colwells, Shaw & Willard, Mn’fg Co., pipe.....	222 30
“ Composite Iron Works Co., lamp-posts, &c.....	103 00
“ Dudgeon, Richard, repairing jacks.....	13 00
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	240 00
“ Dodworth’s Band, “	745 00
“ Dodworth’s Band, “	755 00
“ Devlin & Co., uniform.....	17 30
“ Davis & Johnson, bricks, &c.....	558 45
“ Day’s Vulcanite Tar Co., pavement.....	7,561 27
“ Douglass Mnfg. Co., augers.....	5 00
“ Evans, Isaac, expenses.....	26 60
“ Knut, Forsberg, services.....	35 80
“ Gribble, James, hammers and sledges.....	360 42
“ Goodyear Rubber Emporium, horse-cover.....	11 25
“ Grant, Wm. H., expenses.....	\$55 23

Bill of Grant, Wm. H.,	“	32 71
“	Hatfield, R. G., services.....		28 12
“	Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron and steel..		172 83
“	Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, “ “ ..		749 76
“	Hollister & Brownell, feed.....		395 63
“	Hollister & Brownell, oats and hay.....		352 14
“	Hobbs & Oliver, gilding-lamp.....		1 50
“	Hojer & Graham, printing.....		3 00
“	Jube, John P. & Co., shafts and spokes....		19 20
“	Keuffel & Esser, artists' materials.....		240 95
“	Keuffel & Esser, “ “ ..		84 87
“	Klunder Charles, ferns.....		120 00
“	Lawrie, P. W. & Co., meat.....		201 95
“	Labagh, Wm. O., salt.....		13 75
“	Mould, J. Wrey, expenses.....		8 00
“	Maxfield & Co., nuts.....		9 00
“	Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas.....		170 62
“	Menzies, Wm. & Sons, lumber.....		422 91
“	Rathbun, M. & Co., cracked corn.....		12 50
“	Reese, David E., carpenters' work.....		117 75
“	Riddle, Brintnall & Co., coal.....		85 00.
“	Stewart, A. T. & Co., dry goods.....		73 89
“	Stevens, J. W. & Bros., lumber.....		130 50
“	Slote & Janes, stationery.....		11 70
“	Smith, Phineas, lawn-mower.....		15 00
“	Simpson, A., bread.....		156 85
“	Talcott, James C., grain &c.....		1,290 00
“	Tilden & Co., brown choralum.....		52 50
“	Whitlock, Wm. S. & Co., rope.....		43 87
“	Watrous & Willson, lumber.....		3,717 62
“	Zeigler & Co., office-stool.....		5 00
Total.....			\$22,653 54

Dated New York, October 16, 1872.

(Signed)

FREDERICK E. CHURCH,
Auditing Committee.

Mr. GREEN moved that the Board do now approve the above-mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay the said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to make all necessary purchases for this Department until the next meeting of the Board, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

The SECRETARY presented report showing the balance of each principal account of the Board, as requested at last meeting.

Ordered filed.

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

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1872.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 BROADWAY.

October 21, 1872.

Mr. F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary ;

SIR,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Wednesday next 23d inst., at 2 P. M., for action on sundry claims and other business that may be brought before it.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
President D. P. P.

Present :—FRED. LAW OLMSTED, Esq., President, and
Mr. GREEN,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of the PRESIDENT,

Resolved, That the battalion of Scotch Highlanders be per-

mitted to enter the Central Park, for the purpose of taking part in the ceremony of the inauguration of the Scott Memorial Statue.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communication :

From William Paton, on behalf of certain Scotch residents of New York, requesting the Board to reserve a site, adjoining the Scott Statue, for a contemplated statue of their national poet—Burns.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the proposition this day received from William Paton, Esq., on behalf of the Scotch residents of New York, to provide a Statue of Robert Burns, is very acceptable to this Board, and that a site be set apart for the same, upon the Mall, opposite that appointed for the Statue of Sir Walter Scott.

Adopted.

From W. A. Haines, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, applying for enlarged accommodations.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to fit up the lower floor of the Arsenal building suitably for the purposes of the American Museum of Natural History, reserving such accommodations as are required for the business of the department.

Adopted.

From F. G. Giles, President Blooming Grove Park Association, requesting the department to provide a native northern buck deer for said association.

Mr. GREEN moved that the Treasurer be authorized to comply with the request of said association.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Church, Olmsted—3.

Mr. GREEN gave notice of certain amendments proposed to the by-laws, modifying the powers and duties of the Landscape Architect and General Superintendent, and Treasurer, and moved the appointment of a SPECIAL COMMITTEE thereupon.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Green and Church such Committee.

On motion of Mr. Green, at two o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday next, 24th inst., at two o'clock, P. M.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1872.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.

Present :—ANDREW H. GREEN, Esq., Vice-President, and
Mr. STEBBINS.
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The VICE-PRESIDENT laid before the Board the certificate of the Mayor of the appointment of Henry G. Stebbins, Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks, with copy of oath of office.

Ordered entered at length upon the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
New York, October 23d, 1872. }

Under and by virtue of Section 95 of an act entitled an act to reorganize the local government of the city of New York, passed April 5th, 1870, Henry G. Stebbins, Esq., is hereby appointed a member of the Department of Public Parks of the

city government, for a full term of five years, and as successor to Frederick Law Olmsted, Esq., who has resigned as a member of said Department.

(Signed) A. OAKEY HALL,
Mayor of the City of New York.

[COPY.]

I, Henry G. Stebbins, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of a member of the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York according to the best of my ability.

(Signed) HENRY G. STEBBINS.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
this 23d day of Oct., 1872, }

(Signed) A. OAKEY HALL,

Mayor of the City of New York,

and filed in the Mayor's Office this 23d day of October, A. D. 1872, according to ordinance.

(Signed) CHAS. O. JOLINE,
C. Clerk.

On motion of Mr. CHURCH :

Ordered, That the Board do now proceed to the election of President by ballot.

The VICE-PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Church teller.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for President.

The teller announced the result as follows :

For President, H. G. Stebbins received 3 votes.

The VICE-PRESIDENT declared that Mr. H. G. Stebbins,

having received the votes of a majority of all the members of the Board, was duly elected President.

On motion of Mr. GREEN :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Mr. Fred. Law Olmsted for the courteous, efficient and able discharge of his duties as President during the absence of Mr. Stebbins.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Calvert Vaux resigning the position of Landscape Architect and General Superintendent of the Department.

Accepted.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That Fred. Law Olmsted be, and he is hereby, appointed Landscape Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That Calvert Vaux be, and he is hereby, appointed Consulting Landscape Architect.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That Frederick W. Whittemore be, and he is hereby, appointed Treasurer of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board be required to give security to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to report on certain amendments to the by-laws, reported as follows :

The undersigned, a Special Committee, to report certain

changes of the by-laws, do recommend that Article II, Sec. 12, be amended so as to read as follows :

Sec. 12. All clerical and other appointments required within the field of duty of the Treasurer, shall be nominated by him to the Board for confirmation. All foremen, mechanics and laborers shall be appointed by the Superintendent of Parks. And all other appointments, including gardeners, except those made directly by the Board, shall be nominated by the Landscape Architect to the Board for confirmation.

And that Article II, Sec. 1, heading Treasurer, be amended by striking out the words "The Treasurer shall be chief executive officer of the Board."

And that Article II, Sections 2 and 11, be amended by striking out the words, "and General Superintendent," "and General Superintendents," respectively.

New York, October 23d, 1872.

(Signed) ANDREW H. GREEN, } *Special*
(Signed) FREDERICK E. CHURCH, } *Committee.*

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on By-Laws be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as the action of the Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT—

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect shall be required to report on any propositions for new constructions or change of existing constructions, before they shall be acted on by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, The plan of the Conservatory, with the arrangement therein of a hall for music, as submitted by the Landscape Architect, be approved by the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Monkey-House be raised and enlarged.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

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The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Superintendent Ryan, enclosing a report to him from Foreman McWhinney, relative to the insecurity of wooden structure north of the Belvedere.

On motion of Mr. GREEN :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect report on the desirability of changing the character of the structure at the north end of the Belvedere.

The PRESIDENT presented a report from Mr. Fred. Law Olmsted, late Treasurer, in compliance with resolution found on p. 520 of the minutes, in reference to the proper administration of the Police Force of the Department.

The PRESIDENT moved that said report be ordered printed, as a document of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

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Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bills of the Harlem Gas-Light Company, for gas to, and lighting the public lamps situated upon the various public squares and places under the control of this Department, during year 1872, when the same shall have been properly certified to his satisfaction.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested, under the provisions of Chapter 739 of the laws of 1872, to issue to an amount not exceeding the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), of the public fund or stock, to be denominated the "City Parks Improvement Fund," for the improvement and regulation of the several parks, squares and places, which by law now are, or may hereafter be under the control of the Department of Public Parks, and also for the construction and equipment of a meteorological and astronomical observatory on the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested, under the provisions of Chapter 739 of the laws of 1872, to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Third National Bank of the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for work, services, and materials furnished, or to be furnished for permanent improvements on the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Landscape Architect, submitting a design for the improvement of Five Points Park.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board do approve of the design for the improvement of Five Points Park, as now submitted.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

On motion of Mr. GREEN :

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet on Friday, November 1st, at 2 P. M.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, at four o'clock and fifteen minutes, the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1872.

ADJOURNED MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—Mr. CHURCH.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

F. W. WHITEMORE,
Secretary.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1872.

SPECIAL MEETING—10 A. M.

The Board met in pursuance with the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

October 30th, 1872.

F. W. WHITTEMORE, Esq.,

Secretary D. P. P.

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Saturday, 2d proximo, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,

President D. P. P.

Present :—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and

Mr. GREEN,

“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

From Calvert Vaux, Consulting Landscape Architect, with accompanying study, suggesting that Fifth avenue be widened

twenty-five feet on the east side, between Eighty-first and Eighty-third streets, to improve the approach to the proposed site for the Art Museum.

Laid on the table.

From F. L. OLMSTED, Treasurer dated October 24th, respecting the laying out of the Fort Washington Ridge Road, and recommending the original lines ; whereupon after some debate, on motion of Mr. GREEN, it was laid on the table.

From the Treasurer enclosing one from Mr. W. H. Grant, in conformity with resolution, adopted Oct. 16th, 1872, page 531, of the minutes, in reference to proposed new road above Tubby Hook, and recommending a modification of the lines asked for by B. L. Ackermann and others, property owners.

At this point the Secretary reported to the Board that there had been sent to the office of this department, a map purporting to be plan of proposed alterations by the Commissioner of Public Works of the grades of numerous streets and avenues in the northern end of this island.

Whereupon Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Whereas, The uncertainty which prevails as to the validity and legal effect of Sect. 7 of Chap. 872, of the Laws of 1872, is in the opinion of this Board exceedingly prejudicial to the public interest ; and

Whereas, The question of laying out of new streets, and the alteration of the grades of streets heretofore under the charge of this Department, is to be determined by the validity and legal effect of the said statute, Chap. 872, Sect. 7, of the Laws of 1872.

And in view of the serious consequences which might result

from any illegal action on the part of this Board, or of any other department of the city, in reference to the taking of property for new streets, or the alteration of the grades of streets, and the large amount of assessments which depend upon a strict compliance with the law in the execution of the works heretofore admittedly under the exclusive charge of this Department.

Resolved, That the President of this Department forthwith instruct such actions to be taken as he may be advised to be necessary on the part of this Department, and the Commissioners thereof to have the powers and duties of this Department, and said Commissioners judicially ascertained and determined, and for this purpose the President is authorized to employ such counsel as he may determine.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said preambles and resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

From the Clerk of Common Council, transmitting copy resolution, approved by the Mayor October 31st 1872, requesting the Board to furnish music one day in each week, at Mt. Morris Park.

Laid on the table, and the Secretary instructed to inform the Board of Assistant Aldermen that music had been furnished during the past season.

The PRESIDENT offered the three following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the County of Westchester be, and he is hereby requested to pay over to the Department

of Public Parks the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), such sum being hereby certified by this Department as necessary to be raised in the town of Morrisania, in said County of Westchester, to carry out the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the County of Westchester be, and he is hereby requested to pay over to the Department of Public Parks the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), such sum being hereby certified by this Department as necessary to be raised in the town of Yonkers, in said County of Westchester, to carry out the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the County of Westchester be, and he is hereby requested to pay over to the Department of Public Parks the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), such sum being hereby certified by this Department as necessary to be raised in the town of West Farms in said County of Westchester, to carry out the provisions of chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said three resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to execute a license with Columbus Ryan, for the exclusive privilege to sell refreshments on the Central Park, for a term of five years next ensuing the expiration of the present license to Radford & Ryan, and that the sum to be paid for said privilege to be an amount not exceeding ten per cent., nor less than five per cent. of the gross amount of sales, as shall be determined, from time

to time, by the Board; said license to contain all necessary restrictions to insure to the Board the proper control of the said business, and to be submitted to the Board for approval before execution.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from W. H. Grant, estimating cost of laying out, mapping, &c., Sedgwick avenue, in town of Morrisania, Westchester County, about \$1,000, and time, six weeks to two months.

Laid on the table.

From F. L. Olmstead, Landscape Architect, nominating C. P. Millard as chainman.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, said nomination was confirmed.

Mr. CHURCH, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bill of Frank Ryder, gravel.....	\$4,227 45
“ Henry Parry, panels for Terrace.....	711 00
“ Henry Parry, “ “	174 50
“ Watrous & Wilson, lumber.....	4,694 27
“ Marvin & Co., rent.....	2,125 00
Total.....	<u>\$11,932 22</u>

Dated New York, November 2d, 1872.

FREDERICK E. CHURCH, } *Auditing*
 } *Committee.*

Mr. GREEN moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN gave notice of certain proposed changes in the by-laws, and moved the appointment of a Special Committee thereon.

Adopted.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Green and Mr. Church such Committee.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Mr. F. L. Olmsted, dated October 24th, resigning the office of Treasurer to the Board.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. GREEN the Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer by ballot.

Mr. CHURCH, by appointment of the PRESIDENT, acted as teller.

Mr. CHURCH announced that Frederick W. Whittemore had received three votes, the whole number cast.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT announced that Frederick W. Whittemore was duly elected Treasurer of the Board, to date from October 24th, 1872.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the compensation of the following named officers of the Department be fixed at the sums, and from the dates set opposite their respective names, as follows :

Fred. Law Olmsted, Landscape Architect.	\$10,000, from Oct. 24, 1872.
Calvert Vaux, Consulting Landscape Architect.	5,000, " "
Fredk. W. Whittemore, Treasurer.	7,500, " "
Isaac Evans, Assistant Secretary.	3,000, from Nov. 1, 1872.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the preparation of the ground on the site selected for a Museum and Gallery of Art be proceeded with.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, at twelve o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Mr. GREEN,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the resolution relating to license to C. Ryan, and found on page 556 of the minutes, was amended by striking out the words “next ensuing the expiration of the present license to Radford and Ryan,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “from November 1st, 1872.”

And the minutes, as amended, were approved.

On motion of the PRESIDENT:

Resolved, That the Treasurer examine and report to this Board what fixed amount would be proper to charge C. Ryan, as a percentage on the sales of refreshments on Central Park in lieu of the movable rate mentioned in resolution adopted November 2, 1872, and for the entire term of the license authorized by said resolution.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from General G. S. Greene, Consulting Engineer, relative to plans for the proposed Tunnel under Harlem river, and another relating to the proposed Suspension Bridge above High Bridge, each with accompanying plan, recommending certain modifications of the plans heretofore proposed.

General Greene appeared before the Board, and by request made verbal explanatory statements of the above-mentioned plans presented by him.

Whereupon Mr. GREEN moved that the resolutions adopted August 7th, 1872, found on page 481 of the minutes, defining the line of jurisdiction of the proposed Suspension Bridge and Tunnel, respectively be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN then offered the two following resolutions :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the authority conferred by Sec. 3, Chap. 534, of the Laws of 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby establish and define the line of jurisdiction, between the county of New York and the county of Westchester, at the site of the tunnel, as and at the line of low water-mark on the Westchester side of Harlem river, and, according to their definition of the said line of jurisdiction, 1513 $\frac{5}{10}$ feet of the tunnel mentioned and described in Sec. 3, Chap. 534, of the Laws of 1871, "as the Tunnel that may be planned or located near or at the northerly end of Seventh avenue, in the city of New York," and 1073 $\frac{2}{10}$ feet in the county of Westchester, according to preliminary plan.

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the authority conferred by Sec. 3, Chap. 534, Laws of 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby establish and define the line of jurisdiction between the county of New York and the county of Westchester, at the site of the Suspension Bridge, hereafter mentioned, as and at the line of low watermark on the Westchester side of the Harlem River, and according to this definition of the said line of jurisdiction, $711\frac{1}{10}\frac{5}{8}$ feet of the Suspension Bridge mentioned and described in Sec. 3, of Chap. 534, of the Laws of 1871, as "a Suspension Bridge north of the Bridge known as the 'High Bridge,' but not more than half a mile therefrom," are in the county of New York, and $938\frac{8}{10}\frac{5}{8}$ feet in the county of Westchester, according to preliminary plan.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

November 6th, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Treasurer respectfully reports the condition of the finances as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Department..	\$13,992 53
" " " " " Treasurer....	38,335 95
Total.....	<u>\$52,328 48</u>

Respectfully,

FREDK. W. WHITEMORE,
Secretary D. P.P.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board approve of the location of the Suspension Bridge over the Harlem river, as shown on the plan this day submitted to the Board, the same to be constructed at an elevation not exceeding 126 feet above high water-datum.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Consulting Engineer be requested to present estimates of the cost of building the Tunnel under the Harlem river of the width of forty feet.

Adopted.

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to report on certain amendments to the by-laws, reported as follows :

The undersigned, a Special Committee to report certain changes of the by-laws, do recommend that Article II, section 11, be amended so as to be read as follows :

SEC. 11. There shall be an Office of Design and Superintendence, through which all orders for the service of the Department of Parks and Places, and not relating to payments and financial accounts, shall be given, and their execution supervised and controlled. The Landscape Architect shall be at the head of the Office of Design and Superintendence, and all persons required in the preparation and execution of plans not directly appointed by the Board, and not foremen, mechanics or laborers, shall, if their compensation is to exceed a rate of \$3 per day, be nominated by him to the Board for confirmation; and if their compensation is not to exceed \$3 per day, shall be appointed by him.

The meetings of the Board shall be open to the Landscape Architect, and all proposed measures involving the plans of Parks and Places, or any change thereof, shall be referred to him to report upon before their adoption by the Board.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6th, 1872.

(Signed) AND. H. GREEN,) Special
 FREDERICK E. CHURCH, } Committee.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on By-Laws be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as the action of the Board, and that the report be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

In conformity with resolution adopted October 24, page 547 of the minutes, the Landscape Architect made a verbal report in regard to the structure at north end of the Belvedere.

Whereupon Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be directed to remove the summer-house at the north-west corner of the platform of the Belvedere to the Central Plaza of Mount Morris square, and to provide estimates of the cost of carrying out the plans for the same situation originally adopted by the Department of Public Parks.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

On motion of Mr. GREEN :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect report to this Board on the practicability of reducing the number of the officers of the police force.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That Wm. H. Grant, Engineer, be directed to make the necessary surveys and plans of the road in continuation of Sedgwick avenue, from the Morrisania line to the Fordham road, in the town of Morrisania, Westchester County, and that the resolution adopted October 2, page 519 of the Minutes, be modified accordingly.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

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

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2, P. M.

Present:—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Mr. GREEN,
“ CHURCH.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were presented :

From General Jas. G. Wilson, on behalf of Committee, requesting the designation of a site for a full length statue of the poet Fitz Greene Halleck.

Whereupon Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the request of General Jas. G. Wilson be granted, and that the Landscape Architect be requested to report a suitable site for said statue.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

From the New York City College Foot Ball Club, requesting permission to play their games on Central Park.

Referred to the Superintendent.

From Green Wright, notifying the Department of his claim against John P. Cummings, Jr., for work on the St. Nicholas avenue, from 125th to 155th streets.

Referred to the Treasurer.

From the Sixth Regiment N. G. S. N. Y., requesting permission to enter the Park, with music and arms, as escort to the Veterans on Evacuation Day.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From the same, inviting the Commissioners to be present at a collation to be furnished to the veterans by their regiment on said day.

Referred to the Secretary, to reply on behalf of the Board.

From Louis B. Rader, relative to the opening of Fort Washington Ridge Road.

Whereupon Mr. GREEN called up the resolution offered by him June 5, 1872, p. 410 of the Minutes, and moved that the same be made the special order for the next meeting.

Adopted.

From John Haven, in relation to designating certain streets and avenues at the north of 155th street, by appropriate names in lieu of numbers, when

Mr. GREEN moved the appointment of a Special Committee to be appointed by the PRESIDENT, for the purpose of adopting a system of nomenclature for said neighborhood.

Adopted.

THE PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Green, Church, such Committee.

From Lindsay R. Richardson, Secretary Special Committee Seventh Regiment Monumental Association, transmitting copy of sundry resolutions relating to the site determined for the Seventh Regiment Statue.

At this point Emmon Clark, Colonel commanding Seventh Regiment N. G., S. N. Y., appeared by consent before the Board in support of said communication.

After some debate, on motion of Mr. GREEN, it was

Resolved, That the general subject of said resolutions and interview be referred to the Landscape Architect, with power, and that he be instructed to put himself in communication with said Special Committee of said regiment.

From W. H. Grant, Engineer, estimating the value of the granite belonging to John Hogan, contractor, for the construction of the proposed stone-arched bridge at Kingsbridge.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, referred to the Treasurer.

From Superintendent Ryan, recommending the reduction of the pay of Ladies' Maids.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to fix the pay of Ladies' Maids at a sum not exceeding \$1.50 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

From Superintendent Ryan, nominating James Van Riper as Mechanical Engineer at the workshops, at the rate of \$4 per day.

The PRESIDENT moved that said nomination be confirmed, and at the rate of pay suggested by the Superintendent.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

From F. L. Olmsted, Landscape Architect, giving list of those employed in the Office of Design and Superintendence, whose pay exceeds \$3 per day, also a list of officers of the Police Force.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, said communication was accepted and referred back to Mr. Olmsted, to report a reduction in the number of the engineering force.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That this Board peremptorily requires that the expenditures of the Department for Maintenance of the Parks be kept within the appropriation for that purpose, and the Treasurer is required to report to this Board at each meeting the condition of this account, and as to what action is necessary to attain the object of this resolution.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN called up and moved the adoption of resolution offered by him October 16, p. 532 of the Minutes, inserting, however, the amount of \$20,000 before the words " for planting," as follows :

Resolved, That with the exception of money necessary for the completion of the Conservatory, Belvedere, Gates and Exterior Walls, Terrace, Angel Fountain, Adjustment of the Park roads and entrances to the altered grades of 110th street and Fifth and Eighth avenues, and \$20,000 for Planting, no moneys shall be paid on account of Constructions, except by the special order of this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be instructed to

report to this Board upon cost of completing the Belvedere, on the plan originally designed and approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

From W. H. Grant, Engineer, relative to the condition of the Draw of the Harlem Bridge.

Laid over.

The Landscape Architect submitted a study for lighting the Mall on Fifty-ninth street.

Mr. GREEN moved that said study for lighting Fifty-ninth street by suspension lamps be approved, and that the Landscape Architect report to this Board an estimate of cost of construction of the same.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

The Landscape Architect laid before the Board a design of Telegraph Poles for carrying lines over Union Square.

Mr. GREEN moved that said design for Telegraph Poles be approved, providing the Telegraph Companies interested defray the cost of said poles.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church.—3.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the Landscape Architect was directed to report at the next meeting on changing the sheep-fold into an aquarium as requested by resolution adopted and found on p. 502 of the Minutes.

The Landscape Architect submitted a study of Boat-House at the lake.

On motion of Mr. GREEN ;

Laid over for consideration.

The Landscape Architect presented an estimate of the cost of flagging the sidewalks around Jackson Square.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That stone flagging pavement be laid on the walks adjacent to Jackson Square as soon as practicable.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church.—3.

The Landscape Architect presented a communication from

Van Santwoord and Hauff relative to an alleged infringement of the patent for pavement of John J. Schillinger.

Laid on the table.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the work on Union Square be expedited with all possible despatch.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church.—3.

The Landscape Architect presented report from W. A. Conklin, Director of The Menagerie, of his European travels in the interest of the Department.

Mr. GREEN moved that said report be printed as a document of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church.—3.

See document No. 42.

The TREASURER presented a statement of amount expended for labor and materials in setting granite pedestal and Bronze Statue of Walter Scott, and requested instructions thereupon.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The report of F. L. Olmsted, Treasurer, of October 24th, 1872 (Document No. 41), was called up, Whereupon :

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That Landscape Architect be directed to make as large a reduction as practicable of the present police force of the Central Park, and that the organization is hereby directed of an auxiliary body from the workmen of the park, to be employed in the duties of park-keepers, as occasion shall demand.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs, Green, Stebbins, Church.—3.

Mr. CHURCH, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bill of Dugan, Francis, repairing cottages.....	\$24 20
“ “ “ works and materials.....	1,200 00
“ Dumahout, A., freight.....	23 23
“ “ “ “	16 22

Bill of Davis & Johnson, brick.....	\$360 00
" Dodworth's Band, music.....	250 00
" Davis & Riker, thermometers, &c.	11 15
" Erving & Quinn, money case	18 00
" Express, Steamboat Co., freight.....	23 27
" Express, U. S. Co. "	12 50
" Fryer, W. J., Jr. & Co., wrought-iron work..	448 00
" Fairbanks & Co., scale and frame.....	46 08
" Grahamite Paving Co., pavement	8,722 23
" Grosz, M. & Son, lintels.	980 00
" Hoboken Stores, storage.....	22 50
" Hollister & Brownell, meal, grain, &c.....	341 68
" Helmuth, Charles, charges	38 25
" " " "	140 00
" Hays, Wm., rent.....	6 25
" Jackson, Wm. & Co., grates.....	11 00
" Lewis, C. A. & Co., fish.....	202 09
" Laurie, P. W. & Co., beef.....	236 25
" Peddie, P. B., leather bag.....	6 00
" Prentiss & Ward, glass, putty, &c.....	156 21
" Robson, Daniel, bags.....	142 00
" Ryder, Frank, gravel.....	2,636 75
" Smith & Crane, posts	360 00
" Secombe Mngf. Co., stamp.....	12 00
" Such, George, peat	28 75
" Scharbach, Charles, leather	10 29
" Sloane, W. & J., oil cloth... ..	10 00
" Slattery James, pavement.....	1,900 50
" " " sand	1,743 00
" Telfair, J. H. & Co., oil and kerosene.....	203 50
" Talcott, J. C. & Co., grain, &c.....	194 25
" Thornhill & Co., work, &c... ..	1,100 00
" Talcott, J. C. & Co., hay, grain, &c.	346 00

Bill of Van Giesen, P., sprinklers.....	\$84 00
“ Winants, J. J., dump tickets.....	37 10
“ Wilson, N. C., plants.....	100 00
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Total.....	\$22,203 25

Dated New York, November 20, 1872.

(Signed) FREDERICK E. CHURCH,
Auditing Committee.

Mr. GREEN moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church—3.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, at five o'clock, the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President,
Mr. GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1872.

SPECIAL MEETING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

December 9th, 1872.

F. W. WHITTEMORE, Esq.,
Secretary D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Wednesday, 11th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions, resolutions and miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,
President D. P. P.

Present :—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President,
Mr. GREEN,
“ BLATCHFORD.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The SECRETARY laid before the Board the certificate of the Mayor of the appointment of Richard M. Blatchford, Esq., Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks, with copy of oath of office.

Ordered entered at length on the minutes and placed on file, as follows :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 3, 1872. }

Under and by virtue of section 95 of an act entitled, "An Act to reorganize the Local Government of the City of New York," passed April 5th, A.D. 1870, Richard M. Blatchford, Esq., is hereby appointed a Member of the Department of Public Parks, of the city government, for the full term of five years, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert J. Dillon, Esq.

(Signed,)

A. OAKEY HALL,
*Mayor of the
City of New York.*

(Oath.)

I, Richard M. Blatchford, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York ; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of Public Parks, and a member of the Department of Public Parks, of the city of New York, according to the best of my ability.

(Signed)

R. M. BLATCHFORD.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
this 5th day of December, 1872, }

(Signed) A. Oakey Hall, Mayor of the City of New York, and filed in the Mayor's office, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1872, according to ordinance.

(Signed)

A. OAKEY HALL.

December 11, 1872.]

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Endorsement on the back of oath, as follows :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
New York, Dec. 5, 1872. }

I hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the original on file in this office.

(Signed)

CHAS. O. JOLINE,

Ch. Clerk.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from W. H. Grant, Engineer, relative to the appointment by him of Frederick Griffenburg, draughtsman, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum, skilled laborers Adolph Gengenbach, September 30th, William Smith, September 27th; Henry Holstein, September 2d; and Frederick Keller, September 2d, all at \$2.50 per day, and recommending the reduction of pay of John Le Mair to \$2.50 per day, from November 1st, and rank reduced from borer to skilled laborer; and Emil L. Heusner, draughtsman, May 14th, to draw plan of Third avenue Bridge, at \$5 per day.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the appointments now recommended be confirmed, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the amounts due to said draughtsmen and laborers.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Yeas.—Messrs. Green, Stebbins and Blatchford—3.

Mr GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That W. H. Grant, Engineer, be required to report to this Board all the works upon which he is at present engaged, and the number of men employed, together with their respective compensations.

The following communications were presented :

From Middleton & Co., offering for sale a curious bell, found in Japan.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the Secretary was instructed to refer the same to the Trustees of Museum of Natural History.

From Daniel Draper, in regard to pay of Thomas B. Ingram.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the pay of Thomas B. Ingram, clerk at Observatory, be increased from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins and Blatchford—3.

From Joseph Thomson and Harbeck Mills, Committees of the New York and Empire City Skating Clubs, requesting that a portion of the ice on Central Park be reserved for the use of Figure Skaters.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners, asking for an ex-

pression of the views of this Board, on the request of the Gold and Exchange Telegraph Company, for permission to run their wires on poles belonging to said Department.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, referred to the Landscape Architect, to reply affirmatively.

From William Grosser, requesting permission to place a telescope on City Hall Park, for exhibition.

Laid on the table.

From Joseph Scott, requesting permission to run children's carriages on Central Park.

Referred to the Treasurer.

From the Grahamite Asphalte Pavement Company, requesting the Department to furnish Belgian pavement to replace that removed by this Department from the avenue adjacent to Worth Monument.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the request of the Grahamite Asphalt Pavement Company be referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

From Alfred Edwards, Esq., relative to sparrow-houses in the City Park.

Referred to the Secretary.

The vacancy in the Executive Committee caused by the death of Robert J. Dillon, Esq., was filled by the appointment by the President of Richard M. Batchford, Esq.

From John M. Hopkins, protesting against locating the Fort Washington Ridge Road on the proposed easterly line.

Ordered on file.

From James McPyke, requesting lease of the Highbridge Hotel.

From Owen Murphy, also requesting lease of said hotel.

Referred to Superintendent.

From Ladies' Maids, requesting increase of pay.

Laid on the table.

From the Corporation Counsel, stating it was impracticable to carry into effect the resolution of the Board adopted October 16, 1872, p. 531 of Minutes, with reference to Inwood street.

Ordered filed.

The TREASURER presented a communication from the Landscape Architect, approving qualified certificate of Superintendent of Architectural Constructions, of bill of Composite Ironworks Company, for bronze rim of Terrace Fountain, and requested instruction from the Board in reference thereto.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay such part of said bill as shall be in his judgment satisfactorily certified.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

Mr. BLATCHFORD offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested, under the provisions of Chapter 739 of the Laws of 1872, to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Third National Bank of the City of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000), for work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished, for permanent improvements in the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

Mr. BLATCHFORD offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

December 11, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Treasurer respectfully reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Department..	\$21,271	70
“ “ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	3,910	06
Total	\$25,181	76

Respectfully,

FREDK. W. WHITTEMORE,

Treasurer D. P. P.

The TREASURER submitted report on Maintenance Account.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer on Maintenance Account, 1872, be entered at length on the minutes, and placed on file.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

To the Department of Public Parks :

In compliance with a resolution of the Board, adopted at a meeting held November 20th, 1872, the TREASURER respectfully makes the following statement of the condition of the Maintenance Account, for 1872 :

Received from the Comptroller of the city of New		
York for account Maintenance.....	\$390,000	00
“ from other sources, as the sale of sheep,		
grass, &c.....	17,575	61
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	\$407,575	61
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Expended on acc't of Maintenance :

Of Central Park, to Dec. 1..	\$273,704	77	
Museum and Observatory...	41,870	52	
Parks and Places.....	70,146	84	
Bridges.....	2,805	24	
Roads and Avenues, to June,			
22.....	20,551	07	\$409,078 44
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Expended, more than received.....			\$1,502 83
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Amount to be received as December allowance..			\$35,000 00
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Respectfully submitted,

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Treasurer.

Mr. GREEN presented certain preambles and resolutions, with reference to the opening of streets in that portion of New York lying north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Street, and on his motion they were laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

The SECRETARY laid before the Board, a communication from the Mayor, notifying the Department of the appointment of Edward Delafield Smith as Corporation Counsel, in place of Richard O'Gorman, resigned.

Ordered on file.

On motion of Mr. BLATCHFORD :

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee to prepare appropriate resolutions expressive of the regret of this Board at the death of Robert J. Dillon, late Commissioner of this Department, and of its sympathy with the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Green and Mr. Blatchford as such Committee.

On motion of Mr. GREEN :

The PRESIDENT was added to said Committee.

The Landscape Architect, as requested by resolution of the Board (p. 572) of the minutes, presented a report on the present condition of the Engineering force, and recommending certain reductions.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the report of the Landscape Architect, as presented, be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted by this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

The Landscape Architect presented a report with reference to approaches to the Museum from the Main Drive, as requested by resolution adopted June 19th, p. 433 of the minutes.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the report just presented be accepted, and that the Landscape Architect be requested to prepare and present to the Board a plan for the proposed two bridges.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

The Landscape Architect laid before the Board plans for proposed Boat House, and submitting estimate of cost from \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans for the new Boat House, now submitted, be approved and the Landscape Architect be directed to proceed with the work. AND that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expense of said structure to an amount not exceeding \$20,000, and to charge the same to Construction Account.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the cost of completing the Workshops and the modification of the Sheep-fold out of the funds provided for Constructions.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

Mr. BLATCHFORD, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited, and certified the following bills and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bill of American Clock Co., one regulator.....	\$40 00
“ Annin, Edward J., skating flag.....	12 00
“ Annin & Co., flag for veterans.....	35 00
“ Adams Express Co., freight 2 cages and box, Austin, Texas.....	35 50
“ Argus Company, fifty pamphlets, Report of Commissioners.....	9 50
“ Bartlett, J. W., lamp globes.....	27 00
“ Baker, Vorhees & Co., Session Laws, 1872..	8 00
“ Bailey, Geo., services of diver and assistant	55 00
“ Bigelow, Blue Stone Co., blue stone, Eighth ave. wall.....	1,056 00
“ Beeching, S., subscription to <i>Herald, Times,</i> <i>World and Sun</i>	43 82
“ Blunt & Co., one transit and sundry repairs	220 00

Bill of Blunt & Co., one level and repairs.....	\$170 00
“ Brooks Bros., clothing	586 50
“ Colwell, Shaw, Willard, Mfg. Co., lead pipe.	34 65
“ Colwell, Shaw, Willard, “ “	154 76
“ Cooper, A., & Lansfersweiler, flower plcts..	251 32
“ Crombie, Thos. J., lumber.....	55 44
“ Chase, W. L., & Co., lathe and chuck.....	398 00
“ Caldwell, Weston & Co., coal	607 50
“ Connecticut Clock Co., repair to clock.....	7 00
“ Dodworth’s Band, music.....	255 00
“ Davis & Johnson, brick and cement.....	330 00
“ Duffy, Jas., milk.....	30 00
“ Davis & Riker, hardware	102 87
“ Dumahout, A., August, petty cash expenses	75 14
“ Dumahout, A., Septem. “ “ “	115 06
“ Dumahout, A., October “ “ “	65 43
“ Evans, Isaac, “ “ “ “	12 80
“ Evans, Isaac, “ “ “ “	30 78
“ Evans, Isaac, November, petty cash expenses	36 43
“ Forsberg, Knut, services, October 7 to No- vember 2, inclusive.....	114 14
“ Forsberg, Knut, services, November 4 to November 16, inclusive.....	70 20
“ Forsberg, Knut, services, November 18 to November 30, inclusive.....	67 08
“ Fryer, Jr., W. J. & Co., account iron work at Belvidere.....	350 00
“ Fryer, Jr., W. J. & Co., account iron work at Union Square.....	1,200 00
“ Gibson, Wm., stone-boats.....	250 00
“ Gibson, Wm., “	250 00
“ Grant, Wm. H., October, petty cash expen- ses.....	21 74

Bill of Grant, Wm. H., November, petty cash expenses	\$40 29
“ Grube, Henry, account carpenter work, Union Square.....	2,000 00
“ Grosz, Michael & Son, iron work at workshops, C. P.....	4,290 00
“ Grosz, Michael & Son, skylight at workshops, C. P.....	2,887 50
“ Hollister & Brownell, straw.....	72 74
“ Hollister & Brownell, feed.....	189 25
“ Harlem Gas-Light Co., coke.....	250 00
“ Harlem Gas-Light Co., Mt. St. Vincent....	285 00
“ Harlem Gas-Light Co., Transverse Roads stables.....	25 50
“ Harlem Gas-Light Company, Transverse Roads stables.....	78 90
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, cast-steel.....	113 61
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, galvanized iron	20 79
“ Hazard Powder Company, powder and fuse	1,959 13
“ Hoopes Bros. & Thomas, Trees.....	43 25
“ Keufel & Esser, artist's materials.....	117 10
“ Klunder & Long, plants.....	100 00
“ Labagh, Wm. O., salt.....	9 00
“ Lawrie, P. W. & Co., beef.....	227 50
“ Moffit, John M., granite for horse fountain	104 00
“ Menzies, Wm. & Son, lumber.....	375 73
“ Menzies, Wm. & Son, “	320 74
“ Menzies, Wm. & Son, “	1,973 04
“ Menzies, Wm. & Son, “	402 72
“ Metropolitan Gas-Light Company, gas C. P. Arsenal.....	73 42
“ Metropolitan Gas-Light Company, gas C. P. Arsenal.....	104 50

Bill of Murray, A., repairing roof 265 Broadway...	\$130 00
“ Murray, A., Argand burners and pipe, 265 Broadway.....	65 00
“ Neefus Co-operative Manufacturing Company, copper on fountain at C. P.....	900 00
“ N. Y. & L. I. Coignet Company, pavement...	2,447 13
“ Nason, Joseph & Co., iron pipe and couplings.....	21 76
“ New York Cement Company, cement.....	1,558 81
“ N. A. Neufchatel Pavement Company, pavement on Bridge at C. P.....	383 14
“ Nutting & Gethens, drills.....	7 64
“ Otto & Achelis, shrubs.....	27 75
“ Powell, W. J., flags.....	413 00
“ Page, Kidder & Fletcher, asphalt.....	1,322 98
“ Page, Kidder & Fletcher, “.....	1,187 55
“ Parsons R. B. & Co., evergreens.....	420 25
“ Parsons, Samuel & Jones, plants.....	358 00
“ Pitkin, Waterbury & Co., robe and blanket	39 50
“ Pitkin, Waterbury & Co., harness and blankets.....	57 00
“ Prentice & Co., repairs.....	3 25
“ Reimer, John J., & Co., wooden ware.....	87 30
“ Reiche, Chas. & Bro., birds.....	310 00
“ Russell, W. D., Baxter engine.....	1,250 00
“ Russell, W. D., repairs.....	20 43
“ Russell, W. D., steam-whistle.....	12 00
“ Reeves, R. C., agricultural implements.....	97 50
“ Raynolds, C. T. & Co. paint, oil, &c.....	46 40
“ Raynolds, C. T. & Co., “ “.....	205 63
“ Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paint.....	151 00
“ Ruhe, Louis, bird food.....	8 00
“ Ruhe, Louis, “.....	4 00

Bill of Robson, Daniel, bays.....	77 00
“ Redman, William, & Co., tan bark.....	15 00
“ Such, Geo., peat.....	300 00
“ Shute, Wm. & Co., earthenware.....	24 97
“ Shute, Wm. & Co., fire brick, &c.....	12 70
“ Shute, Wm. & Co., drain pipe.....	93 25
“ Schaarback, Chas., leather.....	10 41
“ Salamander Works, fire brick.....	2 75
“ Stewart, A. T. & Co., ticking & flannel....	13 40
“ Schmitd, Max., services.....	60 00
“ Steamer Baltic (I. H. Sparks agt.), freight on seven cases.....	62 89
“ Simpson, A., bread.....	268 16
“ Tone, T. F., coal.....	42 50
“ Telfair, John & Co., linseed oil, &c.....	115 90
“ Telfair, John H. & Co., sperm oil.....	91 58
“ The Dingee and Conard Co., plants.....	114 75
“ Tiemann, D. F. & Co., chrome yellow.....	24 00
“ Tilden & Co., bromo chloralum.....	54 50
“ Underhill & Co., ventilators.....	10 00
“ United Farmers Milk Reform Co., milk....	32 16
“ United Farmers Milk Reform Co., do. . .	7 68
“ Vanderbilt Bros., Russia mats.....	36 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron.....	14 25
“ “ “ “.....	14 00
“ “ “ “.....	76 64
“ “ “ “.....	38 69
“ Winants, J. J., dump tickets.....	80 00
“ Whitlock, W. J. & Co., rope.....	3 29
“ Warner, Wylleys H., heating apparatus....	300 00
“ Wagner, Henry, earth filling Manhattan Sq.	3,043 00
“ Wilson, W. C., plants.....	440 25

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Bill of Wilson W. C., plants..... \$304 00

Total amount..... \$41,266 11

Dated New York, December 11, 1872.

(Signed)

R. M. BLATCHFORD,
Auditing Committee.

Mr. GREEN moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

On motion of Mr. Blachford, it was ordered that the hour of meeting of the Board be fixed at 10 A. M. instead of 2 P. M., as heretofore.

The Landscape Architect presented a report on the petition of the skating clubs :

Mr. GREEN moved that the same he referred to the Landscape Architect and Treasurer, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

Mr. GREEN presented a communication from John J. Serrill, C. E., with reference to the opening of streets and avenues north of 155th Street and moved that the same be laid over for presentation at the next meeting of the Board, together with the preambles and resolutions relating to the same subject presented at an earlier stage of this meeting.

Adopted.

Communications were received from two of the Park-Keepers, tendering their resignations.

Referred to Landscape Architect.

On motion of Mr. Blatchford, at four o'clock the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1872.

REGULAR MEETING—2, P. M.

Present:—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Mr. GREEN,
“ CHURCH.
“ BLATCHFORD.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From W. H. Grant, Engineer, in response to resolution adopted at the last meeting, p. 586 of the minutes, giving statement of the works on which he is engaged, list of men employed, and their respective compensations.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That in view of the continued failure of the County of Westchester to provide its portion of the expenses incurred on works now being carried on by this Department in that County, this Board deems it expedient to order an immediate cessation of all such work.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, laid over and made a special order for an adjourned meeting, to be held on Saturday next, 21st inst., and that W. H. Grant, Engineer, and George S. Greene, Consulting Engineer, be requested to attend at the next meeting of the Board, and present their views on the subject now under consideration.

From W. H. Grant, accompanied with topographical map of Westchester District, and making certain suggestions in regard thereto.

Laid on the table.

From August Braun, requesting license to furnish skates and chairs on the pond during the coming skating season.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, referred to the Landscape Architect as to the proper regulations to be established, and to the Treasurer as to the charge to be made for said license.

From a representative of the Western Union Telegraph Co., complaining of injury to poles and wires of said company by the carting of trees through the streets of the city on the trucks of the Department.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Charles P. Bucking and others in favor of locating Fort Washington Ridge Road on the proposed easterly lines.

Laid over for next meeting.

From William Furniss, in regard to valuation of trees belonging to the estate of W. P. Furniss on the line of Riverside Drive.

Laid on the table.

Mr. BLATCHFORD, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bill of Bigelow Blue Stone Co., crosswalk stones...	\$315 00
“ Bigelow Blue Stone Co., straight curb.....	85 25
“ Dugan, Francis, roofing.....	1,529 00
“ Evans, Isaac, petty cash expenses.....	62 58
“ Forsberg, Knutt, services drawing maps C. P.	70 00
“ Meehan, Thos., plants.....	89 50
“ Miller & Coates, tiles and labor.....	462 15
“ Meallio & Co., cleaning hats.....	61 00
“ McMann & Russell, pipe for sounding.....	114 75
“ McMann & Russell, do. do.	170 00
“ Naragansett Steamship Co., frt. on plants..	26 39
“ Obernier, F. W., repair to buggy.....	65 00
“ Prentiss & Ward, glass.....	629 44
“ Reeves, E. H., & Co., lawn mowers.....	60 00
“ Ryan, C., stamp.....	12 00
“ Ryder, Frank, gravel.....	2,840 80
“ Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery.....	15 47.
“ Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., do.	507 05
	\$7,115 38

Amounting to the aggregate sum of seventy-one hundred and fifteen dollars and thirty-eight cents.

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(Signed)

R. M. BLATCHFORD,
Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church, Blatchford—4.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Supervisor and Town Clerk of the town of Eastchester, in the county of Westchester, are hereby requested to issue certificates of indebtedness, payable to the order of the Department of Public Parks, under the provision of chapter 878 of the Laws of 1872, to the amount of five hundred and seventy-two $\frac{96}{100}$ dollars (\$572.96), such sum being the amount certified by this Board as necessary to pay expense and liabilities incurred.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church, Blatchford—4.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following ;

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested, under the provisions of chapter 739 of the Laws of 1872, to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Third National Bank of the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for work, services and materials furnished, or to be furnished for permanent improvements on the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church, Blatchford—4.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Church, Blatchford—4.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

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To the Department of Public Parks:

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Department..	\$26,529 65
“ “ “ “ Treasurer....	18,512 14
Total.....	<u>\$45,041 79</u>

Respectfully,

FREDK. W. WHITTEMORE,
Treasurer D. P. P.

The following communications were presented:

From W. A. Conklin, giving report of the Menagerie for week ending December 14.

Ordered filed.

From Board of Aldermen, requesting information relative to improvements on Worth Monument Square.

From the same, requesting similar information relative to Union Square.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the Secretary was instructed to prepare proper response to said communications, to be laid before the Board at its next meeting.

The Landscape Architect presented a report, in compliance with resolution adopted September 4th, p, 502 of the minutes in regard to changing the Sheep-fold to an Aquarium.

Referred back, for further investigation.

The Landscape Architect submitted a communication from P. L. Sclater, Secretary of the London Zoological Society, requesting exchange of certain animals, accompanied by letter from W. A. Conklin, recommending the same.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

The TREASURER presented a claim of Charles Guidet for interest on estimate for paving Transverse Road No. 3, as allowed by order of the Supreme Court, also for balance due for paving Transverse Road No. 1.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the claims of Charles Guidet be referred to the President, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same upon the certificate of the President.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of Frederick W. Whittemore, as Secretary, from September 1st to October 24th, inclusive, being date of his appointment as Treasurer, be fixed at the rate now allowed him.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

Mr. GREEN called up the preambles and resolutions relative to street opening north of 155th street, together with a communication from John J. Serrell, C. E., on the same subject presented by him at the last meeting, and moved that the same be printed and made a special order for the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

COPY OF PREAMBLES AND RESOLUTIONS.

First.—Whereas that portion of the city of New York, lying northward of 155th street, was not laid out under the Law of 1807, except by extending the Tenth avenue through the same, but has been recently laid out under subsequent legislation by the Commissioners of the Central Park.

Second.—Whereas the natural surface of the land, its differences of elevation, its hillsides and declivities, have required a plan different from the rectangular system of parallel streets and avenues adopted below 155th street, and more nearly conforming to the natural surface ; so that the blocks between the streets vary greatly in size and in shape, and are many of them bounded by diagonal and curved lines.

Third.—Whereas the whole of the aforesaid portion of the city aforesaid has been thoroughly surveyed, and the maps thereof, laying out the streets, roads, avenues and public places thereon, have been made and many of them duly filed, and the remainder will be filed in a short time.

Fourth.—Whereas the public interests and those of the property owners require that these streets and avenues not already opened should now be opened, and the title thereof be acquired by the city, so that this section of the city may be ready for the improvements pressing in upon it.

Fifth.—Whereas, in a few cases, proceedings have been commenced for the opening of some of these streets, in some cases for a single street in each proceeding, and in others for a group of streets in one proceeding.

Sixth.—Whereas these proceedings have been carried far enough to show the contrast between the results to be attained by opening all these streets, roads, avenues and public places at one time, in one proceeding and by one commission over the plan of opening them singly, at different times and by different commissions.

Seventh.—Whereas it is demonstrated that to proceed by many and different proceedings is attended by the following disadvantages, to wit :

First : That the costs, expenses and advertising charges will be greatly increased, and be very unequal on different portions of the general area.

Second : That the surveys will necessarily be much more expensive.

Third : That there may be discordant decisions on the same questions of law and of title, arising from different locations.

Fourth : That it will be difficult to avoid conflicting boundaries, to areas of assessment of land benefited in distinct proceedings, at distant periods of time ; and that these conflicts will work injustice to property owners.

Fifth : That there may be varying decisions as to the portion to be charged to the city on different streets and avenues which ought to be subjected to the same rule.

Sixth : That the review of these questions of law and of title arising in many distinct cases, and at different stages by the appellate courts, will involve delay in completing the improvements, and perhaps diversity of decisions.

Seventh : That there may fail to be uniformity in the many

questions necessarily left to the discretion of the different commissions.

Eighth: That the rise in the value of the property which will follow the progress and completion of the first improvement will increase the cost of the land taken in all the subsequent proceedings, thus increasing the burdens of the property owners.

Eighth.—And whereas it is demonstrated that to acquire title by one single proceeding to all the streets, avenues, squares and public places, will be attended with the following advantages, to wit:

First: That the costs, charges and expenses will be greatly diminished, that one series of advertisements only will be needed, that fewer surveys and sets of maps will be required, that these will not duplicate or overrun each other, and can be prepared quickly and cheaply.

Second: That the decisions by one commission on all matters of discretion will be uniform.

Third: That the questions of law and of title, of whole or of partial dedication, of water rights, and of land under water, of valuation of equalization, and of the proportion to be charged on the city, &c., which arise throughout the whole region. will, by being considered in all their aspects at one time, be decided in relation to each other, and more justly.

Fourth: That the review of these questions, which will not be increased in number or in seriousness by the appellate court, will be facilitated.

Fifth: That a single commission of capable men can handle and decide all the questions that arise over the whole area with

a labor not greatly exceeding the labor they would expend in any single line of improvement, in which there would arise examples of each kind.

Sixth: That the work of the commission could, if diligently prosecuted, be completed for the whole area almost as soon as it could be on any one or two of the leading avenues.

Seventh: That great advantages would come to the public and to the property owners by this expedition in the proceeding, and simultaneousness and uniformity of consideration and decision on all the public questions of the case.

Eighth: That the cost to the city for that portion of the expenses which might be charged upon them would be greatly diminished if the land is all taken now, while values are low, and before they undergo any speculative advances.

Ninth: That the burden of the residue of the assessments on the property owners, who virtually pay for their own land, will be diminished if the land be taken at a present low scale of value, rather than a future high value.

Tenth.—That taking the whole land at one time, now and promptly, so that the whole is taken at a uniformly graded price, will work justice and equality to the property owners, and save them from the injustice and inequality which would result from taking land at the outset at present low prices, and in the end, at different grades of increased price, consequent in a great measure on the progress of the improvements themselves.

Eleventh.—That the present condition of the whole section of the island, its transition stage from farms and areas by the acre into villa and small suburban building lots; its great beauty and advantages of location and possibility of high future value,

shows that this is the right time to have these improvements carried out simultaneously and promptly and inexpensively.

Therefore resolved :

First.—That in the opinion of the Board it is most conducive to the public good, and that they deem it for the public interest, to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for the streets and roads, and public squares and places laid out by it within that part of the City of New York to the northward of the southerly line of 155th street in one proceeding.

Second.—That the proceeding in the following cases :

Boulevard extension ;

11th Avenue above 155th street ;

Kingsbridge Road ;

Dyckman, Nagle, Sherman and

10th Avenues ;

10th Avenue extension ;

185th street Cross street ;

be discontinued.

Third.—That the counsel to the Corporation be, and he is hereby requested in each of the cases so discontinued, to prepare the bill of costs and expenses, and submit the same to this Board, in order that the same be adjusted and paid.

Fourth.—That all the records, minutes, maps, surveys, books, abstracts, reports, papers and property in the possession of the Commissioners, in each of the cases so discontinued, and all field notes, surveys and memorandum thereof made by direction of said Commissions or either of them, be delivered to this department.

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Fifth.—That the subject of the commencement of one proceeding under the first resolution aforesaid, and the preparation of the petition, etc., therefor, be referred to the President of the Board.

COPY OF LETTER OF JOHN J. SERRELL, C. E.

NEW YORK, November 26, 1872.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Esq., *Vice-President, &c., Department of Public Parks :*

Dear Sir :—I have examined the draft of the preamble and resolutions relative to opening all streets, avenues, &c., north of 155th street, by one Commission, and highly approve the plan indicated by such preamble and resolutions ; but, before it is carried out, all the streets which the Board of Commissioners of Public Parks deem the public interests will require, should be surveyed and laid out and grades established for them, and maps filed according to law. There is yet several drainage and cross-connection streets to lay out, and the question of location of the Parade-Ground and exterior street on the Hudson River to settle, before final maps and grades can be made and filed, to enable one commission to commence work properly ; but I am decidedly of opinion that the public interests will be best served by abandoning all existing proceedings for opening streets, &c., in the district in question, and suffering the necessary delay until the whole streets can be opened under one proceeding.

I have made a few pencil amendments in the preamble and resolutions submitted to me, and returned herewith, to which your attention is asked by

Yours Respectfully,

(Signed)

JOHN J. SERRELL,

C. E.

The following communications were presented :

From F. H. Van Dohlen, sergeant, soliciting appointment as Captain of Central Park police, accompanied by letter of recommendation signed by Henry Clausen, Jr., Oswald Ottendorfer, Daniel F. Tiemann, Emil Sauer, F. Sigel and others.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From the Manhattan College, presenting claim for damages to the College by blasting.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. GREEN :

Resolved, That the Secretary ascertain and report to the Board, at the next meeting, what proceedings are now in progress for opening streets and avenues north of 155th street.

On motion of Mr. BLATCHFORD, at eleven o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned to meet on Saturday next, the 21st instant, at 10, A. M.

F. W. WHITEMORE,
Secretary.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1872.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10, A. M.

Present:—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Mr. GREEN,
“ BLATCHFORD.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Charles Crary and others, a committee from the East Side Association, having requested an interview, on invitation came before the Board, and were heard on the subject of the improvement of their section of the city.

As requested by the Board at its last meeting, W. H. Grant, Engineer, and Gen. G. S. Greene, Consulting Engineer, appeared and presented their views as to the expediency of discontinuing all work now carried on by this Department in Westchester County.

The preamble and resolutions relative to laying out streets, &c., north of Fifty-fifth street, made a special order for this

meeting, were read, and after some discussion, on motion of Mr. Green, were laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That the services of John J. Serrell, Civil Engineer, be engaged to aid in perfecting and filing maps of streets, avenues, etc., north of 155th street, in this city, so far as said work is under the control of this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

Messrs. W. B. Ogden and Wm. Herring, representing certain interests in Westchester County, appeared before the Board, and remonstrated against any action which would discontinue the work now carried on by this Department in said county.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. GREEN, the resolution offered by him on the 18th inst., directing the discontinuance of all work in Westchester County, which was made a special order for this meeting, was laid over for consideration at an adjourned meeting, to be held on Thursday, the 26th inst.

The PRESIDENT presented copy of resolution of the Common Council, requesting that the Armorial bearings be replaced on the Worth Monument.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

Mr. GREEN offered the following :

Resolved, That Henry Koster be, and he is hereby appointed Captain of the Police Force of the Department of Public Parks.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Green, Stebbins, Blatchford—3.

On motion of Mr. BLATCHFORD, at eleven o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned, to meet on Thursday, the 26th inst., at 10.30, A. M.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1872.

ADJOURNED MEETING—10 $\frac{1}{2}$, A. M.

Present—Mr. GREEN.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

J. W. WHITEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING, 10 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

January 6th, 1873.

F. W. WHITTEMORE, Esq.,
Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Wednesday, 8th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions, resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., *President*,
Mr. BLATCHFORD.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING, 10.30 A. M.

The Board was called pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

January 8th, 1873.

F. W. WHITTEMORE, Esq.,

Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Friday 10th inst., at 10 o'clock and thirty minutes, A. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions, resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,

President, D. P. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., *President,*

Mr. BLATCHFORD.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present :—HENRY G. STEBBINS, Esq., President,
Mr. CHURCH,
Mr. WALES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved :

The Secretary laid before the Board the certificate of his Honor the Mayor of the appointment of Salem H. Wales, Esq., Commissioner of the Department of Public Parks, with copy of oath of office.

Ordered entered at length on the minutes and placed on file.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
New York, January, 13, 1873. }

Under and by virtue of Section 95 of an act entitled "An act to reorganize the local Government of the City of New York," passed April 5th, 1870, I hereby appoint

SALEM H. WALES, Esq.,

a member of the Department of Public Parks of the City Government for the full term of five years from the date hereof, to fill the vacancy caused by the abandonment, abdication and relinquishment of said office by Thomas C. Fields, and by the removal of his residence beyond the limits of the State.

And, in pursuance of section 106 of said act, I hereby give to the said officer this certificate of appointment, this 11th day of January, 1873.

[Signed]

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

(OATH.)

I, Salem H. Wales, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the

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Department of Public Parks of the City of New York according to the best of my ability.

[Signed]

SALEM H. WALES.

Subscribed and sworn before me, }
 this 13th day of January, 1873, }

[Signed]

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

And filed in the Mayor's office this 13th day of January, A. D. 1873, according to ordinance.

[Signed]

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
 Acting Chief-Clerk.

Endorsement on the back of oath as follows :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
 New York, January 13, 1873. }

I hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the original on file in this office.

[Signed]

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
 Acting Chief-Clerk.

The SECRETARY laid before the Board the order of the Supreme Court in the suit of Anthony Imhoff to compel the issuing of bonds by the Treasurer of the county of Westchester and the payment of his claim by this Department out of the proceeds of said bonds.

Ordered filed.

The following communications were presented :

From E. Delafield Smith, Counsel for the Corporation, notifying the Board of the appointment by him of Horace M. Ruggles as Corporation Attorney.

Ordered filed.

From the same, notifying the Board of the appointment by him of Isaac Dayton as Public Administrator.

Ordered on file.

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From the same, with copy of opinion of Court of Appeals in Riverside Park case.

Ordered filed.

From the same, enclosing statement of all proceedings for acquiring title to streets, &c., north of 155th street, with names of Commissioners, &c.

Ordered filed.

From Jacob Boehm, asking for the privilege of cutting ice on the pool at 101st street and Eighth avenue on Central Park, offering to pay for the same the sum of \$150.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

From Platt and Clapp, for an extension of the license for the carriage service on the Central Park.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Henry Bergh, President A. S. P. C. A., complaining of removal of hydrant at Worth Monument.

The SECRETARY informed the Board that a suitable reply had been made.

Ordered filed.

From the Commissioner of Public Works, requesting statement of reserved percentages on contract made by the Commissioners of Central Park with J. H. Sullivan & Co., dated June 7, 1867.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, the Secretary was directed to have the said statement prepared, and laid before the Board for further action.

From attorney for assignee, dated October 15, 1872, notifying this Board that Christian Kolle had been adjudicated a bankrupt, and forbidding the payment of any moneys to him.

Ordered filed.

From G. F. Pratt, London, Eng., offering to purchase, for this Department, European birds.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Edward J. Salomon, requesting certain improvements on Stuyvesant Square.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Jacob Day, requesting removal of a tree opposite his residence on Stuyvesant Square.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From T. Anthony, requesting permission to place two bird-houses on Washington Square; Whereupon, on motion of Mr. CHURCH :

Resolved, That no bird-boxes shall hereafter be placed in the public parks, except such as are adapted to a single pair of birds, and of simple and inconspicuous patterns.

From C. O. Ernest, First Lieutenant 8th Infantry, U. S. A., offering specimens of petrified wood to the Central Park.

Referred to the Secretary, with instructions to reply, accepting the same on behalf of the Board.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be

requested, under the provisions of Chapter 739 of the Laws of 1872, to issue to an amount not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of the public fund or stock to be denominated the "City Park Improvement Fund," for the improvement and regulation of the several Parks, Squares and Places which by law now are or may hereafter be under the control of the Department of Public Parks, and also for the construction and equipment of a Meteorological and Astronomical Observatory on the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested, under the provisions of Chapter 739 of the Laws of 1872, to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Third National Bank of the City of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for work, services and materials furnished or to be furnished for permanent improvements on the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars from the Third National Bank, in the city of New York, is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by

this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. CHURCH, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

Baldwin, N. H., lathe and tools.....	\$202 10
Crimmins, Thos. & J. D., manure.....	43 75
Dodworth's Band, music.....	2,158 00
Gerster, Anton, rustic bridge.....	450 00
Kunhardt & Co., freight on plants.....	25 72
Kunhardt & Co., do do.....	192 45
Rockwood, Geo. W. & Co., photographs.....	310 00
Ryder, Jesse, labor, &c.....	64 75
Smith, J. L., turnips.....	150 15
Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery.....	142 57
Watrous & Wilson, lumber.....	175 00
Watrous & Wilson, lumber.....	1,146 34
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	\$5,060 83

Amounting to the aggregate sum of five thousand and sixty $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars.

New York, Dec. 21, 1872.

(Signed)

R. M. BLATCHFORD,
Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. CHURCH, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Brown, Joshua, repairs	\$2 50
Baird, Wm., granite, pavement and bridge stone.	6,534 18
Baird, Wm., " " " "	468 65
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., basin heads	175 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., base curve, 8th avenue, between 72d and 110th streets.	4,442 36
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., coping.	651 00
Bigelow Blue Stone Co., cross-walk stones.	1,805 85
Christern, F. W., subs to Alphand.	6 10
Cooper, Wm., two mos. rent of cottage for use of force at Riverside Park	50 00
Composite Iron Works Co., bronze work for basins	8,725 00
Composite Iron Works Co., painting letters.	200 00
Composite Iron Works Co., settees.	1,864 00
Composite Iron Works Co., hurdles.	350 00
Composite Iron Works Co., "	175 00
Cornell, J. B. & W. W., iron posts.	97 00

Crissey, Wm. V. & Co., soap.....	\$2 81
Cofflin, W. L. & Sons, uniforms.....	2,220 00
Cartwright, Wm., fish and vegetables, Sept.....	94 75
Cartwright, Wm., " " Oct.....	82 85
Cartwright, Wm., " " Nov.....	35 75
Cartwright, Wm., " " Dec.....	51 50
Cooper, Hewitt & Co., wire.....	14 38
Dugan, Francis, removing roof.....	37 00
Dugan, Francis, slating and tinning.....	69 00
Maxfield & Co., nuts.....	19 58
Murphy & Co., iron rollers.....	420 00
Murray, A., plumbing.....	54 90
Meehan, Thos., plants.....	754 75
Menzies, Wm. & Son, lumber.....	400 15
Nicholson & Weld, coal.....	581 25
New York Gas-Light Co., gas for office.....	53 06
New York Gas-Light Co., gas for Board-room, &c.....	4 35
Nason, Joseph & Son, pump and couplings.....	16 00
Nason, Joseph & Son, pipe.....	81 64
Nason, Joseph & Son, pipe.....	5 27
Norris & Williams, plumbing.....	83 40
Norris & Williams, ".....	283 19
Norris & Williams, ".....	25 25
Place, Geo. & Co., belts and belting.....	1,093 32
Place, Geo. & Co., ".....	27 79
Page, Kidder & Fletcher, asphalt.....	139 27
Parry, Henry, drinking-fountain at Reservoir square.....	580 00
Parry, Henry, horse-fountain at Worth Monu- ment.....	515 00
Parry, Henry, granite base.....	270 00
Pierson, S. V., geese.....	30 00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., oil and red lead.....	2 80

Raynolds, C. T. & Co., lubricating oil.....	\$6 00
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., colors.....	2 01
Dumahaut, A., petty cash expenses November...	22 50
Evans, Isaac, " " " December...	39 20
Evans, Isaac, " " " January....	49 71
Ellis, Chas. R., grates.....	15 00
Funch, Edye & Co., freight on 5 cases plants....	19 70
Forsberg, Knut, services tw weeks ending De- cember 28.....	70 00
Forsberg, Knut, services two weeks ending Jan- uary 11.....	70 20
Grant, W. H., petty cash expenses December...	42 51
Goodyear Rubber Co., packing.....	1 00
Gray, W. H., horse collar.....	9 00
Harlem Gas-Light Co., gas at St. Vincent.....	76 80
Hazard Powder Co., fuse.....	100 00
Hopkins, James, wire cloth.....	118 25
Hopkins, James, ".....	4 71
Helmuth, Chas., charges on plants.....	147 75
Kunhardt & Co., freight on plants.....	6 62
Keufel & Esser, stationery.....	101 34
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice—Museum and music.	120 61
Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice—police and Mount St. Vincent.....	19 58
Labagh, Wm. O., salt....	35 25
Laurie, P. W. & Co., meat.....	271 60
Lewis, C. A. & Co., fish.....	273 14
Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas at Arsenal....	135 30
Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas at Arsenal....	138 60
Reimer, John J. & Co., woodenware, &c.....	110 23
Rogers, H. A. Co., pipe and couplings.....	84 48
Ruhre, Louis, birds and seeds.....	116 00
Read, Jehial & Co., hats.....	66 00
Redman, Wm., tan bark.....	30 00

Ryder, Frank, hickory pole.....	\$25 00
Shannon & Miller, belts, pouches and caps.....	64 25
Slattery, James, sand.....	132 00
Scharbach, Chas., leather.....	20 81
Stewart & Co., pipe, &c.....	47 30
Tilden & Co., bromo chloralum.....	65 00
Talcott, James O., hay and oats.....	319 00
Tucker, Carter & Co., gunny cloth.....	12 74
Thorburn, James M. & Co., seed.....	6 25
Telfair, John H. & Co., oil.....	15 00
Telfair, John H. & Co., oil.....	20 83
Tone, Theo. F., coal.....	97 00
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk for October.....	22 12
Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery.....	50 75
Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., ".....	33 02
Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., ".....	25 95
Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., ".....	64 95
Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., ".....	14 50
Warner, Wyllys H., pipe, &c.....	424 94
Wilson, Wm. C., plants.....	97 00
Wilson, Wm. C., ".....	92 00
Whitlock, W. S. & Co., rope.....	45 00
Whitlock, W. S. & Co., ".....	63 08

\$37,657 23

Amounting to the aggregate sum of thirty-seven thousand six hundred and fifty-seven dollars and twenty-three cents.

New York, January 15, 1873.

(Signed) FREDERICK E. CHURCH,
Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the

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above mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
265 Broadway. }

December 15, 1872.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The Treasurer respectfully reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Department . . .	\$7,912 93
“ “ “ “ “ Treasurer	7,956 56
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	\$15,869 49

Respectfully,

FREDK. W. WHITEMORE,

Treasurer D. P. P.

The TREASURER presented a statement, prepared by the Book-keeper, of the Maintenance Account, 1872, showing an apparent deficiency of \$39,324.50.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, referred back to the Treasurer for further investigation, and report to the Board.

The TREASURER reported the receipt of \$300 from the Scott Monument Association, in settlement of a claim referred to him at meeting held November 20, 1872. (See page 577 of the Minutes.)

Ordered filed.

The TREASURER made the following nominations :

John Cuff, Janitor at 265 Broadway, from December 9, 1872, at \$3.00 per day. Alfred M. Whittemore, Messenger, at \$2.00 per day, from December 1st, in place of W. H. Piper, resigned.

The PRESIDENT moved that said appointments be confirmed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The TREASURER mentioned that John Terris and Philip Cabbot had been employed as skilled laborers since November 15th and 16th, respectively, under appointment of W. H. Grant, Engineer, at \$2.50 per day, and requested the instructions of the Board thereon.

The PRESIDENT moved that said appointments be confirmed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a

majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The TREASURER requested instructions as to the number of copies of the Second Annual Report of the Department the Board desired to issue.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to have four thousand copies of the Second Annual Report issued for distribution.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from Wm. Rumble, C. E., making proposals with reference to surveys in Westchester County.

Referred to W. H. Grant, with instructions to confer with Mr. Rumble, and report to the President.

The PRESIDENT mentioned the receipt of a communication from B. H. Hutton, on behalf of Central Park, N. & E. R. R. R. Company, requesting payment by this Department for paving Fifty-ninth street, from Eighth to Tenth avenues.

On motion of Mr. WALES,

Resolved, That the Board declines to make payment for pavement referred to in the communication from Mr. Hutton.

The Treasurer called the attention of the Board to the fact, that by the terms of the lease of the building 265 Broadway, now occupied by the Department, notice is to be given by the first day of February, 1873, whether the Board desires to continue to occupy said premises after first day of May next.

On motion of Mr. WALES,

Resolved, That the President be requested to notify the lessors of the premises now occupied by the Department at 265 Broadway, it will cease to use said premises after first day of May next.

The Landscape Architect presented plans of two archways, in compliance with resolution of the Board, adopted December 11th, 1872, page 593 Minutes.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the plans for archways for passing the approaches from the Scholar's Gate, presented by the Landscape Architect, are hereby approved ; that the immediate construction of the same is hereby directed, and that the sum of forty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty dollars is hereby authorized to be expended for this purpose and charged to Construction.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

At this stage of the meeting certain representatives of Westchester County, met with the Board in order that action might

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be taken as a joint meeting under the provision of Chap. 534, Laws 1871, to consider the question of construction of a tunnel and suspension bridge across the Harlem River.

For minutes of said joint meeting see Appendix annexed hereto, pages 1 to 8.

After the adjournment of the joint meeting, there being no quorum of the Board, at one o'clock and thirty minutes, adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

APPENDIX

TO

MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 1873.

In pursuance of provisions of Sec. 3, Chapter 534, of the Laws of 1871, there was convened, at the Office of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, No. 265 Broadway, New York city, on the fifteenth day of January, 1873, a joint meeting consisting of said Board of Commissioners and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Westchester county, and the Supervisor of the town of West Farms, and the Supervisor of the town of Morrisania of said county of West-

chester, to consider the question of the construction of a Tunnel and a Suspension Bridge across the Harlem River.

The following persons were present :

H. G. STEBBINS,	}	A majority of Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, City of New York.
F. E. CHURCH,		
S. H. WALES.		
F. M. CARPENTER,	}	Chairman of Board of Supervisors of Westchester county.
JOHN HOPKINS,		
CHARLES W. BATHGATE,	}	Supervisor of town of Morrisania.
		Supervisor of town of West Farms.

Mr. HOPKINS moved that Mr. STEBBINS be made Chairman of the meeting.

Carried.

Mr. WALES moved that Mr. F. W. WHITTEMORE, Secretary of Department of Public Parks, act as Secretary.

Carried.

Mr. HOPKINS offered the following :

Resolved, That the matter of the line of jurisdiction, as fixed by the Board of the Department of Public Parks, be referred back to said Board, in order to determine the just proportion of expense to be paid by Westchester county.

Adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS, it was

Resolved, That the matter of the construction of the Tunnel and Suspension Bridge be taken up.

Mr. S. E. Lyon, by invitation, addressed the Board on the subject of the above-mentioned structures, and in favor of the speedy construction of the same.

The CHAIRMAN of the Board of Supervisors of Westchester county entered his protest, as the representative of said county, against taking the vote of the Supervisor of Morrisania on any question relating to the proposed Suspension Bridge, or the vote of the Supervisor of West Farms on any question relating to the proposed Tunnel.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That there shall be constructed, under the laws of the State of New York, Chapter 534, passed April 15th, 1871, a Tunnel under the Harlem river, from Seventh avenue, city of New York, to a point near Central avenue, in the town of Morrisania, in Westchester county, said Tunnel to have provision for carriages and foot passengers; and be it further *Resolved*, That a Suspension Bridge shall be constructed under the same law, from the road south of William B. Ogden's house to a point on or near the street or road in the city of New York, called the Boulevard, and that said Bridge shall have provision for carriages and foot-passengers; and which said Bridge and Tunnel shall be constructed in part by contract, and in part under the direction of officers provided for by the Sixth section of said Act. Such part of the same as is to be let by contract, to be submitted to a joint meeting of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the members of the Board of Department of Public Parks would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of said Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. STEBBINS, CHURCH, WALES—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Westchester County, and the Supervisors of the towns of Morrisania and West Farms, respectively, on behalf of the county of Westchester, would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of said officers, on behalf of said Westchester county, voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Hopkins, Bathgate—2.

Noes.—Mr. Carpenter—1.

On motion of Mr. WALES, it was ordered that the resolution just adopted be divided, and separate votes to be taken on the question of constructing the proposed Tunnel and Suspension Bridge, respectively, and thereupon offered the following :

Resolved, That there shall be constructed, under the law of the State of New York, Chap 534, passed April 15th, 1871, a Tunnel under the Harlem river from Seventh avenue, in the city of New York, to a point near Central avenue, in the town of Morrisania, in Westchester county ; said Tunnel to have provision for carriages and foot-passengers, and that said Tunnel shall be constructed in part by contract and in part under the direction of the officers provided by Section 6 of said act, such part of the same as is to be let by contract to be submitted to a joint meeting of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the members of the Board of Department of Public Parks would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of said Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Westchester county, and the Supervisors of the towns of Morrisania and West Farms, respectively, on behalf of the county of Westchester, would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of said officers, on behalf of said Westchester county, voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Hopkins, Bathgate—2.

Noes—Mr. Carpenter—1.

Mr. WALES then offered the following :

Resolved, That there shall be constructed, under the law of the State of New York, Chapter 534, passed April 15th, 1871, a Suspension Bridge across the Harlem river, from the road south of William B. Ogden's house to a point on or near the street or road in the city of New York, called the Boulevard, and that said Bridge shall have provision for carriages and foot passengers, and that said Bridge shall be constructed in part by contract and in part under the direction of the officers provided by Section 6 of said act, such part of the same as is to be let by contract to be submitted to a joint meeting of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the members of the Board of Department of Public Parks, would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of said Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Westchester County, and the Supervisors of the towns of Morrisania and West Farms, respectively, on behalf of the county of Westchester, would agree to said

resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of said officers, on behalf of said Westchester county, voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Hopkins, Bathgate—2.

Noes—Mr. Carpenter—1.

On motion of Mr. WALES, the joint meeting then proceeded to vote on the original resolution as offered by him, as follows:

Resolved, That there shall be constructed, under the law of the State of New York, Chapter 534, passed April 15th, 1871, a Tunnel under the Harlem river from Seventh avenue, city of New York, to a point near Central avenue, in the town of Morrisania, in Westchester county, said Tunnel to have provision for carriages and foot passengers; and be it further *Resolved*, That a Suspension Bridge shall be constructed, under the law, from the road south of William B. Ogden's house to a point on or near the street or road in the city of New York, called the Boulevard, and that said Bridge shall have provision for carriages and foot passengers, and which said Bridge and Tunnel shall be constructed in part by contract and in part under the direction of officers provided for by the sixth section of said act, such part of the same as is to be let by contract to be submitted to a joint meeting of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the joint meeting would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the said joint meeting voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. H. G. Stebbins, F. E. Church, S. H. Wales, John Hopkins, Charles W. Bathgate—5.

Noes—Mr. F. M. Carpenter—1.

Mr. WALES then offered the following :

Resolved, That there shall be constructed, under the law of the State of New York, Chapter 534, passed April 15th, 1871, a Tunnel under the Harlem river, from Seventh avenue, in the city of New York, to a point near Central avenue, in the town of Morrisania, in Westchester county, said Tunnel to have provision for carriages and foot passengers, and that said Tunnel shall be constructed in part by contract, and in part under the direction of the officers provided by the sixth section of said Act, such part of the same as is to be let by contract to be submitted to a joint meeting of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the joint meeting would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the joint meeting voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. H. G. Stebbins, F. E. Church, S. H. Wales, John Hopkins, Charles W. Bathgate—5.

Noes—Mr. F. M. Carpenter—1.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That there shall be constructed, under the law of the State of New York, Chapter 534, passed April 15th, 1871, a Suspension Bridge across the Harlem river, from the road south of William B. Ogden's house to a point on or near the street or road in the city of New York, called the Boulevard, and that said Bridge shall have provision for carriages and foot passengers, and that said Bridge shall be constructed in part by contract and in part under the direction of the officers provided by section six of said Act, such part of the same as is to be let by contract to be submitted to a joint meeting of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the joint meeting would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the

affirmative, a majority of all the members of the said joint meeting voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. H. G. Stebbins, F. E. Church, S. H. Wales, John Hopkins, Charles W. Bathgate—5.

Noes—Mr. F. M. Carpenter—1.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Morrisania :

Resolved, That the Engineer in charge of the construction of Tunnel under Harlem river, between Seventh avenue, New York city, and Central avenue, Morrisania, be, and is hereby, directed to prepare a statement of the cost of the work within the limits of the two counties, as the jurisdiction established heretofore may show, and present the same to the next meeting of this Board, and that the Supervisor of Morrisania be notified to be present in behalf of the interest of said town.

The minutes having been read and approved, the joint meeting adjourned *sine die*.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—10, A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, }
265 Broadway,
January 15, 1873.

F. W. Whittemore, Esq., Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Thursday, 16th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions, resolutions and miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

H. G. STEBBINS,
President D. P. P.

Present:—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President, and
Mr. BLATCHFORD,
“ WALES.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. BLATCHFORD, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Affleck, Wm. & Co., feed, hay and straw.....	\$481 91
Chase, W. L. & Co., grist mill, &c.....	164 65
Day's Vulcanite Pavement Co., pavement.....	958 52
Schmidt, Max, services preparing maps.....	51 00
Cadness, John, plants.....	45 00
	\$1,701 08

Amounting to the aggregate sum of seventeen hundred and one dollars and eight cents.

New York, January 16, 1873.

R. M. BLATCHFORD, } Auditing
Committee.

Mr. WALES moved that the Board do now approve the above-mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to make all necessary purchases for this Department until the next meeting of the Board, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT submitted a communication from W. H. Grant, Engineer, with accompanying map and profile of Sedgwick avenue, as directed by resolution of the Board, adopted November 6, 1872, page 566 of minutes ; whereupon

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President cause to be prepared and submit to the Board plans and profiles of streets and avenues in the town of West Farms, within such section or area of said town as he may deem proper, such section to be bounded on the east by the easterly line of Sedgwick avenue, as extended northerly from a point near the Morrisania line to or near Fordham Landing road, and on the west by a line not extending beyond the lands of the New York & Boston Railroad Company ; and that the resolution adopted October 2d, 1872, page 519 of the minutes, be modified accordingly ; *provided*, however, that the route and line of Sedgwick avenue, so far as now constructed, to wit, to the road leading to Fordham Landing, on the Harlem river, be established and represented on the map to be filed by this Board of the section above described and referred to, substantially as the same has now been dedicated and constructed by private parties owning the land ; and the President of this Board is hereby authorized to direct that maps and profiles be prepared in accordance herewith, and sub-

mitted to this Board for adoption, preparatory to the filing of the same, as required by law.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT submitted an estimate of probable cost of building tunnel under Harlem river, of width of forty feet, prepared by Gen. Geo. S. Greene, Consulting-Engineer, as directed by the resolution of the Board adopted November 6th, 1872, page 564 of minutes.

Whereupon Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President of the Department be requested to cause the necessary maps and plans for the proposed tunnel under the Harlem river to be immediately prepared.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the President cause to be prepared such number of copies of a topographical map, on a scale of 1,000 feet to one inch, as surveyed under Chapter 534 of the Laws of 1871, as he may deem proper for the use of the Board, and that the resolution adopted October 2d, 1872, page 519 of the minutes, be modified accordingly.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board the Annual Report of the Police Surgeon of the Department.

Ordered filed.

General Alexander Shaler, by request, came before the Board to present his views in regard to the proposed Parade Ground.

The PRESIDENT thereupon called up and read the report presented by Mr. F. LAW OLMSTED to the Board, October 16th, 1872 (see Doc. No. 40), and moved the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the report of F. LAW OLMSTED, on the Parade Ground, presented October 16th, 1872, be accepted, and that the maps of the location recommended be prepared and submitted to this Board for their further action.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the PRESIDENT be requested to obtain the necessary legal advice in regard to the proper interpretation of the laws of this State in reference to the taking of land by the Department for the Parade Ground.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

On motion of the PRESIDENT :

Resolved, That the TREASURER be directed to prepare and present to this Board a statement of the amount of money appropriated by law for constructions remaining unused, and also an approximate estimate of cost of completing the various works now in progress.

On motion of Mr. BLATCHFORD, at eleven o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING—10, A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway,
January 25, 1873.

F. W. Whittemore, Esq., Secretary D. P. P. :

SIR,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the consideration of miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

H. G. STEBBINS,
President D. P. P.

Present :—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President,
Mr. CHURCH,
“ WALES.

The minutes of the previous meetings of 15th inst., up to the line 27, p. 636, and the 16th inst., were read and approved.

Mr. CHURCH, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Davis & Riker, hardware.....	\$190 00
Dugan, Francis, slating roof cottage at Union square,	390 00
Draper, Danl., petty cash expenses.....	25 18
Laffin & Rand Powder Co., powder.....	1,750 00
Reilly, Chas. H., sand filling.....	2,402 10
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk, Nov. and Dec.....	43 20
Wood, Joshua, kindling wood.....	6 50
Wagner, Henry, earth filling.....	3,269 95
Sheehy, Michael, linoleum.....	130 20
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	\$8,207 13

Amounting to the aggregate sum of eighty-two hundred and seven dollars and thirteen cents.

New York, January 29, 1873.

(Signed)

FREDERIC E. CHURCH, } Auditing
Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above-mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks, in the Third National Bank in the city of New York, the amount of money appropriated under the provisions of chapters 9 and 29 of the Laws of 1872, relating to appropriations and deficiencies, for the maintenance of the Central Park, parks and places, and other works under the control of the Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

At this point Mr. BLATCHFORD appeared and took his seat.

The following communications were presented.

From the Landscape Architect, representing the desirability of lighting Transverse Road No. 4.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to make application to the Harlem Gas-Light Company to lay, as soon as practicable, the service pipes and connections on Transverse Road No. 4, Central Park, at points where brackets for lamps are now fixed, for the purpose of lighting said road with gas.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

From the Landscape Architect, nominating F. A. Calkins, Surveyor, and Knut Forsberg, Draughtsman and Modeller at the compensation of \$6 per day each.

Mr. WALES moved that the said nomination be confirmed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

From the Landscape Architect, recommending site for the Seventh Regiment Statue in pursuance of resolution adopted November 20th, p. 571 of the minutes.

Also from Lindsay R. Richardson, Secretary Special Committee Seventh Regiment Monumental Association, transmitting copy of resolution of said Committee approving site referred to in communication from Landscape Architect.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Seventh Regiment Statue be, and is hereby, located at a point west of the "Drive," and of the "Green," east of the Ride, and north of the continuation of the northerly line of Sixty-ninth street, as recommended by the Landscape Architect, and approved by the Committee representing the Seventh Regiment Monumental Association in the communications just presented.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

From W. H. Grant, Engineer, in reference to proposals of William Rumble for making surveys in Westchester County.

Laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from W. H. Grant, Engineer, with reference to the laying out of the southern part of the town of Yonkers (now known as Kingsbridge), inclosing copy of communication addressed by him to property owners interested, and sundry replies from said owners, and submitting plan and resolution for adoption by the Board as follows :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled " An Act relative to the improvement of certain portions of the counties of Westchester and New York, including provisions for communication between said counties, and for improving the navigation of the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek," passed April 15th, 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have devised and prepared a map or plan, embracing and showing such changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, avenues and roads now laid out in the southerly part of the town of Kingsbridge (formerly the town of Yonkers) as in their opinion can be made with benefit to the property affected, and to the public interest; and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, avenues, roads and public squares and places as in their opinion can be laid out or discontinued with like benefit, as provided in said act, the said changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, roads and avenues now laid out, which, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected and to the public interest, and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, roads and avenues as in their opinion can be laid out with like benefit, are shown by red color and figures on the said map or plan herein referred to, dated New York, January, 27th, 1873, and signed by Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer; and such streets, roads and avenues now

laid out, and parts of the same, as in their opinion can be discontinued with like benefit, are shown on said map or plan by black lines, exterior to the streets, roads and avenues shown by red color and figures; and the said public squares and places which in their opinion can be laid out with like benefit, are shown by green color on the said map or plan, the area of ground within which said streets, roads and avenues, and public squares and places are situated being shown and delineated on said map or plan by a dotted green line extending on the northerly and easterly side of said area from the Hudson River Railroad to Tippet's Brook and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, and by the northerly bulkhead-line of Spuyten Duyvil Creek, from near the mouth of Tippet's Brook to the Hudson River Railroad on the southerly side of said area, and by the Hudson River Railroad on the westerly side of said area; and that the President of said Board of Commissioners cause the said streets, avenues and roads, and public squares and places so devised and prepared, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, and also cause to be prepared and submit to this Board profiles and grades for the said streets, avenues and roads.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized to procure one thousand additional copies of the Second Annual Report.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

The TREASURER reported to the Board that the bonds of the county of Westchester, to the amount of \$17,000 had been deposited with the Comptroller of New York city, in conformity with certificate issued under authority of Section 3, Chapter 534, Laws 1871, for repairing and maintaining Central Bridge across Harlem river, and that the proceeds of said bonds were in the hands of said Comptroller awaiting the action of the Board.

Whereupon Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be, and he is hereby requested to pay to the Department of Public Parks the proceeds of certain bonds of the county of Westchester, issued to the amount of \$17,000, and deposited with him by the Treasurer of said County, in conformity with certificate issued under authority of Section 3, Chapter 534, Laws 1871.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

On motion of the PRESIDENT, at eleven o'clock and twenty minutes, the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—10, A. M.

Present:—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President,
Mr. CHURCH,
Mr. WALES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. WALES offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of the Department of Public Parks approves the action of its President and Treasurer in executing a power of attorney on January 24, 1873, for the transfer of the Bonds of the County of Westchester, issued by the said county to the amount of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for its proportion of the expenses of repairing and maintaining Central Bridge, said bonds having been drawn to the order of said Department.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church Wales—3.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following:

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to remit the amount of such bills as may be found correct for Plants purchased in Europe, the same to be audited at next meeting of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT called up the series of preambles and resolutions presented at meeting held December 18, 1872 (see pages 607 to 613, minutes), and moved their adoption as follows:

First.—Whereas, that portion of the city of New York, lying northward of 155th street, was not laid out under the Law of 1807, except by extending the Tenth avenue through the same, but has been recently laid out under subsequent legislation by the Commissioners of the Central Park.

Second.—Whereas, the natural surface of the land, its differences of elevation, its hillsides and declivities, have required a plan different from the rectangular system of parallel streets and avenues adopted below 155th street, and more nearly conforming to the natural surface, so that the blocks between the streets vary greatly in size and in shape, and are many of them bounded by diagonal and curved lines.

Third.—Whereas, the whole of the aforesaid portion of the city aforesaid has been thoroughly surveyed, and the maps thereof, laying out the streets, roads, avenues and public places thereon, have been made, and many of them duly filed, and the remainder will be filed in a short time.

Fourth.—Whereas, the public interests and those of the property owners require that these streets and avenues not already opened should now be opened, and the title thereof be acquired by the city, so that this section of the city may be ready for the improvements pressing in upon it.

Fifth.—Whereas, in a few cases, proceedings have been commenced for the opening of some of these streets, in some cases for a single street in each proceeding, and in others for a group of streets in one proceeding.

Sixth.—Whereas, these proceedings have been carried far enough to show the contrast between the results to be attained by opening all these streets, roads, avenues and public places at one time, in one proceeding and by one commission over the plan of opening them singly, at different times and by different commissions.

Seventh.—Whereas, it is demonstrated that to proceed by many and different proceedings is attended by the following disadvantages, to wit:

First: That the costs, expenses and advertising charges will be greatly increased, and be very unequal on different portions of the general area.

Second: That the surveys will necessarily be much more expensive.

Third: That there may be discordant decisions on the same questions of law and of title, arising from different locations.

Fourth: That it will be difficult to avoid conflicting boundaries to areas of assessment of land benefited in distinct proceedings, at distant periods of time; and that these conflicts will work injustice to property owners.

Fifth: That there may be varying decisions as to the proportions to be charged to the city on different streets and avenues which ought to be subjected to the same rule.

Sixth: That the review of these questions of law and of title arising in many distinct cases, and at different stages by the appellate courts, will involve delay in completing the improvements, and perhaps diversity of decisions.

Seventh: That there may fail to be uniformity in the many questions necessarily left to the discretion of the different commissions.

Eighth: That the rise in the value of the property which will follow the progress and completion of the first improvement will increase the cost of the land taken in all the subsequent proceedings, thus increasing the burdens of the property owners.

Eighth.—And whereas it is demonstrated that to acquire title

by one single proceeding to all the streets, avenues, squares and public places, will be attended with the following advantages, to wit :

First : That the costs, charges and expenses will be greatly diminished, that one series of advertisements only will be needed, that fewer surveys and sets of maps will be required, that these will not duplicate or overrun each other, and can be prepared quickly and cheaply.

Second : That the decisions by one commission on all matters of discretion will be uniform.

Third : That the questions of law and of title, of whole or of partial dedication, of water rights, and of land under water, of valuation, of equalization, and of the proportion to be charged on the city, &c., which arise throughout the whole region, will, by being considered in all their aspects at one time, be decided in relation to each other, and more justly.

Fourth : That the review of these questions, which will not be increased in number or in seriousness by the appellate court, will be facilitated.

Fifth : That a single commission of capable men can handle and decide all the questions that arise over the whole area with a labor not greatly exceeding the labor they would expend in any single line of improvement, in which there would arise examples of each kind.

Sixth : That the work of the commission could, if diligently prosecuted, be completed for the whole area almost as soon as it could be on any one or two of the leading avenues.

Seventh : That great advantages would come to the public

and to the property owners by this expedition in the proceeding, and simultaneousness and uniformity of consideration and decision on all the public questions of the case.

Eighth : That the cost to the city for that portion of the expenses which might be charged upon them would be greatly diminished if the land is all taken now, while values are low, and before they undergo any speculative advances.

Ninth : That the burden of the residue of the assessments on the property owners, who virtually pay for their own land, will be diminished if the land be taken at a present low scale of value, rather than a future high value.

Tenth.—That taking the whole land at one time, now and promptly, so that the whole is taken at a uniformly graded price, will work justice and equality to the property owners, and save them from the injustice and inequality which would result from taking land at the outset at present low prices, and in the end, at different grades of increased price, consequent in a great measure on the progress of the improvements themselves.

Eleventh.—That the present condition of the whole section of the island, its transition stage from farms and areas by the acre into villa and small suburban building lots ; its great beauty and advantages of location and possibility of high future value, shows that this is the right time to have these improvements carried out simultaneously and promptly and inexpensively.

Therefore resolved :

First.—That in the opinion of the Board it is most conducive to the public good, and that they deem it for the public interest,

to acquire title for the use of the public to all the lands required for the streets and roads, and public squares and places laid out by it within that part of the city of New York to the northward of the southerly line of 155th street in one proceeding.

Second.—That the proceedings in the following cases :

Laying out a road or public drive northwardly from the southerly line of 155th street, in the city of New York, to the intersection of the Kingsbridge road, with a street known and designated on the map of the Department of Public Parks, as Inwood street, as laid out by resolution of the Commissioners of the Central Park.

Widening and straightening Kingsbridge road northerly, from the southerly line of 155th street to the Harlem River, as laid out by the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the city of New York.

Opening Eleventh avenue northwardly, from the northerly line of the road or Public Drive, to the southerly line of the street leading from Kingsbridge road, near Inwood street, to the Harlem river, near Sherman's Creek, in the city of New York.

Opening Tenth avenue from a point 10,353 feet six inches northerly from the southerly side of 155th street, in a north-westerly, westerly, and south-westerly direction to the Eleventh avenue, as laid out by resolution of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the city of New York.

Laying out of certain new streets and avenues, north of 155th street, as the same were laid out by resolution of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the city of New York.

Laying out a new street, running parallel to 155th street, in

an easterly direction from the Kingsbridge road, across the Tenth avenue to the Boulevard, near the Harlem river, as laid out by resolution of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the city of New York,
be discontinued as rapidly as will be consistent with the public interest.

Third.—That the Counsel to the Corporation be, and he is hereby requested in each of the cases so discontinued, to prepare the bill of costs and expenses, and submit the same to this Board, in order that the same be adjusted and paid.

Fourth.—That all the records, minutes, maps, surveys, books, abstracts, reports, papers and property in the possession of the Commissioners, in each of the cases so discontinued, and all field-notes, surveys and memorandum thereof made by direction of said Commissions, or either of them, be delivered to this department.

Fifth.—That the subject of the commencement of one proceeding under the first resolution aforesaid, and the preparation of the petition, etc., therefor, be referred to the President of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a petition from S. E. Mauran and others, owners of property at Inwood, requesting that a portion of a street be laid out to complete the connection of Inwood street with Bolton road, and in continuation of Prescott avenue, as shown on map accompanying petition.

Referred to the Engineer.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

February 5, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Department...	\$117 34
“ “ “ “ Treasurer ...	18,514 93
Total	<u>\$18,632 27</u>

Respectfully,

FREDK. W. WHITTEMORE,
Treasurer, D. P. P.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted January 29, found on pp. 651 and 652 of the minutes, relative to the adoption of map of streets, avenues, &c., in the southern part of Yonkers (now known as Kingsbridge), signed by W. H. Grant be, and the same is hereby, reconsidered.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. WALES called up the resolution adopting map of Fort Washington Ridge Road, adopted June 5th, 1872, and found on p. 410 of the minutes, and moved that the same be re-adopted by the Board, 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 Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby lay out the streets and roads within that part of the city of New York to the northward of the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, provided for in said act, which are shown by red color and figures on the map thereof, dated New York, May 1st, 1872, and signed by Wm. H. Grant, civil and topographical engineer ; the widths, locations, courses, windings, extent and direction of the said streets and roads so laid down on said map, seeming to said Board of Commissioners most conducive to public good, and that the lands colored red on said map are those required for the said streets and roads laid out as aforesaid, and that the President of said Board of Commissioners cause the said streets and roads, so laid out as aforesaid, to be surveyed and designated by proper monuments, and also cause to be prepared and submit to this Board profiles and grades for the said streets and roads so laid out.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT presented a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, dated February 5th, renewing application, made by him in January, for certain reserved percentages on contracts for regulating, &c., Seventh avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

In this connection the SECRETARY presented statement of reserved percentages on contract of J. H. Sullivan & Co., dated June 7, 1867, as instructed by the Board in meeting, held January 15, and, also, communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, dated January 29, requesting statement of reserved percentages on contract with J. P. Cumming, Jr.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. WALES:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to confer with the Counsel to the Corporation with reference to the several applications made by the Commissioner of Public Works for statement of certain reserved percentages on contracts for regulating, &c., Seventh avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas, in order that by any action of the Board on said request no rights of the city, in making assessments for said work, may be impaired.

On motion of the PRESIDENT:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday next, the 7th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Landscape Architect presented a report, in pursuance of resolution adopted November 20, 1872, p. 577 of the minutes, suggesting certain changes in the organization of the Central Park Police force.

Whereupon Mr. CHURCH offered the following:

Resolved, That the report of the Landscape Architect, in regard to the regulation of the Keeper's service is hereby approved, and that the printing of two hundred and fifty copies of the proposed regulations, with other instructions, is hereby authorized.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The following communications were received :

From D. L. Downing, as leader of a military band, offering the services of said Band on the Parks during next summer.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Benjamin R. Guymas, accepting proposition of Landscape Architect, for purchase of American Swans, at \$75 per pair.

Referred to Landscape Architect, with power.

From the Landscape Architect, enclosing a communication from the consulting Landscape Architect, suggesting that as large a force as practicable be continuously employed in blasting on the site of building for the Art Museum.

Ordered filed.

From Robert Jaffray, remonstrating against the Reservoir square being appropriated for site of Armory for Seventh Regiment.

On motion of Mr. WALES :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, instructed to protest, on behalf of this Department, against the appropriation of Reservoir square for an armory.

On motion of Mr. WALES, at twelve o'clock, the Board adjourned to meet on Friday next at 3 o'clock, P. M.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 3 P. M.

Present—Mr. CHURCH,
“ WALES.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING, 10.30 A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

February 7th, 1873.

F. W. WHITTEMORE, Esq.,
Secretary, D. P. P.:

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday, the 10th inst., at 10.30 o'clock A. M., for the consideration of miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,
(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., *President.*

Mr. BLATCHFORD,

“ WALES.

In pursuance of Chapter 628 of the Laws of 1871, Mr. Alexander Shaler, the Major-General commanding the First Division of the National Guard of the State of New York, met with the

Board for the consideration of the location of a public square or place for a Parade Ground, and to take the necessary action thereon under the provisions of the above-mentioned Act.

The PRESIDENT of Department of Public Parks laid before the joint meeting a map of the proposed Parade Ground. And also a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation (asked for by resolution of the Board, January 16, 1873, p. 644 Minutes), giving his construction of the Laws of the State relating to the securing of land and improvement of proposed Parade Ground.

Which communication was ordered filed.

Mr. John J. Serrell, C. E., by request, came before the Board and gave his views with reference to the same subject.

The PRESIDENT of the Department of Public Parks offered the following :

Resolved, That the officers composing the Department of Public Parks in the city of New York, and the Major-General commanding the First Division, New York State National Guard, or a majority thereof, under and by virtue of the power conferred on them by an "Act, entitled an Act, to alter the map or plan of the city of New York, by laying out thereon a public place for a Parade Ground, and to authorize the taking of the same," passed April 20th, 1871, do hereby lay out and establish in that part of the city of New York above Fifty-ninth street, a public square or place, and such streets and avenues bounding the said public square or place, of the width, extent and direction, as to them seems most conducive to public good, as the same is shown on a map, plan or survey, caused to be made by the officers comprising the Department of Public Parks, in the city of New York, and the Major-General commanding the First Division, New York State National Guard, or a majority thereof, showing the location and extent of the public square or place and streets and avenues bounding the same in that part of the city of New York, by laying out thereon a public place for a Parade Ground, and to authorize the taking of the same, passed April 20th, 1871, the said public square or place being shown in green

color, and the said streets and avenues being shown in red color, and the lines and figures pertaining to the form and dimensions of the same respectively being shown in black, on map signed by Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, and dated, Department of Public Parks, New York, February 7th, 1873, and do hereby direct that said map be certified by them and filed as directed by law.

The PRESIDENT of the Department of Public Parks put the question whether the joint meeting would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, all the members of the joint meeting voting in favor thereof.

H. G. STEBBINS, } Majority of officers composing the
R. M. BLATCHFORD, } Board of the Department of Public
S. H. WALES, } Parks.

ALEXANDER SHALER, } Major-General commanding the First
 } Division of the National Guard of the
 } State of New York.

Ayes—4. Noes—none.

Mr. SHALER offered the following :

Resolved, "That the Treasurer of the Department of Public Parks be, and he is hereby, authorized to certify as to the correctness of the copies of Map now adopted of Parade Ground, which are required to be filed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 628, Laws of 1871."

The PRESIDENT of the Department of Public Parks put the question whether the joint meeting would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, all the members of the joint meeting voting in favor thereof, as follows :

H. G. STEBBINS, } Majority of officers composing the
R. M. BLATCHFORD, } Board of the Department of Public
S. H. WALES, } Parks.

ALEXANDER SHALER, } Major-General commanding the
 } First Division of the National Guard
 } of the State of New York.

Ayes—4. Noes—none.

On the adjournment of the joint meeting at twelve o'clock, the Board of Department of Public Parks resumed its regular business.

THE PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be authorized to use the title of General Superintendent, when acting in that capacity.

Adopted.

The TREASURER, in compliance with resolution adopted November 6, 1872, p. 61 of the minutes; presented a report on the question of license to C. Ryan, for sale of refreshments on Central Park, recommending six per cent. on gross sales as a proper rate to be charged for said license.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT moved that said report be accepted and adopted.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board authorizes the execution of a license with Columbus Ryan, for the exclusive privilege to sell refreshments on the Central Park, for a term of five years, from November 1st, 1872, and that the sum to be paid for said privilege is hereby fixed at six per cent. on the gross amount of sales; said license to contain all necessary restrictions to insure to the Board the proper control of said business.

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The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

On motion of Mr. WALES, at twelve o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—10, A. M.

Present:—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President,
MR. CHURCH,
“ BLATCHFORD,
“ WALES.

The minutes of the previous meetings, February 5th, 7th and 10th, also the remainder of the minutes of January 15th, which were partially read and approved January 29th, were read and approved.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

February 19th, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Department...	\$881 56
“ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	18,308 27
Total.....	\$19,189 83

Respectfully,

FREDK. W. WHITTEMORE,
Treasurer D. P. P.

A Communication was received from the TREASURER, stating that he had received certificate of indebtedness from the Supervisor and Town Clerk of the town of Eastchester, to the amount of \$572.96, in response to the requisition of the Department, dated December 18, 1872.

Ordered filed.

Mr. BLATCHFORD offered the following :

Whereas, The Board, upon imperfect information as to its previous action, did re-adopt resolution adopted June 5, 1872, having reference to location of Fort Washington Ridge Road therefore,

Resolved, That the resolution passed February 5, 1873, p. 664 of the minutes, re-adopting map of Fort Washington Ridge Road be, and the same is hereby, rescinded

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

Mr. WALES, by unanimous consent, called up resolution relating to the Maintenance account, adopted January 29th, p. 649 of the minutes, and moved to amend by striking out all the words after the word "under" on line 5, to the word "deficiencies," line 7 inclusive, and substituting therefor the words "authority of law," so that the entire resolution as amended should read as follows :

Resolved, "That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested to deposit to the credit of the Department of

Public Parks, in the Third National Bank in the city of New York, the amount of money appropriated, under authority of law, for the maintenance of the Central Park, parks and places, and other works under the control of the Department."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion to amend, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

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

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. CHURCH, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bill of Arnold & Co., cement.....	\$260 04
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., Hardware.....	316 53
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., “	69 88
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., “	119 33
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., “	194 85
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., “	41 30
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., “	326 14
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., “	92 00
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., “	43 18
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., “	554 35
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., “	105 58
“ Coffin, Paul C. & Co., “	166 60
“ Exchange Fire Ins. Co., Ins. Washington Park Hotel.....	46 88
“ Forsberg Knut, services drawing maps, two weeks and two days, to Jan. 29.....	81 66
“ Evans Isaac, petty cash expenses, Jan.....	32 91
“ Grant W. H., “	44 51
“ Marvin & Co., rent 265 Broadway.....	2,125 00
“ Schmidt, Max, service, drawing sheets of sur- veys.....	52 50
“ Stuyvesant Ins. Co., Ins. Washington Park Hotel.....	46 88
“ West, John G., repairs locks, &c.....	11 25
“ Imhoff, Anthony, interests and costs.....	541 74
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	\$5,273 11
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Amounting to the aggregate sum of fifty-two hundred and seventy-three $\frac{11}{100}$ dollars.

New York, February 10, 1873.

(Signed)

R. M. BLATCHFORD,
Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above-mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. CHURCH, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bill of American Shelving Co., shelving	\$126 00
“ Adams, Union & Co., towels	11 00
“ Affleck, Wm. & Co., oats, hay, &c.	475 21
“ Blunt & Co., repairs to instruments	2 75
“ Buerk, J. E., watch-clocks	155 00
“ Balmore, J., repairing bridge	75 00
“ Barron, J. S. & Co., corn-brooms	18 00
“ Barron, J. S. & Co., “	38 50
“ Composite Iron Works, iron-work, &c.	480 00
“ Colgate & Co., soap	11 00
“ Colwell, W. H. & Co., lumber	75 86
“ Crissy, W. V. & Co., soap	5 11
“ Crissy, W. V. & Co., borax	18 75
“ Caldwell, Weston & Co., coal	72 00
“ Evans, Isaac, petty cash expenses, Jan.	60 80
“ Eccentric Lock Co., locks	12 00

Bill of Frazer Lubricator Co., axle-grease.....	\$18 00
“ Gibson Wm., lumber for stone-boats.....	250 00
“ Guidet, Chas., interest.....	1,091 85
“ Guidet, Chas., paving.....	859 53
“ Gifford, Beach & Co., carriage hardware...	67 12
“ Gifford, Beach & Co., wheels, &c.....	17 50
“ Hazard Gunpowder Co., cotton fuse.....	112 00
“ Harlem Gas-Light Co., gas at Park, Jan'y.	105 00
“ Harlem Gas-Light Co., gas at Park, Dec...	81 30
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron and steel..	195 33
“ Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, “	125 48
“ Jackson, J. L. & Bro., ventilators.....	54 00
“ Keufel & Esser, artists' materials.....	77 30
“ Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice for office.....	37 23
“ Labagh, W. O., salt.....	43 00
“ Lawrie, J. P. & Co., meat.....	348 30
“ Lord, Haynes & Co., frieze.....	165 85
“ McIntosh & Miller, coal.....	7 00
“ Menzies, Wm. & Son, lumber.....	704 02
“ Menzies, W. & Son, lumber.....	117 42
“ Menzies, Wm. & Son, sawdust.....	15 00
“ New York Gas-Light Co., gas—office, &c., December.....	24 47
“ New York Gas-Light Co., gas—office, &c., January.....	25 02
“ Nason, Joseph & Co., pump, augur &c.....	14 00
“ Parry, Henry, granite plinths.....	125 00
“ Parry, Henry, stone for fountains Union Square.....	2,540 00
“ Parry, Henry, granite.....	1,100 00
“ Prentice, James, repairs to plain table....	5 00
“ Raynolds, C. T. & Co., alcohol, &c.....	29 63
“ Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paint, sponges, &c..	43 53
“ Raynolds, C. T. & Co., dry paint.....	147 25

Bill of Reisser, Geo., nuts.....	\$14 50
“ Rogers, H. A. & Co., cotton waste.....	25 00
“ Ruhe, Louis, mocking-birds food.....	8 00
“ Rumble, Wm., topographical surveys.....	2,740 09
“ Rumble, Wm., “ “.....	2,005 42
“ Rumble, Wm., “ “.....	2,326 08
“ Stackpole & Brother, instruments and re- pairs.....	241 30
“ Simpson A., bread.....	92 99
“ Stewart, A. T. & Co., gloves.....	17 63
“ Slattery James, pavement, Union Square..	2,751 74
“ Townsend & Yale, gloves.....	89 78
“ Telfair, John H. & Co., turpentine.....	28 80
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works Co., stove.....	20 00
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works Co., castings, &c.	25 74
“ The J. L. Mott Iron Works Co., stove, &c..	45 00
“ Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., stationery.....	32 20
“ Warner, Wyllys H., repairs to heating ap- paratus.....	490 41
“ Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	235 26
“ Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	142 00
“ Wetmore & Co., iron and steel.....	66 66
“ Warren Chemical & Roofing Co., Felt.....	12 00
“ Hardwick C. H. & Co., stone, Park fountain.	3,000 00
“ Ryder, Jesse., opening bank and sand.....	175 60
“ Barrett, Oliver, gas-fitting.....	85 00
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	\$24,854 11

Amounting to the aggregate sum of twenty-four thousand eight hundred and fifty-four dollars and eleven cents.

New York, February 10, 1873.

(Signed)

R. M. BLATCHFORD,

Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the

above-mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The TREASURER submitted a report giving statement of expenditures on account of Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil Creek Improvement, and Surveys in Westchester County.

Ordered filed.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board draft of the Annual report of the Department to the Legislature of the State, relative to improvements of portions of Westchester County, Harlem river, &c., together with map, as required by Sec. 4, chap. 534, Laws 1871.

On motion of Mr. WALES, referred to the President, with power.

The following communications were received :

From Horace A. Whitney, requesting increase of compensation.

The PRESIDENT moved that the pay of Horace A. Whitney, messenger, be fixed at the rate of \$2.50 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

From Frank E. Nesmith, clerk in office of Disbursing Clerk, suspended since the last regular meeting of the Board, requesting to be reinstated.

On motion of Mr. WALES, referred to the Secretary to reply that the Board has not at present any further need for his services.

From W. H. Hays and others, property-owners on the line of Fort Washington Ridge Road, remonstrating against discontinuance of proceedings in the matter of opening said road.

Laid on the table.

From Rev. Dr. Samuel Osgood, Chairman of Elias Howe Memorial Committee, asking that a site be assigned in the Central Park for a bronze statue of the inventor, Elias Howe.

When, on motion of the PRESIDENT,

Resolved, That the application for a site in the Central Park for a monument to Elias Howe be laid on the table, and that the subject of statues and monuments on the Central Park, and other public grounds and places of the city, be referred to Commissioner Church, in connection with the Advisory Landscape Architect, Mr. Vaux, with the request that they will report on the same, advising the Board what principles and rules should be adopted in dealing with such applications.

From Francis A. Stout, Vice-President American Geographical Society, soliciting photographs of Central Park views for the Vienna Universal Exhibition.

Referred to Mr. CHURCH and the Landscape Architect, with power.

From W. H. Grant, recommending that Chas. Geo. Eastwood, Wm. Gordon and Martin Burns, skilled laborers, be paid \$2.50 per day, from 1st inst.; Samuel Boggs and Matthew Cox,

chain-men, be paid for Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day and Christmas Day, and W. W. Pratt for four days, absent from sickness; Antonio A. Aguerre be appointed draughtsman, from February 12, at \$5 dollars per day; and that the pay of J. C. Halstead, Thomas Fox, Matthew Cox and Samuel Boggs, chain-men, be increased to \$2.75 per day from the 1st inst.

Mr. WALES moved that said recommendations and appointment be approved.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. WALES offered the following:

Resolved, That the Landscape Architect be instructed to remove no more trees, exceeding four inches in diameter of trunk, at four feet from the collar of the roots, from the Central Park to the down-town parks, and to limit the transplanting of large trees within the Central Park to a few cases of fine, thrifty trees, which can be taken with advantage from their present positions.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

A communication was received from the Landscape Architect, having reference to the police force of the Department, and recommending for adoption by the Board an accompany-

ing list of qualifications and form of application for appointments, form of examination of candidates, and conditions of holding appointments.

On motion of Mr. CHURCH :

Resolved, That the Board adopts the recommendations contained in the communication just received from the Landscape Architect, regulating admissions to and conditions of holding appointments in the police force of this Department.

The TREASURER, in compliance with resolution adopted January 16th, p. 644 of the minutes, submitted a report giving statement of moneys appropriated by law for constructions now remaining unused, together with a statement prepared by the Landscape Architect, showing approximately the amount of money required during the year 1873 to complete various works now in progress, and to carry on other works desirable to be pursued by the Department.

After considerable discussion of the subject, on motion of Mr. WALES, it was

Resolved, That the whole subject of appropriations for the present year be referred to the President, with instructions to confer with the Comptroller of the city concerning said appropriations, and with power to make the necessary application to the Legislature in regard to the same.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of Department of Public Parks hereby designate Henry G. Stebbins, one of the officers of said Board, to certify and file all maps, plans or surveys which by law are required to be filed in the office of said Board, and in the office of the Register of the city and county of New York, or in the office of the Department of

Public Works in said city, and in the office of the Secretary of State.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

On motion of Mr. WALES, at twelve o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITEMORE,

Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—10 A. M.

Present :—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President,
MR. CHURCH,
“ BLATCHFORD,
“ WALES.

The minutes of the previous meeting, February 19th, were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Clerk of the Common Council, transmitting copy of resolution passed February 11th, 1873, requesting this Department to place iron railing and erect four lamps around the statue of Abraham Lincoln, in Union Square.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to prepare reply, and submit the same to the Board.

From Superintendent Western Union Telegraph Company, requesting a permit to place two poles on the Twenty-third street side-walk of Madison Square Park.

Referred to Landscape Architect to prepare reply, and submit the same to the Board.

From Christian Kolle, making application for a license to run goat carriages on Central Park, and offering to pay the sum of fifty dollars per annum for each carriage.

From Jules P. Rosseau, requesting the same privilege, on terms to be hereafter agreed upon, and stating that C. Kolle, the person last holding permit, had been adjudicated a bankrupt.

Both of which communications were referred to the Superintendent to report upon to the Board.

From the Superintendent City Park, Columbus, Ohio, inquiring if a white male swan could be purchased from this Department.

Referred to the Secretary to reply in the negative.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved,—That the Comptroller of the City of New York be requested, under the provisions of Chapter 739 of the laws of 1872, to deposit to the credit of the Department of Public Parks in the Third National Bank of the city of New York, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for work, services and material furnished, or to be furnished for permanent improvements on the Central Park.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of

the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

March 5th, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Department...	\$1,622 88
“ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	15,678 58
Total.....	\$17,301 46

Respectfully,

FREDK. W. WHITEMORE,
Treasurer D. P. P.

Mr. CHURCH, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Bill of Architectural Iron Works, gratings, caps, &c.	\$435 75
“ Affleck, Wm. & Co., hay, straw &c.....	995 82
“ Adams, Union & Co., towels.....	12 00
“ Argus Company, subs. 1873.....	10 00
“ Bartlett, J. W., globes.....	57 00
“ Booth, James & Son, plants.....	496 53
“ Buerk, J. E., watch clock.....	77 50
“ Cuthbert, Thos., felt strips.....	8 50
“ Composite Iron Works, iron railing.....	247 30

Bill of Crissey, Wm. V. & Co., acid and matches.	\$4 65
“ Dingee & Conard, Co., error previous bill.	12 75
“ Dugan, Francis, repairing roof	315 72
“ Evans, Isaac, petty expenses in Feb.	54 13
“ Grahamite Pavement Co., pavement.	1,480 55
“ Gatchell, A. S., hose	9 50
“ Gerster, Anton, rustic settees	76 00
“ Grosz, Michael & Son, iron standard	133 50
“ Harlem Gas Light Co., coke	250 00
“ Jube, J. P. & Co., wheels, &c.	236 47
“ Keuffel & Esser, artists' materials.	118 10
“ Laurie P. W. & Co., meat.	296 70
“ McHugh, John, corks	99 75
“ Miller, D. D., ventilators	15 00
“ Prentiss & Ward, glass.	1,939 95
“ Queen, James W. & Co., drawing paper	20 50
“ Rumble, Wm., services	100 00
“ Reynolds, C. T. & Co., paints.	151 75
“ Russell, W. D., gauges	1 50
“ Riddle, Brintnall & Co., coal	214 00
“ Schultz & Warker, tent	800 00
“ Schmidt, Max, services preparing maps.	66 00
“ Scharbuck, Chas, leather	25 18
“ Stewart, A. T. & Co. carpets &c.	39 92
“ Tieman, Geo. & Co., horse syringe	33 00
“ Tone, T. F., coal	85 00
“ Thornhill & Co, painting Harlem Bridge.	550 00
“ Union Stone Co, Diamond tool	10 00
“ Wetmore & Co., cast steel, &c.	252 06
“ Winants, J. J., dump tickets	62 50
“ Watrous & Willson, lumber	237 81
“ Walton Bros., buttons.	79 50
“ Slattery, James, filling.	4,372 20

\$14,484 09

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred and eighty-four $\frac{0}{10}\%$ dollars.

New York, March 5, 1873.

(Signed) FREDERICK E. CHURCH,
Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

Mr. CHURCH, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Board, at a meeting held September 4th, 1872, in auditing a bill of Thomas C. Cornell, for surveys in Westchester County, for \$9,085.34, be, and the same is hereby, *rescinded*, and that the amount of his bill, as corrected, to wit, the sum of \$6,097.19, be, and the same is hereby, audited and allowed as a substitute.

(Signed) FREDERICK E. CHURCH,
Auditing Committee.

New York, March 5, 1873.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said report, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

A communication was received from the Treasurer, reporting that, through the failure of the Treasurer of the County of Westchester to respond to requisitions made on him by this Department, and the refusal of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of said County, to sign the necessary certificates for the issue of bonds for construction of Tunnel and Suspension Bridge, said County is now largely in arrears to this Department, and therefore there are no funds to meet the pay-roll for February, of the engineering force under the direction of Mr. W. H. Grant, and also that should all the requisitions now made be paid in full, there would still be no surplus to pay any future expenses until a year from the present time, and requesting the instruction of the Board upon the whole subject.

The President offered the following :

Resolved, That in view of the report of the Treasurer just submitted, that said officer on behalf of the Board be, and he is hereby, authorized and instructed to take the necessary steps, by mandamus or otherwise, to secure the payment from the County of Westchester of the amounts due on requisitions heretofore made by this Department on the Treasurer of said County. And the said Treasurer of this Department is also hereby authorized and instructed to take the necessary measures, by mandamus or otherwise, to obtain the signature of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Westchester County to the certificates authorizing the issue of bonds for the

construction of a Tunnel and Suspension Bridge respectively, under provisions of Chapter 534, Laws of 1871, and that the said Treasurer report the result of his action at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the amount of the pay-roll, for the month of February, of the engineering force under the direction of W. H. Grant, out of the first moneys received from the Treasurer of Westchester County.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

The TREASURER verbally reported progress in the matter of procuring office accommodation in lieu of the present premises.

Mr. BLATCHFORD moved that the whole subject of selecting premises for offices and the arrangement of the terms thereof, be referred to a committee of three, of which the Treasurer shall be one, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Wales and Mr. Blatchford members of said Committee.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to charge

a further sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), to account of construction for planting expenses.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

The PRESIDENT submitted a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works transmitting for filing in this office a map showing changes of grade on Tenth avenue and One hundred and fifty-fifth street and One hundred and fifty-sixth street.

Referred to the President with request that he confer with said Commissioner on said subject before proceeding to acknowledge said communication.

A communication was received from C. Ryan, Superintendent, recommending that the pay of James Van Riper, Mechanical Engineer, be increased to \$6 per day.

Also one from Daniel Draper endorsing said recommendation.

The PRESIDENT moved that the pay of James Van Riper be fixed at \$6 per day, from March 2d, 1873.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

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Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to sign the necessary papers to make application for the acquiring title to lands, requisite for the public square or place to be used for a parade ground.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a revised copy of map of proposed streets, &c., in town of Kingsbridge, adopted January 29th, and reconsidered February 5th.

Laid on the table.

From Genl. John Ewen, remonstrating against the adoption of map of proposed streets, &c., in town of Kingsbridge.

Ordered filed.

On motion of Mr. WALES, it was ordered that the hour of meeting of the regular meetings of the Board be fixed at 2 o'clock P. M. instead of 10 A. M., as heretofore.

On motion of Mr. WALES at twelve o'clock the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1873.

SPECIAL MEETING, 10.30, A. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

F. W. WHITTEMORE, Esq.,
Secretary, D. P. P. :

Sir,—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Monday next, 10th inst., at 10.30, A. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions and resolutions, and miscellaneous business.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) H. G. STEBBINS,
President, D. P. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., *President.*
Mr. BLATCHFORD,
“ WALES.

The minutes of the previous meeting, March 5, were read and approved.

The question of proposed map of streets, roads, &c., in Kingsbridge was taken up, and by invitation, Mr. J. G. Johnson,

Gen. John Ewen, Mr. W. C. Wetmore, Mr. G. H. Petrié, Mr. J. R. Whiting, Jr., and others, property-owners in said town, appeared before the Board and presented their views on the subject, after which, Mr. Andrew H. Green, by request of the President, made certain statements and suggestions with the view of reconciling the conflicting opinions of the property-owners while maintaining the paramount public interests. Whereupon, in furtherance of the suggestions made,

MR. BLATCHFORD offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board hereby engage the services of Mr. J. J. Sewell, C. E., to act conjointly with Mr. W. H. Grant, engineer of the Department, to consider the proposed map, laying out streets, avenues, &c., in town of Kingsbridge, and that they be instructed to hear the views of the respective owners of property, and report the result to this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT called up all the communications received from the Commissioner of Public Works, relative to the Boulevards, Roads and Avenues taken possession of by the Department of Public Works, under provision of Chap. 828, Laws 1872, and the past action of the Board thereon, when

Mr. WALES moved that said communication, received from the Commissioner of Public Works, be referred to the President, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT stated to the Board that Charles Devlin contractor, had been delivering filling on Manhattan square, without the usual order from the Treasurer of this Department authorizing the same, but that said contractor claimed to have received directions to deliver said filling from Superintendent Ryan, and upon said directions asserted the right to continue to deliver to the extent of five thousand cubic yards, at sixty-five cents per cubic yard.

Superintendent RYAN being present admitted issuing permission without the usual Treasurer's order, but did so under the impression that previous arrangements had been made by the Treasurer, whereupon

Mr. BLATCHFORD offered the following :

Resolved, That in view of the facts presented, Charles Devlin is hereby permitted to furnish filling on Manhattan square to an amount including that already delivered, not exceeding 5,000 cubic yards, at a price not exceeding 65 cents per cubic yard.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT called up the several applications for lease of High Bridge Hotel, whereupon

Mr. WALES moved that the leasing of High Bridge Hotel be referred to the Treasurer with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The TREASURER submitted a proposal from Dillon, Clyde & Co. to furnish 60,000 cubic yards of filling for Manhattan square, at one cent per cubic yard, for every one hundred feet haul, whereupon

Mr. BLATCHFORD offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Dillon, Clyde & Co. for filling, if the price shall not exceed forty cents per cubic yard.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The following communications were received :

From the Treasurer, recommending that the pay of Charles Throckmorton, Messenger in the Office of the Disbursing Clerk, be increased from \$2 to \$3 per day, from the 1st January, 1873.

The PRESIDENT moved that said recommendation be confirmed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT submitted three similar maps or surveys, showing the grades of Fort Washington Ridge Road, as required by resolution adopted June 5, 1872, whereupon Mr. Wales offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the city and county of New York," passed April 24, 1865, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, hereby determine the grades of several streets and roads, laid out by them under said Act, within that part of the city of New York to the northward of the southerly line of 155th street, as the said grades are shown by red lines and figures on the three similar maps or surveys, entitled "Map or survey showing the grades laid out and determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks for streets and roads that have been laid out by said Board of Commissioners, within that part of the city of New York to the northward of the southerly line of 155th street," in pursuance 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, "dated New York, March 10th, 1873, and signed by W. H. Grant ;" said grades, so determined, seeming to said Commissioners most conducive to public good.

Resolved, "That the Board of Commissioners of the Depart-

ment of Public Parks deem that the public interests require that the aforesaid three similar maps, plans or surveys, showing the grades aforesaid, be filed in the manner provided by said Act, and hereby direct that said maps be so filed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

From P. T. Barnum, requesting temporary exchange of camel for sea lion.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

Mr. BLATCHFORD, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Fisher, Holmes & Co., plants.....	\$123 15
Haage & Schmidt, plants.....	240 99
Nutty, Robert, labor and material on Boulevard.....	266 33
Grant, W. H., petty expenses.....	33 76
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	\$664 23

Amounting, in the aggregate, to the sum of six hundred and sixty-four $\frac{23}{100}$ dollars.

New York, March 10th, 1873.

(Signed)

R. M. BLATCHFORD,

Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the

above-mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Whereas, The bronze bust of William Cullen Bryant, donated by Mr. C. H. Luddington, in the year 1867, and received by this Department, has not been heretofore acknowledged; therefore,

Resolved, That the bust of William Cullen Bryant, presented to the Board by C. H. Luddington, be accepted, and that the thanks of this Board be communicated to Mr. Luddington.

Resolved, That a copy of the various proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Central Park and of this Department in reference to the said bust be transmitted to Mr. Luddington.

Adopted.

A communication was received, addressed to Mr. Bergh, President A. S. P. C. A., by Ottilia Assing, Hoboken, representing that peacocks and other fowls in the Central Park are without shelter during the winter months.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

On motion of Mr. BLATCHFORD, at twelve o'clock and thirty minutes, the Board adjourned.

F. W. WHITEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING, 2 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., *President.*

Mr. WALES.

A quorum not being present, adjourned.

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1873.

SPECIAL MEEING—2 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to the following :

March 19, 1873.

F. W. WHITTEMORE, ESQ.,

Secretary D. P. P.

SIR:—You will please call a meeting of the Board for Saturday, 22d inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the consideration of communications, reports of committees, motions, resolutions and miscellaneous business.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

H. G. STEBBINS,

President D. P. P.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., *President.*

Mr. BLATCHFORD,

“ WALES.

The minutes of the previous meetings, March 10 and 19, were read, and on motion of Mr. WALES, were amended by inserting after the word “Treasurer,” on p. 699, line 17, the following words:—“because having been advised by the Treasurer that he had received an offer to supply filling, and said Charles Devlin having been the same day referred to him

from the office of the Department, he understood that discretion was designed to be given him for that purpose," and as amended were approved.

The Landscape Architect reported with reference to a communication from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, referred to him at the last meeting, that said letter was based on a mistake as to facts. None of the fowls died during the Winter, and that he had so advised the Society.

The following communications were received :

From Superintendent Bureau of Street Cleaning, Police Department, offering to dump manure taken from the Avenues on any of the Parks if the Board requires the same.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From the Department of Public Works, enclosing one from H. C. Ruggles, stating he was prepared to submit plans for Suspension Bridge, if the Board would consider the same.

Referred to the Secretary, to reply that the Board does not expect to erect one this season.

From Superintendent Ryan, reporting adversely on the applications of C. Kolle and J. P. Rousseau, respectively, to run Goat Carriages on Central Park, referred to him at meeting held 5th inst.

Ordered filed.

From Isaac Hall, requesting permission to moor his Baths at the Battery, on the same terms as last season.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

From J. Hyslop and others on behalf of Club, soliciting the privilege of using one of the ponds on Central Park for testing model yachts.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

From M. Lauridson, offering to collect South American plants for the Department.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Wm. Kennelley, requesting donation of refuse rock to Ladies of the Sacred Heart.

Referred to the Superintendent.

From Dr. F. D. Thurman, Atlanta, Ga., offering to sell a whale skeleton.

Referred to the Secretary to decline the same.

From N. Holmes Odell, Treasurer of Westchester County, defending his retention of fees on moneys paid on the requisitions of the Department.

Referred to the Treasurer.

Mr. BLATCHFORD offered the following:

Resolved,—That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Third National Bank, in the city of New York, is hereby specifically authorized from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said Bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department, as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department-

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirma-

tive, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

Mr. BLATCHFORD, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Adams, W. G., filling on Manhattan Square . . .	\$1,457 75
Affleck, William & Co., oats, corn, &c.	412 25
Colwell, W. H. & Co., lumber	7 60
Draper, Daniel, petty expenses, Jan. and Feb.	25 45
Evans, Isaac, petty expenses, March,	64 40
Gifford, Beach & Co., carriage hardware	16 21
Grenell, J. M., mouldings	61 40
Greene, George S., Jr., map of West Farms	25 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas for Park lamps	632 50
Harlem Gas Light Co., coke	250 00
Harlem Gas Light Co., gas for Harlem Lake and St. Vincent	80 70
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron and steel	122 37
Howell, Daniel, cartage bronze statues for Ter- race Fountain	50 00
Krelage, E. H. & Son, plants	894 00
Leroy, Andre (Moller & Thebaud, ag'ts), plants	308 50
Menzies, William & Son, lumber	549 96
Menzies, William & Son, lumber	608 13
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Arsenal lake and pond	315 43
Metropolitan Gas Light Co., gas, Arsenal lake and pond	321 20

Manhattan Gas Light Co., labor and material...	95 04
Manhattan Gas Light Co., labor and material...	514 11
Nason, Joseph & Co., iron pipe	81 16
Pearson, Thomas, granite coping, 4th Ave. Park	1,295 78
Queen, James W. & Co., tracing cloth.....	40 80
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paint.....	40 70
Roosevelt, Samuel & Co., hardware.....	170 92
Stewart, A. T. & Co., ticking	7 20
Simpson, A., bread.....	165 65
Telfair, John H. & Co., oil	26 70
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, stoves and hardware	462 97
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, settee, &c.....	19 50
Thorburn, J. M. & Co., seeds	9 00
United Farmers' Milk Co., milk, Jan. and Feb..	46 98
Vernon Bros. & Co., paper	10 14
Van Giesen, Peter, tin pipe and labor.....	175 00
Van Nostrand, D., subs. to "engineering".....	17 50
Vandewater, J. W., furniture and chairs.....	110 85
Walton Bros., buttons.....	38 00
Whitlock, W. S. & Co., Manilla rope.....	12 60
Winants, J. J., dump tickets.....	15 60
Watrous & Willson, lumber	423 01
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Amounting to the aggregate sum of nine thousand nine hundred and eighty-two dollars and six cents.

(Signed) R. M. BLATCHFORD,

Auditing Committee.

New York, March 22, 1873.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes— Messrs. Blatchford, Stebbins, Wales — 3.

From W. H. Grant, Engineer, with profile, reporting favorably on petition of S. E. Mauran and others, for a new street connecting other streets near Inwood, referred to him at meeting held February 5th.

Whereupon, Mr. WALES moved that W. H. Grant, Engineer, be directed to prepare, and submit to the Board, map and profile of proposed new street in continuation of street termed " F " Street, and connecting Inwood Street with Bolton Road.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Blatchford, Stebbins, Wales—3.

From James C. Carter, protesting on behalf of certain property owners on the line of Fort Washington Ridge Road against location of said road on proposed easterly line.

Whereupon, the Board being informed that Mr. Carter was in attendance, he by request appeared and stated, on behalf of the property owners represented by him, their objections to the lines adopted for said road.

After which, the PRESIDENT offered the following :

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

passed April 24, 1865, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have caused three similar maps or surveys to be made, entitled "Map or Survey showing streets and roads that have been laid out by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks within that part of the City of New York to the Northward of the Southerly line of 155th Street, in pursuance 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 24, 1865, dated "New York, February 18, 1873," and signed "W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer," showing streets and roads which have been laid out under said Act.

Resolved,—That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks deem that the public interests require that the aforesaid three similar maps or surveys be filed in the manner provided by said Act, and hereby direct that said maps be so filed,

Which, on motion of Mr. WALES, were laid over and made special order for next meeting.

On motion of Mr. BLATCHFORD,

Resolved,—That when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, 31st inst., at one o'clock and thirty minutes.

The Landscape Architect laid before the Board, plans for proposed alterations and enlargement of the Casino, and submitted estimates of cost of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) for said work.

Whereupon, Mr. WALES offered the following:

Resolved,—That the plans for altering and enlarging the Casino, be approved, and that the Landscape Architect be directed to proceed with the work. And the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the expense of said alterations to an amount not exceeding six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500), and to charge the same to Construction Account.

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

tive, a majority of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The Landscape Architect in compliance with order of the Board, March 5th, submitted reply to resolution of Common Council, relative to placing iron railing around Lincoln Statue.

Reply ordered to be transmitted to the Common Council with signatures of President and Secretary attached thereto.

Copy of same filed.

The Committee on selection of new offices reported that the upper three floors of building at north-east corner of Sixteenth Street and Fourth Avenue, on Union Square, had been secured for five years, at a rent of \$6,500 the first year, and \$5,000 per annum for each subsequent year of said term. And also submitted plans for alterations in said premises, with an estimate of cost of said alterations, prepared by Supt. Archt'l Constructions, amounting to \$1,675.

Mr. WALES moved that the report of the Committee be accepted and the plans of alteration be approved, and the work ordered to proceed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Blatchford, Stebbins, Wales—3.

The following communications were received :

From the Landscape Architect, enclosing draft of proposed revised ordinances for Central Park.

Mr. WALES moved that the draft be laid over until the next meeting, and that the Treasurer be directed to have the same printed, and copies transmitted to each member of the Board.

From the Landscape Architect recommending the honorable discharge of Sergeant Martin R. Beam, whereupon

Mr. WALES offered the following:

Resolved,—In view of the facts recommended in the report of the Landscape Architect, with regard to Sergeant Martin R. Beam:

FIRST: That Sergeant Beam be honorably discharged.

SECOND: That, as a mark of respect to Sergeant Beam, the report be entered on the minutes, and that the Board, in behalf of the City, hereby expresses its grateful sense of the value of his long and honorable service.

THIRD: That the Treasurer be directed to add the sum of five hundred dollars to the compensation which will be due him on his discharge.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford, Wales—3.

Report of Landscape Architect in the case of Sergeant Martin R. Beam:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
OFFICE OF DESIGN AND SUPERINTENDENCE, }

March 18th, 1873.

To the Hon. Henry G. Stebbins,

President Board of Commissioners:

Sir:

Sergeant Martin R. Beam, of the keepers' service, was appointed on the City Watch in 1842, and served the City, with

credit, in that capacity, and as Municipal Policeman, successively, under the administrations of Mayors Havemeyer, Woodhull and Kingsland, and until the municipal police force was abolished in 1857.

In January, 1860, he was appointed a Keeper of the Central Park, and twelve months afterwards, solely on account of the evidence of fitness displayed in that capacity, was promoted to the office of Sergeant. Since then, under all the changes of administration of the Park, he has so far commanded the respect of his superiors as to be retained uninterruptedly in that office, fully sustaining the expectations which originally led to his promotion.

He is now sixty-three years old, and I am advised by the Surgeon that he is disqualified by his age to meet the requirements necessary to be made upon the force in general.

In view of the above facts. I recommend that the Board direct the honorable discharge of Sergeant Beam, that it express by resolution its respect for his character, and the estimates it places upon his services, and that as a further token thereof the Treasurer be directed to add a certain sum to the wages which shall be due him upon his retirement.

Respectfully,

(Signed.) FRED. LAW OLMSTED,
Landscape Architect.

From Thomas A. McGettigan, requesting permission to operate a telescope on Central Park.

Laid on the table.

From the New York Asphalt Composite Pipe and Paving Company making certain proposals to lay their asphalt pavement in the Parks.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to report to the Board.

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On motion of Mr. WALES, at four o'clock and fifteen minutes the Board adjourned,

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.

MONDAY MARCH, 31st 1873.

ADJOURNED MEETING, 1:30 P. M.

Present—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., *President.*

Mr. CHURCH,

“ WALES.

The minutes of the previous meeting, 22d inst., were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Frederick S. Heiser, complaining of injury done to his premises, by blasting on west side of Central Park, at Ninety-second street.

Referred to the Superintendent.

From Elisha Crowell & Co., offering to sell Velocipedes.

Laid on the table.

From Christian Kolle, making further application for license to run Goat carriages and the Carrousel on Central Park.

Referred to the Superintendent.

From Isidor Isaac, making application to run Goat carriages and the Carrousel on the Central Park, for a term of five years upon certain terms.

From the Superintendent, recommending above application.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

From Wm. A. Fletcher, making application for position of Park Keeper.

Referred to Landscape Architect.

From Charles Bordine, Jr., requesting information for use abroad, as to method of testing the strength of ice, for the security of skaters, in use by this Department.

Referred to Landscape Architect.

From the Superintendent, recommending the donation of refuse rock, to the ladies of Sacred Heart, as requested in communication from Wm. Kennelley, presented at last meeting, and referred to him.

Referred to Secretary to inform the Superintendent to grant the same.

The TREASURER submitted copy of Return of force in the employ of the Department, March 28th, 1873.

Ordered filed.

Mr. CHURCH, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval.

Ackerson, Thomas, cedar poles.....	\$27 50
Blunt & Co., repairing instrument.....	23 75
Crissey, Wm. V. & Co., ginger, &c.....	3 10
Davis & Johnson, lime and cement.....	78 50
Hazard Gunpowder Co., fuse.....	112 00
Holden, Hopkins & Stokes, iron and steel.....	265 89
Hinch, Thomas J., earth filling at Manhattan square	3,168 80
Knapp, Frederick N., plants and expenses.....	73 50
New York Gas Light Co., gas for office.....	14 30
Watrous & Willson, lumber.....	81 60
	\$3,848 94

Amounting to the aggregate sum of three thousand eight hundred and forty-eight dollars and ninety-four cents.

New York, March 31st, 1873.

(Signed)

R. M. BLATCHFORD,
Auditing Committee.

The PRESIDENT moved that the Board do now approve the above mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

In response to an invitation extended to owners of property, affected by the proposed change of location of a portion of the Fort Washington Ridge Road, to meet the Board, and give an expression of their respective views, there were assembled

at the office of the Board at 10½ o'clock, A. M. of this day, the following persons: Members of the Board, Messrs. Stebbins, Blatchford and Wales. Property owners, Messrs. J. G. Bennett, represented by Mr. Townsend, his attorney, Thomas H. Borden, C. Bucking, James C. Carter, E. M. Crawford, C. M. Connolly, D. W. Diggs, G. E. L. Hyatt, Maltby G. Lane, I. P. Martin, Charles O'Connor, H. B. Perkins, Mrs. W. Rathbone, represented by A. H. Rathbone, L. B. Rader, A. Raymond, A. F. Smith and Warren E. Ward. Remarks were made by Messrs. Lane, Rader, Martin and others in favor of the easterly line, and by Messrs. Carter, O'Connor, Diggs and others favoring the westerly line.

In view of the results of the above mentioned conference, as well as of information previously obtained, the resolutions offered by the President at the last meeting, and made the special order for this meeting, ordering the filing of the maps of the Fort Washington Ridge Road as laid out with a change to the east from the original design, were, on motion of Mr. Wales, taken up, and their adoption moved by him, as follows:

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act to provide for the laying out and improving of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24, 1865, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have caused three similar maps or surveys to be made, entitled "Map or Survey showing streets and roads that have been laid out by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks within that part of the city of New York to the northward of the southerly line of 155th street, in pursuance 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 24, 1865, dated New York, February 18, 1873," and signed W. H. Grant, Civil and Topographi-

cal Engineer, showing streets and roads which have been laid out under said Act.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks deem that the public interests require that the aforesaid three similar maps or surveys be filed in the manner provided by said Act, and hereby direct that said maps be so filed.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

From the Landscape Architect, relative to Riverside Park recommending that that portion of the line of Twelfth Avenue, cutting the north-westerly part of said park, be diverged, and suggesting Legislative action thereon.

Whereupon, Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the communication of the Landscape Architect in relation to Riverside Park be accepted and placed on file, and a committee be appointed by the President to memorialize the Legislature in furtherance of the views contained in said communication.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT thereupon appointed Mr. Church and Mr. Wales such committee.

The TREASURER submitted proof sheets of draft of proposed revised ordinances for Central Park, and also attached thereto proof sheets of rules and regulations relative to the police force.

Whereupon, Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved. That the ordinances for the regulations, use and government of the Central Park, as presented this day, be, and they are hereby, adopted, and that the Treasurer is hereby directed to cause the immediate publication of the same for ten days in the *Times*, *Evening Post* and *Tribune*, published in the city of New York, and said newspapers are selected by the Board for that purpose.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the matter of the proof sheets before the Board, from page 2 to the end, be printed as a document of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

See Doc. 43.

From the Landscape Architect, relative to work on Eighth avenue wall of Central Park.

Whereupon, Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to invite proposals for building six thousand (6,000) feet of parapet wall on Eighth avenue, in accordance with the plans and specifications of the Landscape Architect, and to arrange a contract as soon as possible, subject to the approval of the Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT submitted map of Sedgwick avenue.

Referred to the Treasurer, to obtain the views of the property owners thereon.

From W. H. Grant, relative to defects in one of the supporting cylinders of Harlem Bridge.

Referred to the Treasurer, to report thereon to the Board.

The Landscape Architect reported that in the matter of a communication to the Department from the Street Cleaning Bureau, referred to him at the last meeting, he had replied that it was not desirable that street dirt should at this time be deposited on the smaller parks of the city.

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

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING—2 P. M.

Present:—H. G. STEBBINS, Esq., President,
MR. CHURCH,
“ WALES.

The minutes of the previous meeting, March 31st, were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From Superintendent Ryan, reporting damage done to West Drive and other portions of Central Park, by bursting of Croton Main on Eighth avenue, between 85th and 90th streets, whereupon

The PRESIDENT offered the following :

Resolved, That the communication from the Superintendent, just submitted, reporting damage done to portions of the Central Park, by bursting of Croton Main, be referred to the Landscape Architect, and he is hereby instructed to make immediate examination of the same, and he is also hereby authorized to order such repairs to proceed as the exigency may require.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

From W. H. Grant, enclosing statement of bills for traveling expenses of men under his direction, and requesting the action of the Board thereon.

Mr. WALES moved that the Treasurer be authorised to pay the bills just submitted by W. H. Grant, amounting to \$50⁹⁵/₁₀₀, when the same shall have been duly audited.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

From W. H. Grant, stating that the pay-roll of force under him was again cut off, when

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay such persons on pay-roll of force, under the superintendence of Wm. H. Grant, as are engaged on work connected with Westchester county, out of the first moneys received from the Treasurer of said county.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby instructed to immediately notify Wm. H. Grant, and all persons in the employ of this Department under his direction, engaged directly or indirectly on work in Westchester County or upon work connected with the improvement of Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvel Creek, that the Department has no funds to pay for any further services ; and if they continue upon said work, to direct the said Wm. H. Grant to obtain from every such person a written agreement to waive all claims for such service until the Department has funds to the credit of said works, which, with its present information, will not be the case for an indefinite period, possibly for more than a year.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

The PRESIDENT submitted map of location and grade of Sedgwick avenue, Westchester county, and moved the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of an act, entitled "An Act relative to the improvement of certain portions of the counties of Westchester and New York, including provisions for communication between said counties, and for improving the navigation of the Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvel creek," passed April 15th, 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks have devised and prepared a map, or plan and profile, embracing and showing such changes in the location, width, courses and windings and grades of the streets, avenues and roads now laid out in the south-westerly part of the town of West Farms as, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected, and to the public interest ; and, also the location, width, courses and

windings and grades of such streets, avenues, roads and public squares and places, as in their opinion, can be laid out or discontinued with like benefit, as provided in said act, the said changes in the location, width, courses and windings and grades of the streets, roads and avenues now laid out which, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected, and to the public interest; and, also, the locations, widths, courses and windings and grades of such streets, roads and avenues as in their opinion, can be laid out with like benefit, are shown by red lines, color and figures on the said map, or plan and profile herein referred to, dated New York, March 29th, 1873, and signed by William H. Grant, civil and topographical engineer; and such streets, roads and avenues now laid out, and parts of the same as, in their opinion, can be discontinued with like benefit, are shown on said map or plan by black lines and India ink shading exterior to the streets, roads and avenues shown by red color and figures, and the said public squares and places which, in their opinion, can be laid out with like benefit, are shown by green color on the said map or plan.

Resolved, That the President of said Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to cause to be prepared for filing, in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, maps, plans, profiles and locations of said streets, roads, avenues, public squares and places, and submit the same to this Board.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

A communication was received, through Mr. Bergh, Pres. A. S. P. C. A., complaining of cruelty resulting from certain arrangements in the Menagerie.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

The TREASURER laid before the Board a copy of an advertisement announcing the introduction of a bill in the Legislature prohibiting the establishment of a Zoological Garden by this Department in any but the Central Park.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From W. H. Radford, making application for lease of High Bridge Hotel.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The TREASURER laid before the Board certified copy of resolution passed at a town-meeting of the town of Kingsbridge, held March 26, 1873, authorizing the Supervisor and Town Clerk of said town to issue bonds in pursuance of Chap. 89, Laws 1873, for the improvement of said town upon requisitions of this Board; whereupon

Mr. CHURCH offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, hereby makes requisition on the Supervisor and Town Clerk of the town of Kingsbridge, county of Westchester, for the issuing and delivery to it of the bonds of said town to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the said sum being required by said Board of Commissioners to carry out the provisions of Chap. 89, Laws 1873.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

From the TREASURER, recommending that the pay of Morris E. Sterne, messenger in Disbursing office be increased to \$3 per day.

Mr. WALES moved that the pay of Morris E. Sterne, messenger and acting-clerk in the office of Disbursing Clerk be fixed at \$3 per day.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

From B. L. Ackerman, urging the opening of street, with branch to eastward, on ridge north end of island, at Inwood.

Referred to the Treasurer to report.

From Mutual Gas-Light Company, making certain proposals for lighting parks.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute, on behalf of the Department, a lease with Mutual Gas-Light Company of premises for new offices.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

From James Brady, making application for lease of High Bridge Hotel.

Referred to the Treasurer, with power.

The TREASURER stated to the Board that through an error in transcribing minutes of March 10th, the action of the Board on salary of John Bogart was omitted from the printed minutes; whereupon,

Mr. WALES moved that the Treasurer be authorized to re-print minutes of March 10, embodying therein the action of the Board on salary of John Bogart, engineer.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Wales—3.

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

F. W. WHITTEMORE,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1873.

REGULAR MEETING, 2, P. M.

Present—Mr. CHURCH,
“ BLATCHFORD,
“ WALES.

In the absence of the PRESIDENT, on motion of Mr. CHURCH, Mr. WALES was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting, April 2d, were read and approved.

The following communications were received :

From the Corporation Counsel, in reference to the opening of streets and public places north of 155th street, and the discontinuance of certain proceedings heretofore commenced.

Laid on the table.

From E. A. Caminada, requesting permission to open a small lemonade and Seltzer water shop on any of the walks on Central Park.

Referred to the Landscape Architect to decline.

From George Raphael, requesting permission to repaint his camera obscura and suggesting the erection of a similar building on larger scale.

Referred to the Landscape Architect, with power.

From Christian Kolle, making certain proposals for running goat-carriages and the Carrousel.

Referred to the Treasurer.

From B. Lynch, making application for lease of High Bridge hotel.

Referred to the Treasurer.

From Richard H. Platt, also making application for lease of High Bridge hotel on certain terms, and enclosing communications from Thurlow Weed and G. M. Van Nort respectively endorsing the same.

Referred to the Treasurer.

From N. Y. Asphalt Composite Pipe and Paving Co., offering to lay their pavement at the entrance of Central Park on the Span, head of Fifth avenue, Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, on certain terms.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Joseph Jukes, offering to furnish the Department with a number of English wild singing birds for a stated sum.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From James C. Carter, John A. Haven and others, owners of property on the line of Fort Washington Ridge Road, protesting against the present location of portions of said road.

Ordered filed.

From John P. Paulison and others, owners of property and residents on the west of Central Park, requesting that the work of regrading the Eighth avenue, at the entrance of Central Park, at Eighty-fifth street, be completed as soon as practicable and making certain suggestions in relation thereto.

Referred to the Landscape Architect.

From Thos. Henry Edsall, protesting against the filing of the map of town of Kingsbridge prepared by the Engineer of this Department.

Ordered filed.

From Wm. Rumble, requesting moneys now about to be received from Westchester county, on the requisitions of the Department, be appropriated to the payment of his and T. C. Cornell's bills for surveys in said county.

Ordered filed.

From Thomas C. Cornell, making similar request to Wm. Rumble.

Ordered filed.

From G. S. Greene, Jr., asking for extension of time for the completion of his contract for surveys in West Farms, indorsed by Wm. H. Grant, engineer, recommending that the time be extended to July 1st, and also that of Mr. Cornell, for surveys in Kingsbridge, to October 1st.

The CHAIRMAN moved that the time of completion of contracts made with G. S. Greene, Jr., and Thomas C. Cornell be, and is hereby, extended to July 1st and October 1st, respectively.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would

agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Church, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The TREASURER submitted certified copy of Act entitled "An Act relative to the improvement of the town of Kingsbridge, in the county of Westchester," passed March 17, 1873.

Ordered filed.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to dispose of, at its par value, a certain certificate of indebtedness, signed by the Supervisor and Town Clerk of East Chester, county of Westchester, on behalf of said town, under authority of Chapter 878, Laws of 1872, for the sum of five hundred and seventy-two and $\frac{96}{100}$ dollars (\$572. $\frac{96}{100}$), with interest from December 18th, 1872, and dated January 21st, 1873; and the Treasurer is also hereby authorized to pay the proceeds of the same to Wm. Rumble on account of his bill for surveys in Westchester County, audited by this Department.

Resolved, That the Board of the Department of Public Parks hereby authorizes its President and Treasurer to execute a power of attorney to transfer said certificate of indebtedness.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Church, Blatchford, Wales—3.

The TREASURER presented a report showing the condition of

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the finances, which was ordered entered on the minutes, and placed on file, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }
265 Broadway.

April 16th, 1873.

To the Department of Public Parks :

The TREASURER respectfully reports the condition of the finances, as follows :

Balance in bank to the credit of the Board.....	\$17,092 78
“ “ “ “ Treasurer.....	1,006 80
Total.....	\$18,099 58

Respectfully,

(Signed) FREDK. W. WHITEMORE,
Treasurer D. P. P.

MR. BLATCHFORD, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

American Photo. Lithographic Co., Topographical Maps, Riverside Park.....	\$145 00
Affleck, W. & Co., hay and feed.....	414 85
Becker Bros., looking-glass.....	2 50
Barron, James S. & Co., brushes, mops, &c.....	33 75
Barron, James S. & Co., brooms, &c.....	19 00
Conklin, W. L. & Sons, uniforms.....	268 80
Campbell, H. P., Custom-House duties on eleven cases foreign plants.....	104 17
Colgate & Co., soap.....	4 25

Devoe, F. W. & Co., wax for model, Riverside Park,	\$155 82
Evans, Isaac, petty expenses, March	24 70
Evans, Isaac, " " " and April	52 06
Ellin, Robt. & Co., carving stone-work on Central Park	1,577 50
Gibson, Wm., planks for stone-boats	250 00
Grant, W. H., petty expenses, March	12 95
Hopkins, A. W., wire cloth	2 50
Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse	121 25
Kitchen, Geo. H. & Co., gas-fitting	5 12
Keuffell & Esser, artist materials	62 55
Laurie, P. W. & Co., meat	331 50
Lewis, C. A. & Co., fish	209 37
Leonard & Ellis, machine oil	3 75
Menzies, Wm. & Son, lumber	139 08
Menzies, Wm. & Son, " "	91 50
Metropolitan Gas-Light Co., gas for Central Park buildings	306 08
Morris, L. W., freight on eleven cases foreign plants,	89 46
New York Gas-Light Co., gas for 265 Broadway	25 29
Place, Geo. & Co., belting, &c	38 15
Queen, James W. & Co., mathematical instruments,	18 22
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., paints, brushes, &c	243 67
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., turpentine, dryers, &c	48 80
Rathbun, M. & Co., wheat	3 10
Ruhe, Louis, bird-food	24 00
Reisser, Geo., vegetables, nuts and fruit	199 89
Schmidt, Max, services making plane-table maps	84 00
Sullivan, James H., filling at 110th street	2,247 25
Scharbach, Chas., leather	8 96
Scharbach, Chas, " "	18 83
Tone, Theo. F., coal	85 00
Watrous & Willson, lumber	480 52
Whitlock, Wm. S. & Co., rope	17 94

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Whitlock, Wm. S. & Co., rope.....	\$63 83
Wagner, Henry, filling Manhattan square.....	1,370 20
Ziegler, J. & Co., chairs for cottages.....	108 00
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	\$9,513 16
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Amounting to the aggregate sum of nine thousand five hundred and thirteen dollars and sixteen cents.

New York, April 16, 1873.

(Signed)

R. M. BLATCHFORD,
Auditing Committee.

Mr. CHURCH moved that the Board do now approve the above-mentioned purchases, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay said bills.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Church, Blatchford. Wales—3.

Mr. BLATCHFORD, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report :

The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined, audited and certified the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval :

Hazard Powder Co., powder and fuse.....	\$847 50
The J. L. Mott Iron Works, lamp-posts.....	1,200 00
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	\$2,047 50

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand and forty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

New York, April 16, 1873.

(Signed)

R. M. BLATCHFORD,

Auditing Committee.

Mr. CHURCH moved that the Board do now approve the above-mentioned purchases, for materials used on Boulevards, roads and avenues before the same were taken by the Department of Public Works, and the Treasurer be directed to transmit said bills to the Finance Department for payment.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Church, Blatchford, Wales—3.

Mr. BLATCHFORD offered the following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to adjust and pay certain bills of Norris & Williams for plumbing-work, and all such bills paid under this authority, to be presented by him for audit at the next regular meeting of this Board.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Church, Blatchford, Wales—3.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the withdrawal of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Third National Bank, in

the city of New York, is hereby specifically authorized, from time to time, as said amount is at the credit of this Department in said bank, to be applied to the payment of persons employed by this Department, and to the payment of such bills and claims against this Department as have been or may hereafter be ordered paid by this Department.

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Church, Blatchford, Wales—3.

A communication was received from the Treasurer requesting the appointment of a Special Committee to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and stating that the Committee appointed September 18th, 1872, for said purpose, failed to act owing to the continued absence of one of its members, (T. C. Fields).

Whereupon Mr. BLATCHFORD moved that Mr. WALES, and Mr. CHURCH be appointed a Special Committee, to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, in accordance with Art. II. Sec. 6, of the By-Laws.

Adopted.

Mr. CHURCH offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks deem it expedient for the public interests to acquire title for use of the public to all the lands required for the public square or place laid out under and by virtue of Chapter 628, Laws 1871, being an act entitled "An Act to alter the map or plan of the city of New York, by laying out therein a public square or place for a parade-ground, and to authorize the taking of the same," passed April 20th, 1871, and that the

President of the Department take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of said public square or place, and to sign, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, 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 CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Church, Blatchford, Wales—3.

Mr. BLATCHFORD offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks deems it expedient for the public interests to acquire title for use of the public to all the lands required for the roads or streets, lying between the Boulevard or Public Drive on the West, Eleventh avenue and the Kingsbridge Road on the East, and running from the Eleventh avenue at 159th street, in a generally northerly direction to a point on said Kingsbridge Road, at a distance of about 1,690 feet south of Inwood street—with a branch easterly to said Kingsbridge Road, as shown on Map dated "New York, May 1st, 1872," and signed Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer, and laid out under and by virtue of the provisions of an act, entitled "An Act to provide for the laying out and improvement of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24th, 1865, and that the President of the Department take the necessary measures for and in behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, to acquire title to the land included in the lines of said roads and streets, and to sign, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, 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 CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Church, Blatchford, Wales—3.

A communication were received from Owen Murphy, withdrawing his former proposal, and offering increased amount for lease of High Bridge Hotel.

Referred to the Treasurer.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. STEBBINS appeared and took his seat.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed by the President to examine and report to this Board as to whether it may not be possible to retrench the expenses of the Department of Public Parks without detriment to the public service.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

The PRESIDENT thereupon appointed Mr. WALES such Committee.

The following communications were received.

From W. H. Grant, reporting progress made by Mr. Serrell and himself in the matter of proposed Map of Streets, &c., in town of Kingsbridge, referred to them by the Board, March 10, p. 698 of minutes.

Laid on the table.

From W. H. Grant, with map and profile of new street, in continuation of street, termed "F" street, and connecting Inwood street with Bolton Road, as directed, March 22, p. 712 of the minutes.

Whereupon Mr. WALES moved 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 of certain portions of the City and County of New York," passed April 24, 1865, the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks hereby lay the street or road fifty feet wide, in continuation northerly from a street known as "F" street, the southerly end of said street hereby laid out, being $281\frac{9}{10}$ feet from the northerly side of Inwood street, as measured on the centre-line of said "F" street, and extending northerly from "F" street $299\frac{8}{10}$ feet to or near the southerly side of street or road known as Bolton Road, said street hereby laid out being shown by red color and figures on a map entitled "Map and profile of the extension of a street known as "F" street to a point in a street known as Bolton avenue, opposite to another street known as Prescott avenue," dated "New York, April 14, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

And the said Board of Commissioners do hereby lay out and establish the grade of said street above laid out, and also the grade of "F" street, of which said new street is a continuation, as the same is shown by red lines and figures on the aforesaid map and profile, dated "New York, April 14, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the Members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

From W. H. Grant, with two sketches, marked A and B, respectively, showing discrepancy between the adopted Map of

Streets north of Inwood street and the streets as laid out on the ground, so far as the property of F. G. Green and D. C. and J. Hays is affected.

On motion of Mr. WALES :

Laid on the table, for further information from the Engineer.

From W. H. Grant, Engineer, objecting to plan and estimate of cost of proposed tunnel under Harlem river, prepared by G. S. Greene, Consulting Engineer, under the direction of the Board, and recommending immediate prosecution of certain work preparatory to building said tunnel.

The PRESIDENT suggested that a copy of said communication be transmitted to G. S. Greene, Consulting Engineer, to examine and report thereon to the Board.

Mr. WALES moved that said communication from W. H. Grant, just submitted, be referred to the President, and that he be authorized to carry out his own suggestion.

Adopted.

From Emmons Clark, Col. Com. 7th Reg., N. G., S. N. Y., enclosing design for base of 7th Regiment statue, and proposed inscriptions upon the same.

Mr. WALES moved that said communication from Col. Clark be referred to the Landscape Architect and Consulting Landscape Architect, with power.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

From A. Dumahaut, resigning his position of Property-Clerk to the Department .

On motion of Mr. WALES,
Accepted, to take effect May 1st, 1873.

From the Landscape Architect, making report on the carriage service on Central Park, as requested January 15, p. 627 of the minutes, recommending an extension of license to Platt and Clapp, and submitting draft of an order for the regulation of said service, to which they will be required to conform.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That the report of the Landscape Architect upon the application of Messrs. Platt & Clapp for an extension of their carriage license, be accepted and his action approved, and that the Board will extend their present license for a period of five years from the fourteenth day of February, 1873, provided Messrs. Platt & Clapp accept the terms proposed in the draft of an order submitted in the report.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

From the Landscape Architect, presenting report of Director of Menagerie for the month of March, 1873.

Ordered filed.

Mr. WALES offered the following :

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 534 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 15th, 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, have devised and prepared a map or plan embracing and showing such changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, avenues and roads now laid out as, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected, and to the public interest ; and also the locations, widths, courses and windings of such streets, avenues, roads and public squares and places as, in their opinion, can be laid out, retained or discontinued with like benefit, within that particular section of the district or area described in Sec. 1 of said Chap. 534, which is situated in the county of Westchester, and town of West Farms, the streets, avenues and roads laid out and established being indicated by red color lines and figures, the portions of streets, avenues and roads retained are colored red between black lines ; the portions of streets, avenues and roads discontinued, by a shading of India ink between black lines, and the public squares and places laid out, by green color, on duplicate maps or plans of streets, avenues, roads and public squares or places respectively, entitled :

“ A map or plan showing such changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, avenues and roads now laid out as, in the opinion of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, can be made with benefit to the property affected, and to the public interest ; and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, avenues and roads, and public squares and places as, in their opinion, can be laid out or discontinued with like benefit, within that particular section of the district or area described in the first section of Chapter 534 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 15th, 1871, and in the first section of Chapter 878 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed June 8th, 1872, which particular section is situated in the town of West Farms, and is bounded as shown on the said map or plan, by broken blue lines drawn thereon.”

And said map or plan being dated “ New York, April 14th, 1873,” and signed by “ Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer.” And said Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, do hereby discontinue, lay out, retain and establish the several streets, avenues, roads and public

squares or places, as the same are shown, with such field notes and explanations as the said Board of Commissioners deems expedient, on the aforesaid duplicate maps or plans, dated New York, April 14th, 1873, and signed by "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

Resolved, That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chap. 534 of the laws of the State of New York, passed April 15th, 1871, the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, have devised and prepared a plan or profile embracing and showing such changes in the grades of the streets, avenues and roads now discontinued, laid out and established as, in their opinion, can be made with benefit to the property affected, and to the public interest, within that particular section of the district or area described in Sec. 1 of said Chapter 534, which is situated in the county of Westchester, and town of West Farms; said grades which are laid out and established are shown by red lines, and said grades which are discontinued are designated by black lines and shading of India ink under said lines on two duplicate plans entitled:

"Plan or profiles showing the grades laid out and established, and the grades discontinued for streets, avenues and roads in the town of West Farms and county of West Chester, shown on the map or plan of said streets, avenues and roads, entitled 'A Map or Plan showing such changes in the location, width, courses and windings of the streets, avenues and roads now laid out as, in the opinion of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks of the City of New York, can be made with benefit to the property affected and to the public interest; and also the location, width, courses and windings of such streets, avenues and roads, and public squares and places, as in their opinion can be laid out or discontinued with like benefit, within that particular section of the district or area described in the first section of Chapter 534 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 5th, 1871, and in the first section of Chapter 878 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed June 8th, 1872, which particular section is situated in the town of West Farms, and is bounded, as shown on the said map or plan, by broken blue lines drawn thereon, dated New York, April 14th, 1873, and signed by Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

And said Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks do hereby discontinue and establish the several grades of the several streets, avenues and roads, as the same

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are shown with such field-notes and explanations as the said Board of Commissioners deem expedient on the aforesaid two duplicates plans or profiles, dated "New York, April 14th, 1873," and signed "Wm. H. Grant, Civil and Topographical Engineer."

Resolved, That the said Board of Commissioners deem it proper to file the aforesaid duplicate sets of maps or plans and profiles, and hereby authorize and request the President, as chief officer of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, to certify and cause to be filed, in the manner provided by said Chapter 534, Laws 1871, the aforesaid duplicate sets of maps, plans and profiles.

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolutions, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows :

Ayes—Messrs. Stebbins, Church, Blatchford, Wales—4.

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

F. W. WHITTEMORE,

Secretary.