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of  
The Hudson-Fulton  
Celebration Commission

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of the  
State of New York

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INTRODUCTION.

On February 15, 1905, the late Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, uncle of the then President of the United States, invited to his residence at No. 57 Fifth Avenue, New York City, the representatives of various patriotic and historical societies with a view to effecting an organization for the purpose of celebrating in 1909 the three hundredth anniversary of the exploration of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in 1609. The Committee there organized requested the Hon. George B. McClellan, Mayor of the City of New York, and the late Hon. Francis W. Higgins, Governor of the State of New York, officially to name committees of citizens of the City and the State of New York to act jointly in arranging such a celebration. Those officials selected 150 gentlemen to act in that capacity and they constituted the Hudson Tercentenary Joint Committee. That Committee was permanently organized December 5, 1905, and held its first meeting for the transaction of business December 16, 1905. It continued in existence and active operation until May 4, 1906, when, pursuant to its resolution of April 16, 1906, it was dissolved and merged into the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission under the following circumstances:

During the course of the meetings of the Hudson Tercentenary Joint Committee it developed that there was in existence a committee of citizens appointed by the Mayor of the City of New York to arrange for the celebration in 1907 of the first practical application of steam to navigation on the Hudson River in 1807.

It appearing that two celebrations, so closely related in their significance and so near each other in point of time, might advantageously be combined, steps were taken, with the approval of the Mayor, to secure a charter to unite both movements. Such a charter was secured by special act of the Legislature, chapter 325 of the laws of 1906, which became a law by the Governor's signature on April 27, 1906.

The corporation thus created, and entitled the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, formally organized May 4, 1906, and thereafter conducted the arrangements for the Celebration.

The Official Minutes of the Hudson Tercentenary Joint Committee and of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, paged consecutively, were printed in pamphlet form from time to time and sent to every member of the Commission, a few copies of each edition being reserved for collation and binding for the public libraries when the work of the Commission should have been completed. The work of the Commission now having been virtually completed, these Minutes have been collated, indexed and bound in two volumes, aggregating 1967 pages, for deposit in a certain number of public libraries. No more copies of these Minutes are available and they are not for sale.

A complete official history of the Celebration, however, has been printed under the title, "The Hudson-Fulton Celebration, 1909," being the Fourth Annual Report of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission to the Legislature of the State of New York, transmitted to the Legislature May 20, 1910. It is in two volumes, aggregating xvi + 1421 pages, and may be consulted in the principal libraries of the United States and Europe. Inquiries concerning other copies may be addressed to the J. B. Lyon Company, State Printers, at Albany, N. Y.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMISSION,

THE TRIBUNE BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

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Minutes of  
The Executive Committee  
December 16, 1905

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee was held at the Hotel Manhattan, New York City, Saturday evening, December 16th, 1905, at 8:30 o'clock.

Present: Messrs. James M. Beck, William J. Curtis, Theodore Fitch, Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, August F. Jaccaci, Dr. George F. Kunz, William J. McKay, Emerson McMillin, Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Frederick W. Seward Charles Stewart Smith, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, and Gen. Stewart L. Woodford.

Regrets for inability to be present were received from the following and they were excused: Messrs. Thomas Powell Fowler, Frank D. Millet, Eben E. Olcott, John E. Parsons, Hon. Sereno E. Payne, President J. G. Schurman, Hon. Oscar S. Straus, and Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D.D.

The Committee organized permanently by the unanimous election of the following officers:

Chairman, General Stewart L. Woodford.

Secretary, Henry W. Sackett.

Assistant Secretary, Edward Hagaman Hall.

Mr. Sackett moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Assistant Secretary as to compensation. The motion was carried and the Chairman appointed Mr. Sackett, Judge Higley and Mr. Fitch.

After a brief discussion of finances—in the course of which the Secretary recalled the action of the Joint Committee on December 5, 1905, requesting him to invite the members of the Joint Committee to contribute \$10 each toward immediate expenses—Mr. Beck moved, as a further measure, that the Finance Committee be requested to take appropriate steps as soon as convenient to secure funds for necessary preliminary expenses. Carried.

The Chairman then requested the members, one after another, to express their views as to the character of the proposed celebration, and informal remarks were made by Mr. Beck, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Hall, Judge Higley,

Mr. Jaccaci, Dr. Kunz, Mr. McKay, Mr. McMillin, Mr. Sackett, Secretary Seward, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Ward.

The ideas tentatively advanced by the various speakers may be summarized as follows :

As the central theme of the celebration was Hudson's voyage to and up the river which bears his name, it was suggested that the celebration should not be local, but should be arranged so as to enlist the interest and participation of every community along the river from New York City as far as Troy at least.

Hudson's achievement having been a triumph of navigation, it was the general sentiment that a naval parade would be a most appropriate feature, the water pageant to include ships of the American and Foreign Navies as well as our Merchant Marine.

It was suggested that additional interest might be given to the river parade, and the intimate connection of the river with the history of steam navigation might be shown, by combining with the celebration a commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the action of the legislature in 1809 in granting to Fulton the exclusive privilege of navigating the Hudson. Out of this action, it was said, grew the famous case of *Gibbons vs. Ogden*, establishing the right of free navigation.

It was also recommended as an instructive and picturesque feature of the water celebration that a fac-simile of the Half Moon be built, in Holland if possible, otherwise in America, and that it should arrive in the Harbor and proceed up the river to Albany and return, duplicating the anchorages of the original ship, with local demonstrations en route.

It was proposed that there should be in addition to the local celebrations up the river, a series of land celebrations in the City of New York. The suggestions for the latter included a military and civic parade, with floats bearing a series of historical tableaux ; five great central meetings in the respective Boroughs, with literary exercises ; appropriate observances in the public schools ; and special ceremonies at the dedication of such permanent structures as might be erected.

There appeared to be a unanimous sentiment that the large amount of money which, it was thought, would be

spent on the commemoration, should not be spent altogether on transient affairs, but that the Ter-Centenary should materialize into one or more permanent memorials which should beautify the city, and possess historical or practical value, or both.

First among these was mentioned the Hudson Memorial Bridge, to span Spuyten Duyvil Creek from Inwood Hill to Spuyten Duyvil Hill. The opinions expressed with reference to this were practically a unit in favor of adopting the bridge as a leading feature. (This structure was projected by the Hudson Tri-Centennial Association, which, in a courteous letter to the Joint Committee, dated November 20th, 1905, "takes pleasure in giving way, for the large work which must now be done, to the officially appointed Joint Committee of the State and City." The preliminary work of that Association led to the recent appropriation of \$1,000,000 by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment toward the erection of the structure, which will cost about \$2,500,000.)

Connected with the bridge idea was the suggestion of taking for a public park the beautiful Inwood Hill, which, in its physical features, remains in practically the same condition in which it appeared to Hudson, and around which may still be seen the shell heaps left by the aborigines. It was suggested, however, that the Committee should exert its influence in determining the exact location of the bridge abutment, so that the engineers would not inflict any material disfigurement on the knoll.

In addition to the Hudson Memorial Bridge, it was suggested that a Memorial Arch be erected at an entrance to Central Park, like the Arc de l'Etoile on the Champs Elysee, Paris.

Another idea advanced in this line was for a Water-Gate at the Battery, to be the ceremonial Gateway to the Metropolis.

It was suggested by several that some institution should be designated as a depository of documents and relics relative to the Hudson. Such a collection, it was thought, would be of enormous historical and human interest.

This idea, in the mind of one speaker, took the form of an addition to the New York Historical Society build-

ing on Central Park West, near the American Museum of Natural History.

A great art museum, containing a collection of the masterpieces of the country, was another proposition.

This, in turn, elicited the information that the Metropolitan Museum of Art had been authorized to expend \$1,250,000 for an addition to the Museum for its own purposes; that work would soon begin on the extension; that the plans of the Museum provided for still further development; and that with the co-operation of this Committee, the addition might be extended so as to accommodate the suggested Ter-Centenary art collection.

It appeared to be the predominating sentiment of the speakers that a World's Fair, in the temporary sense in which the term is generally understood, was inadvisable; but that whatever exposition was held should be projected with the idea of permanence. One speaker expressed the idea that New York, like London, was "too cosmopolitan for a glorified agricultural show," but that a preliminary exhibition might be arranged in 1909, and by 1910 it could be put in shape as a permanent exposition. Another speaker expressed the opinion that western and northwestern states like Oregon would erect permanent buildings and maintain permanent exhibits.

As to the location of the permanent exposition, while some of the members who spoke on the subject expressed themselves as preferring a near site rather than one remote from New York, they held their minds open. They thought the Committee should hear the arguments judicially and determine them on their merits, being cautious, however, in regard to any project that savored of real estate speculation.

A Commercial Museum was another idea that found expression.

It was suggested that as soon as practicable, the committee invite some of the leading cartographers and historical authorities of the country to unite in a committee for the purpose of studying critically the original authorities concerning the anchorages and courses of Hudson's ship, from its advent into the harbor to the time of its departure, with a view to preparing an official chart which should explain, as far as possible, the obscurities now surrounding the



subject and establishing a standard map of the "Half Moon's" route.

The last suggestion of the evening was that the committee arrange with some publisher for the production of a monumental history of New York City, embracing treatise on the Hudson.

The dominant idea throughout the whole discussion was that of permanency and making haste slowly.

The Secretary said that he had received letters containing various suggestions—including one for a drive along the Palisades—and that the letters would be laid before the Committee when it was ready to take up the matter.

Some discussion ensued as to whether the Executive Committee should appeal to the public at once for suggestions, or first appoint a sub-committee, consisting of some members of the Executive Committee and some of the Joint Committee, to evolve a tentative plan.

Mr. Fitch moved that the Executive Committee hold a public meeting in the Governor's Room of the City Hall, at an early date, to be designated by the chairman, at which meeting any person having suggestions to offer may be heard; and that notice be given that suggestions in writing may also be communicated to the Committee through the secretary. Carried.

Mr. Beck moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chairman—and that the chairman himself also be a member of the Committee *ex-officio*—to confer, when they deem it expedient, with the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the Governor of the State of New York and the Mayor of the City of New York, and elicit from them, if possible, their views upon the plan of the celebration. Carried. The chairman appointed upon such committee, Messrs. James M. Beck, Charles S. Francis, and Herman Ridder.

Mr. Sackett moved that in pursuance of the plan of organization adopted by the Joint Committee, December 5, 1905, the president be requested to add seven gentlemen to the Executive Committee, at the same time reading, by way of suggestion, the names of: Hon. J. Rider Cady, Hon. Charles S. Francis, the Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich, Dr. Henry M. Leipzig, Louis C. Raegner, Francis Lynde

Stetson, and Gen. James Grant Wilson. Carried. The President thereupon announced the appointment of the gentlemen named.

Mr. Fitch moved that the quorum of the Executive Committee be fixed at nine. Carried.

Mr. Fitch moved that all the minutes of the Committee be kept by the secretary and entered in a suitable book. Carried.

Dr. Ward moved that the minutes be printed and sent to all the members of the Committee. Carried.

Mr. Fitch moved that the secretary be authorized to have printed the necessary stationery for officers and committees. Carried.

He also moved that the secretary be authorized to employ a stenographer to take the minutes verbatim when the secretary deemed it advisable. Carried.

An informal expression of preferences as to the most convenient evening of the week for Committee meetings was invited by the chairman, and the majority were in favor of Fridays.

It was voted that the very hearty thanks of the Executive Committee be extended to Mr. Wm. S. Hawk, a member of the Joint Committee, for his courtesy in extending to the Executive Committee the hospitality of the Hotel Manhattan for its meetings.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the chair.

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The second meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee was held in public in the Governor's Room of the City Hall, New York, Friday, December 29, 1905, at 2.30 p. m., for the purpose of listening to suggestions concerning the form of the proposed celebration in 1909.

Present: The Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, Chairman, and Messrs. James M. Beck, William J. Curtis, Theodore Fitch, Hon. William W. Goodrich, Edward Hagaman Hall, August F. Jaccaci, Gen. Horatio C. King, Frank D. Millet, William J. McKay, Louis C. Raegenar, Hon. Herman Ridder, Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Charles Stewart Smith and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from Messrs. Andrew Carnegie (through Mr. Smith), Thomas Powell Fowler, Hon. Chas. S. Francis, Hon. Seth Low, Eben E. Olcott, John E. Parsons, Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, President J. G. Schurman, Dr. Samuel B. Ward and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

The Chairman reported for record that since the last meeting Miss Helen M. Gould, Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard and Miss Anna T. Van Santvoord had expressed with regret their inability to serve on the committee, and that he had appointed Col. William Jay in place of Miss Van Santvoord.

The Chairman announced the readiness of the Committee to receive suggestions from anyone present in regard to the proposed celebration in 1909.

Mr. Edward Wells, Jr., of No. 141 Broadway, New York, spoke first. He said he represented a voluntary Citizens Committee of which Mr. John R. Van Wormer was president. He spoke nine minutes in favor of a permanent world's exposition. He said that the organization which he represented had made a careful canvass of many people and that their sentiment, with that of the press throughout the country, was favorable to a permanent exposition. They conceded the impracticability of a

World's Fair in the ordinary meaning of that term. Their proposition was that a great exposition, with permanent structures, should be established near New York, preferably on the Hudson River. They were not committed to any site. They believed such an exposition, with proper branches in foreign countries, would greatly stimulate our commerce with Europe and South America, and that it could be established on a paying business basis. He stated that the Lewis and Clarke Exposition had repaid in one year 40 per cent. of the cost of maintenance and construction and asked, if that were so, why the Hudson Exposition could not return 100 per cent. in ten years.

Mr. J. C. Pumpelly of 2881 Broadway, New York, spoke two minutes in favor of the Hudson Memorial Bridge across Spuyten Duyvil Creek and hoped the Committee would not permit the exposition idea to override or interfere with it.

Mr. H. Roosevelt Ostrom of 205 West 103d St., New York, spoke two minutes in favor of an arch which would depict the different historical events leading up to the discovery and settlement of New York. As a Dutch descendant, he thought it a shame that there was no memorial to the founders of the commonwealth. If there were an exposition, the most effective exhibition would be a municipal museum, starting with the Dutch, and expressing the participation also of the English, Irish and Jews in the development of the city.

Mr. J. F. Duhamel of No. 202 Bay 28th street, Bensonhurst (Borough of Brooklyn), representing the Taxpayers' and Rentpayers' Association of the 30th and 31st Wards of Brooklyn, spoke two minutes in favor of the historical propriety of erecting some memorial or statue in one of the parks along the shores of Gravesend Bay, where Hudson is believed to have landed first in New York State. He suggested Bensonhurst Park as the best site.

Mr. Chas. L. Rickerson, of 212 West Street, New York, President of the Greene County Society in New York and a resident also of the Catskills, spoke thirteen minutes in favor of a water carnival along the whole river. He would make prominent the scenery and resources of the river; show the progress of navigation by a naval pageant composed of every type of vessel, from the Indian dug-out to

the modern steamship; and he would have an electric illumination of the shores, to show the development in light-making from the first bonfire illumination by the Indians which greeted Henry Hudson. The people like diversion, he said, as was illustrated by the presence of 100,000 people in the streets of Albany at the recent Hallowe'en Carnival, and he believed that every inhabitant for 20 miles on each side of the Hudson would drive to the river to participate in or witness the river carnival in 1909.

Mr. Gordon H. Peck of Haverstraw, N. Y., a trustee of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, read a letter from the Board of Trustees communicating the offer of Mr. Francis Bannerman of New York, a member of the Society, to erect at his own expense a monumental statue of Hudson on Polopel's Island in Newburgh Bay, on condition that its dedication should form part of the ceremonies in 1909. The proposed statue would be about 30 feet high, on a pedestal 40 feet high, which, with the island as a natural base, would make the whole about 100 feet high above the river. Mr. Bannerman, who owns the island, also offers to throw it open thereafter to the public on Saturdays and holidays, so long as visitors make proper use of their privileges.

Dr. E. Parmly Brown, of No. 509 Fifth Avenue, New York, read a paper entitled, "Reasons Why a Permanent International World's Fair should be established at New York; and why Verplanck's Point on the Hudson is the Only Perfect Location for It." The principal points of the paper, the reading of which occupied thirteen minutes, were as follows: New York is the Mecca of the World. A permanent world's fair at New York would bring our ocean steamers back from abroad with full cabins in spring and summer, after crossing with full cabins from America; and fill them on their outgoing trips in the fall, taking back foreign visitors, where now they cross empty. The large business houses of New York favor a permanent exposition, to promote the sale of surplus products. By its means our country will learn what can be had from abroad. The result will be a salutary rivalry in all industries. It will furnish an additional incentive to people in all parts of the country to visit New York. It will enlighten them and stimulate business here.

To be represented at St. Louis, France and Germany gave \$1,000,000 each; England, \$750,000; Brazil, \$500,000, and forty other countries in proportion. So New York can expect great support.

As to the site, the speaker said that Verplanck's Point had been examined by landscape architects, engineers, military, marine and sanitary experts, merchants, manufacturers and financiers, who could find no objection to it. He dwelt on its healthfulness; its accessibility by land and water; its scenic beauty; its historic associations, and its adaptability to every kind of exhibit, including reproductions of Pompeiian excavations, cliff-dwellings, a Holland Village, or old New York, the Sphinx, Venice in miniature, floating gardens of Japan, automobile track, a vast auditorium, an Eiffel tower, and exhibits of the art and commercial products of the world. It would be a university for all people. It would invite the rapid settlement of that section, and keep New Yorkers from going to New Jersey to reside. In 1909 it would be within thirty-five minutes of Grand Central Station, New York, by the electric trains of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad.

This site, he said, had been secured under option at a price no greater than the amount awarded the City of St. Louis for the damage done to the park by the Fair, which is about \$1,000,000. The same amount of ground would cost \$200,000,000 on Manhattanville Heights, New York; \$100,000,000 on Washington Heights, New York; \$30,000,000 at Yonkers; \$20,000,000 at Tarrytown, and \$5,000,000 at Croton.

As to the financial side, he said that the New York Central Railroad Company had expressed its disposition to aid the fair as much as possible. If the Railroad Company, the State and the Federal Government would loan \$3,000,000 each at 5 per cent., to be paid back at the rate of \$1,000,000 a year, from 1910; each appropriate \$1,000,000 for their own buildings, etc., and pay the Fair Company \$1,000,000 each for full value in concessions, he thought this would be a modest request. This \$15,000,000, with \$5,000,000 from bonds issued, and \$5,000,000 in stock sold, would float the project.

He said that last year Luna Park (Coney Island) netted twenty-three cents profit on each visitor, and Chicago Park



sixty cents. Even with half the admission price charged at St. Louis, he claimed that the stock in five years would pay better than Standard Oil.

He closed by saying: "Patriotic citizens of the Hudson have secured about 1,500 acres of this land and will turn it over to the fair at actual cost of time and money, and the Company can get the ground at a million or two less than it could be purchased to-day, if this precaution had not been taken."

Dr. Brown also filed with the Committee a supplementary paper, giving a financial prospectus of the exposition. It proposed to raise \$25,000,000 for the floatation of the project, as follows:

"The Exposition Company to be capitalized at \$15,000,000, and to issue \$5,000,000 of 5 per cent. redemption bonds against the real estate and other property, \$1,000,000 of which bonds are to be payable January 1st, 1910, and \$1,000,000 in each succeeding year for four years; these bonds to be sold at par, to carry \$250,000 of stock and a bonus of \$500,000 in admission tickets, making 15 per cent. bonus; \$5,000,000 to be obtained from the Federal Government, \$5,000,000 from the State, and \$5,000,000 from the City of New York; in each case \$3,000,000 to be repaid in the three annual payments of \$1,000,000 each, beginning January 1st, 1910; of the remaining \$2,000,000, in each case, \$1,000,000 is to defray the cost of the buildings and exhibits of the Federal Government, State and City respectively, leaving \$1,000,000, in each case, to be retained by the Exposition Company, for which it will give full value in grants of land for camps and other concessions."

The prospectus gives an estimate showing the proposed outlay of \$24,510,000 to the time of opening in 1909, leaving a balance of \$490,000, which, with an income of \$1,000,000 from admissions during construction, would leave \$1,490,000 in the treasury at the opening. It also gives in detail the estimated receipts and disbursements for the next two years. The estimated cash receipts for the year are \$18,500,000; the expenses, \$6,700,000, and the profit, \$11,800,000. This amount, less 10 per cent. dividend on \$15,000,000, or \$1,500,000, would leave \$10,300,000 "net balance in cash or unsold securities" at the end of the first year. The income for the second year is placed at \$19,000,000;

the expense, \$6,250,000; the profit, \$12,750,000, which, less \$1,500,000 paid out in dividends, would leave \$11,250,000 "net balance in cash or unsold securities" at the end of the second year.

The Secretary asked Dr. Brown if he would give the Committee the details of the options on the property at Verplanck's and he promised to do so.

Mr. George A. Bagley, of Peekskill, was the next speaker, occupying nine minutes in advocating Verplanck's Point as the only logical site for a permanent exposition. He said he represented a committee appointed by the President of the Business Men's Association of Peekskill. His remarks were substantially a reinforcement of Dr. Brown's. He said that if New York State did not avail itself of this offer for a permanent exposition, either Germany, France or England would do it, and secure its attendant advantages. As a business proposition he regarded it as one of the best that could be put before the financiers of New York to-day. The exposition would afford facilities for such shows as are held at Madison Square Garden at one quarter the expense. It would be one great salesroom for the buyers of the country who come to New York twice a year. He said that it was no land scheme; that they had secured the options so as to turn the land over at cost to an exposition company, if it were formed and for that purpose alone.

The Hon. Theodore Sutro, of No. 280 Broadway, New York, spoke nine minutes in favor of a celebration which would beautify the city and elevate the people, and not one devoted to commercialism. He referred to the primeval beauty of Manhattan Island and the Hudson, in contrast with the present ungainly appearance of the city, with its tall buildings and the aspect of the river banks disfigured with ice houses and brick-yards; and he urged the employment of the three arts of architecture, sculpture and painting to beautify the City and remedy some of its blemishes. He endorsed the Hudson Memorial Bridge, for which the City has already appropriated \$1,000,000, as a means of architectural embellishment. In this connection, Inwood Hill should certainly be preserved as a public park. He would use sculpture to ornament the bridge, and also employ it in the erection of an arch. He commended the offer

of a colossal statue of Hudson made through the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society. As to the third great art, painting, he said that the Metropolitan Museum of Art is to spend many millions in enlargement, and could be utilized as a treasure house of American Art. He would therefore have this Committee co-operate with the Museum, either in enlarging its structure or devoting some part of it to the celebration. Referring to the Verplanck's Point project, he said he regarded it as chimerical.

Hon. Samuel Parsons, Jr., of 1133 Broadway, New York, President of the Board of Park Commissioners, rose and said: "I desire to say that in my judgment and experience it is perfectly impossible in the ordinary way of building things in New York to erect that bridge, of the quality and character as proposed, by 1909 or 1910, and I feel confident that the architects in the room will agree with me."

Mr. Bagley spoke again for a couple of minutes about Verplanck's Point, expressing interest in the projects for the Bridge, the monument and beautifying the Hudson. As all roads led to New York, so all roads would lead to Verplanck's Point in 1909, and the exposition people would help build the bridge and the other things.

Mr. A. L. Freed, of No. 30 East 42nd Street, New York, devoted two minutes to advocating a permanent exposition in general terms.

At this point a letter from Thomas Hastings, of the firm of Carrere and Hastings, of New York, architects of the New York Public Library, was read, advocating the widening of the east side of Fifth Avenue between 40th and 42nd Streets to correspond with the widening on the west side in front of the library. This square, 500 feet north and south by 300 east and west, could be paved like the Place Vendome in Paris, Trafalgar Square in London or the Piazza d'Espagna in Rome, and in it might be erected a Hudson Column, like the Column Vendome, the Nelson Column or the Trajan Column. The square could be called Hudson Square or Place.

Mr. Richard G. Hollaman, of the Eden Musee of New York, spoke four minutes. He was in favor of "Hudson Square, a bridge, an arch, all part of a gigantic universal exposition such as the world has never seen." He did not advocate any particular site, but wanted New York to act on the

Hudson idea before some western city had appropriated it as Chicago had appropriated the Columbian idea. He would take this occasion to "glorify ourselves as New Yorkers." He pictured the magnitude of the Metropolis in 1909 and said: "Let us glorify the occasion as well as the discovery of New York; let us spread our wings and let the eagle scream for New York."

A spirited colloquy ensued for about three minutes between Messrs. Ostrom and Hollaman. Mr. Ostrom argued that the only way to glorify New York was by some ideal work of art or architecture such as can be embodied in a monument or museum, not by a celebration organized from a commercial standpoint. Mr. Hollaman contended that there was nothing degrading in a commercial exposition.

Gen. Horatio C. King, a member of the Executive Committee, interposed the remark that there was one city in the United States that did not need any advertising and glorifying, and that was the City of New York.

The Secretary read a letter from the Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, reciting the efforts made to arrange for a celebration of 1909, since the Holland Society took the initiative a few years ago. The Holland Society Committee considered the idea of a World's Fair but was not pleased with it. Then they considered the suggestion that they erect a statue to a typical Dutchman. As Hudson was not a Dutchman they discarded him and considered William the Silent. As William the Silent was not a Dutchman either, they appealed to the artists of this country for a suggestion, but received no practical help, and so have been left to get up a statue of William the Silent. They also considered the widening of Riverside Drive, the building of a Memorial Bridge and the creation of a Park at the northern end of the island, but those things were inevitable as city improvements. The Committee had regarded the proposed exposition at Verplanck's Point with little favor at first, but the more it was considered the more possible it seemed of development. He regarded it no disadvantage, but possibly an advantage, that commercial interests were behind the project.

A letter was read from the Rev. J. Howard Suydam, of Hamilton Court, Philadelphia, Pa., recommending co-

operation with the Holland Society in erecting a statue of William the Silent.

A letter was read from J. A. C. Wright, Esq., lawyer, of Rochester, N. Y., suggesting that the celebration should embody an exposition of all that was noteworthy in connection with the continental basin of which the Hudson was the outlet before the interior waters broke through the St. Lawrence channel. He would have the commercial side exemplified in the usual exhibition fashion. Then there should be a permanent building which should serve as a museum, gallery and library for public enlightenment. This should contain a relief model of the continental basins formerly and now tributary to the Hudson; exhibits showing the Indian methods of portage, and collating the discoveries of Hudson with those of Cabot, De Soto and Marquette; illustrations of the artificial waterways; a profile of the Hudson channel; and exhibits showing the uses and abuses of the international waterways. The letter went into the various subjects touched upon with considerable detail.

Mr. Frederick W. Wilson, editor of the *Newburgh Daily News*, spoke three minutes on behalf of the Business Men's Association of Newburgh. He favored a permanent exposition on the Hudson and thought that the celebration should be conducted from the point of view of the people of the State. The Hudson was not an appurtenance of New York City and the population along the river were entitled to consideration. He did not advocate any particular site.

At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. E. Parmly Brown said: "If the Committee would like to take a trip up the Hudson, the New York Central would be glad to furnish them with a buffet car and all the conveniences some Saturday afternoon." "Some of the Committee," he alleged, "have never seen the Hudson and we would like to give them an opportunity to see it."

A telegram was read from Mayor John H. Coyne, of Yonkers, saying: "I favor celebrating the Hudson Ter-Centenary by means of a permanent exposition upon the banks of the Hudson and will send a delegation to the next hearing that will represent the City of Yonkers."

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Several other prominent citizens having expressed a desire to be heard, but not being present, the Committee adjourned, subject to the call of the chair.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.



#### NOTICE .

The third meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in public in the Governor's Room of the City Hall, Friday afternoon, January 19, 1906, at 2 30 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing suggestions that may be offered from any source concerning the celebration in 1909. Persons desiring to address the Committee are requested to send their names in advance to the Secretary. The Committee will also welcome suggestions in writing.

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Minutes of  
The Executive Committee  
January 19, 1906

The third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee was held in public, in the Governors' Room of the City Hall of New York, Friday, January 19, 1906, at 2.30 P. M., for the purpose of hearing suggestions as to the form of the proposed celebration in 1909.

Present: Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Chairman, presiding; and Messrs. Wm. J. Curtis, Theodore Fitch, Edward Hagaman Hall, August F. Jaccaci, Gen. Horatio C. King, Henry M. Leipziger, Wm. J. McKay, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Louis C. Raegener, Henry W. Sackett and Hon. Frederick W. Seward.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from Hon. Chas. S. Francis and Messrs. F. D. Millet and Francis Lynde Stetson, and they were excused.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been printed and sent to all the members, they were adopted without reading.

The Chairman announced the readiness of the Executive Committee to hear further suggestions concerning the form of the celebration in 1909.

Dr. D. H. Lamb, of Chicago, speaking in behalf of Mr. Edward Wells, Jr., of No. 141 Broadway, New York, and representing the voluntary "Citizens' Committee of 500," in advocacy of a permanent exposition, spoke about four minutes on the possibility of laying out the exposition grounds as a park, with permanent landscape features. He stated that his committee was preparing a brochure on the subject which it desired to present to the Executive Committee of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee, and he asked for another public hearing, a week hence, at which the document might be laid before this Committee. They would then have their financial plan also worked out better than now. They would have enough copies of their document printed for all the members of the Joint Committee.

The Chairman asked the speaker if those whom he represented were committed to any site, and Dr. Lamb replied that they were not.

Mr. Louis C. Raegener, of No. 141 Broadway, New York, a member of the Executive Committee, saw no reason for another public hearing if the document referred to were to be printed and sent to all the members of this Committee.

The Hon. Clarence Lexow, of Nyack, N. Y., and No. 43 Cedar Street, New York, spoke about fifteen minutes in advocacy of a permanent exposition on the banks of the Hudson. The residents of the Hudson valley, he said, had a superior claim to recognition. The event which it was proposed to celebrate was the discovery of the river which ran by their homes. They know its history, its great natural beauty and its significant historical associations. Its discovery was an event second only to the discovery of America. Something more than a bridge, or a fountain, or an educational institution in the City of New York, or the broadening of its highways, was needed adequately to celebrate such an event.

The Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee, he said, represented something of importance. It was a Joint Committee selected by the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the imperial city of the western hemisphere, because the event which it is proposed to commemorate is a great event. The Governor and the Mayor meant that this Committee should, to typify the event, do something more than a millionaire might do with a charitable bequest.

He assured the Committee that it would be estimated by the public according to the conclusion at which it arrived. It would be dignified by reaching a great decision, or it would go down in history as a body of small men who treated a big thing in a small way.

The speaker referred to the plane of greatness which the City of New York had attained, and said that within a few years the people had thought so much of the reputation of New York that they had associated the present five great boroughs under one municipal government. The city was the nerve centre of the art, literature, science and

business of the United States. And the most important incident in the city's history, an incident standing side by side with the discovery of America, was the discovery of the river which washes its imperial shore.

He asked the Committee if it supposed that Chicago, St. Louis, or some other enterprising western city, would miss such an opportunity as this to dignify itself by a great celebration, and he advised the committee to look out that the occasion was not appropriated by others, and the discovery of the Hudson celebrated at the Golden Horn.

As to the suggestion of a Memorial Bridge, he said that the city would build a hundred new bridges in the course of time to connect Manhattan Island with Long Island and the mainland of New York and New Jersey, and that a bridge would possess no particular significance as a memorial. And a monument would be as inadequate to commemorate such a great event as Hudson's voyage as a twenty-five cent water fountain on a street corner would be to commemorate the birth of Abraham Lincoln. This is a big event, he said; don't disgrace it by a small celebration. A permanent exposition which will attract the attention of the whole world is the measure of what the Committee should do.

He said that it should not be regarded as an objection to the proposed exposition that the projectors wanted to make money—that is, to make the exposition pay its own way. The idea of every American was to make money, not to lose it. That idea was behind art and literature as well as behind commerce. If, in making money—that is, in paying running expenses—this Committee could give the American people an object lesson in art, literature, science, etc., it would be making the best money that the human brain ever coined.

As to the site, he would like to see Verplanck's Point, with all its natural beauties and historic associations, honored; but if any other site were better, then let it be chosen. But let it be on the river. In honoring the Hudson, do it on the Hudson. In honoring Henry Hudson, he urged the Committee not to forget that within 50 yards of Verplanck's Point, Henry Hudson's anchor first struck solid ground after entering the river.

To a permanent exposition such as is proposed, the people of all the world would come, and New York City and New York State would be known of all men.

But New York State and New York City were not alone interested in this event. New Jersey was entitled to her share. Why should a building be erected in New York City, he enquired, to celebrate the discovery of the Hudson when twenty miles of New Jersey, comprising the grand Palisades, borders the western shore? A permanent exposition on the banks of the Hudson would permit New Jersey to participate. The proposed Hudson Memorial Bridge and other features already suggested should be only part of a great scheme which should be a record breaker, because the discovery of the Hudson was a record breaker and America was a record breaker.

At the conclusion of Senator Lexow's remarks Gen. Horatio C. King of the Committee asked him if he knew of any exposition built 40 miles away from the nearest city.

Mr. Lexow replied that there had never been a great exposition, to which ten millions of people were tributary, with such facilities for access by ocean, river and railroad.

The Secretary read a letter from Perry Dickie, M. D., of No. 17 Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, advocating a World's fair, on the ground that during the last half century New York had had no really great celebration; that local pride should stimulate an effort to atone for the dormancy of the past fifty years; that the plan which gives the greatest benefit to the maximum number of the public (who pay for the celebration) should be adopted, and that a World's fair met that condition. The greatest reason for such a form of celebration was its high educational value.

Dr. E. Parmly Brown, of No. 509 Fifth avenue, New York City, spoke about five minutes in answer to the objection that there was a commercial element in the proposed permanent exposition. He had listened attentively to the other plans and suggestions offered, and was in favor of them, but he felt that if, in the face of the present opportunity, New York contented itself with an arch, a statue, a bridge, a parade, the widening of a street, or with all of them, it would be more open to criticism than it could be because of the commercial features of a fair.

He argued that New York was a commercial city; that it owed its wealth and power to the industries and commerce of the nation; that this was the country's principal point of contact with other peoples, and that it was a partner in enterprises that promote national growth and the welfare of the world. He held, therefore, that it was under a moral obligation to present to civilization an exposition of the progress of its partners in the arts of peace.

Mr. L. A. Robinson (?) spoke a couple of minutes in favor of an exposition. He held that an exposition always left permanent benefits where it was held. It always brought a great deal of business and established a great deal of friendship. New York should have an exposition to show that she could do as much as Buffalo, Chicago, St. Louis and Philadelphia.

The Chairman referred to the telegram received from the Hon. John H. Coyne, Mayor of Yonkers, stating his desire to send a delegation to represent that city, and asked if anyone were present in that capacity. There being no response, Mr. E. V. Skinner, of Yonkers, a member of the Joint Committee, requested another hearing in order that his city might be heard.

Mr. Charles L. Rickerson, of No. 212 West street, New York City, spoke a few minutes in the line of his remarks at the last hearing.

Mr. William J. McKay, of Newburgh, a member of the Executive Committee, asked the representatives of the "Citizens Committee of 500" if they were prepared to submit a statement in regard to the options secured on real estate at Verplanck's Point, as promised at the last hearing.

Dr. D. H. Lamb said that the subject had been turned over to their Executive Committee, and the information would be embodied in the brochure, which was in course of preparation.

The Secretary said that what this Committee wanted was a copy of the language of the options themselves, and a description of what land they covered, the price, and other details.

Mr. Bagley stated that the Peekskill Citizens' Committee had been at work getting options, and had now secured

them on a thousand or twelve hundred acres. They were prepared to turn these options over to the exposition people, whoever they may be—whether they were this Committee or some other body. He then went on to speak of the value of Verplanck's Point as a site for the exposition.

The Secretary said that he thought that Mr. Bagley's answer did not meet the situation. The most important announcement made at the last meeting was the statement that parties had been securing options on the Verplanck's Point property, and were prepared to turn them over to the authorities in charge of the celebration at their gross cost. In answer to the question whether this Committee would be given full information concerning them, the Committee was assured that it would be fully informed. There should be a full statement as to what would be turned over; a map showing the properties covered by the several options; the form of the options; the length of time that they respectively ran, and a statement showing the aggregate covered by all the options. It was very important to this Committee in considering the various forms of celebration to have the fullest information on this subject.

Mr. Bagley reiterated their willingness to show the options.

Dr. Brown submitted a rough pencil sketch of Verplanck's Point and vicinity, showing the area covered by the options and marked "1200 acres at \$800 an acre or about \$1,000,000." It showed the post road just east of the fair ground and the railroad just east of the post road. He said that it was he who began the taking of options on the advice of Gen. Miles. Gen. Miles said to him "this is the place par excellence," and advised Dr. Brown to "go to work quietly and get options." The speaker, acting on this advice, had secured options for six months, and upon their expiration renewed them, until he was swamped and then he had to look to others to help. The options now run for another two or three months.

The chairman asked the speaker if they had secured the entire shore front of Verplanck's Point, and Dr. Brown said yes, all except two properties.

The chairman asked how many pieces lying in back had not been secured, and Dr. Brown said between 100 and 200 acres.

A letter was read from the Municipal Art Society of New York, offering its co-operation in securing the necessary design for the committee's official paper, poster, seal, etc.

A letter from Mr. H. Roosevelt Ostrom of No. 205 West 103d street, New York, was read conveying the following suggestions in addition to those presented at the last meeting: that a collection and exhibition of literature, paintings and historical articles relating to Hudson and the Dutch be made; that a Hudson medal be presented to every public school pupil who writes a composition which passes a board of examiners; and that prizes be offered to writers of essays on the Hudson in the different colleges of the country.

A letter was read from Mr. Henry Clay Weeks, of Bay-side, L. I., (New York City), recommending that an effort be made in advance of the celebration for the complete salvation of the Hudson valley for scenic advertising; that a campaign be made against the destruction of the scenery of the river by quarrying operations; and that a monument be erected at Stony Point in honor of Mad Anthony Wayne, on the scene of his inspiring success, the monument to take the form of a monumental lighthouse.

A letter was read from the Chicago Inter-Ocean stating that the Columbian Exposition benefited that city.

The public hearing was then closed and the Committee went into executive session.

#### IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. McKay moved that another public hearing be held in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, on Friday, January 26, 1906, at 2.30 P. M., and that that should be the last public hearing for the purpose of receiving suggestions as to the form of celebration in 1909. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Hollaman, a member of the Joint Committee, suggested to the Executive Committee that it place in the newspapers paid advertisements of the next hearing.

The Chairman deprecated any such means of arousing public interest, saying, that if there were a general public interest, it would find expression. The suggestion that

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the Executive Committee pay for advertisements to stimulate public interest implied either that the public had no interest or that the press had no interest in the celebration.

Mr. Curtis thought it would be sufficient if the Secretary sent a request to the editors of every city paper to give notice of the hearing; and with that understanding, Mr. McKay's motion was adopted.

The Secretary moved that the Executive Committee hold a private meeting for executive business in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, on Wednesday, January 24, 1906, at 4 P. M., for the purpose of taking steps for the incorporation of the Joint Committee, and for other necessary legislation; and that the Finance Committee and Committee on Legislation be invited to be present. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

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#### NOTICE.

In accordance with the resolution last recorded above, of which notice has already been sent to the members of the Executive Committee, there will be a private session of the Executive Committee in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, New York, Wednesday, January 24, 1906, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

In addition to that meeting, notice is hereby given that the **third and last public hearing** for the purpose of receiving suggestions concerning the form of the celebration in 1909, will be held by the Executive Committee in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, New York, Friday, January 26, 1906, at 2.30 P. M. Persons desiring to address the Committee are requested to send their names in advance to the Secretary. The Committee will also welcome suggestions in writing.

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Minutes of Jan. 24, Jan. 26 and Feb. 7, 1906

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Hon. Andrew D. White.....	Ithaca, New York
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Minutes of  
The Executive Committee

January 24, 1906

The fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee, for executive business, was held in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, New York, Wednesday, January 24, at 4 P. M.

Present: Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Chairman; and Messrs. James M. Beck, Theodore Fitch, Frederick de Peyster Foster, Hon. William W. Goodrich, Edward Haganman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, August F. Jaccaci, Col. Wm. Jay, Hon. Seth Low, Frank D. Millet, Emerson McMillin, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Louis C. Raegener, Hon. Herman Ridder, Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Francis Lynde Stetson, Hon. Oscar S. Straus and Gen. James Grant Wilson. Also, Messrs. John G. Agar, Bayard L. Peck and Nelson Spencer, of the Committee on Legislation.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from the Hon. J. Sloat Fassett, Messrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Austen G. Fox, Morris K. Jesup, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Ogden Mills, Eben E. Olcott, Hon. Sereno E. Payne, Pres. J. G. Schurman, Isaac N. Seligman, A. G. Vanderbilt, Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, John E. Parsons and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were adopted without reading.

The report of the Treasurer, J. P. Morgan & Co., was read, showing the receipt of \$640 from contributions, and no expenditures.

The suggestion that an Auditing Committee be appointed to approve bills for payment was referred to the Joint Committee.

The Secretary presented the following bills for payment, subject to the approval of the Auditing Committee:

Polhemus Printing Co.: letter-files.....	\$1 00
“ Two scrap-books.....	1 70
“ Blank writing paper.....	2 00
“ 350 subscription blanks.....	3 00
“ 1,000 clasp envelopes.....	10 75
“ 350 circulars of Dec. 23rd, and electro.....	5 00
“ 500 copies minutes of Dec. 16th, and electro.....	17 35
“ 100 copies of 24-page booklet, list of names.....	24 00
“ 500 copies revised edition of same.....	14 00
“ 500 copies minutes of Dec. 29th.....	20 50
Henry Romeike, Inc., 43 press clippings in December.....	1 29
Irving Press: 500 letter-heads, 1,000 envelopes, and electro of letter-head.....	9 10
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The Secretary stated that he had made additional disbursements to the amount of nearly one hundred dollars, and that the bill for stenographer's services at public hearings had not yet been presented.

Mr. Straus asked for information as to the source of means for meeting these obligations. He would be very glad to contribute, but had received no request.

The Secretary explained that, in accordance with the resolution of the Joint Committee, adopted Dec. 5th, a circular and subscription blank had been sent to all the members, asking them, if entirely convenient, to send \$10 each to the Treasurer (J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall Street), as a contribution toward the preliminary expenses. As these documents were enclosed with the printed minutes of the first meeting of the Executive Committee, it appeared that in several instances they had either gone astray or had been overlooked. The Secretary said he would send out another circular-letter to those who had not received or responded to the first.

There was some further discussion of ways and means

for preliminary expenses, two or three members expressing their willingness to guarantee their payment if necessary.

It was voted that the bills presented by the Secretary be referred to the Joint Committee, with the recommendation that they be paid.

The Secretary, as Chairman of the Committee composed of Messrs. Sackett, Higley and Fitch, appointed to arrange for the compensation of the Assistant Secretary, reported, recommending that the Assistant Secretary be paid in monthly installments at the rate of \$2,500 a year, beginning from the time of his election, Dec. 5, 1905, and so to continue until the Executive Committee deemed it advisable to increase the amount. He explained that the sub-Committee had conferred with the Assistant Secretary, who had consented to this amount until the increased demands upon him or his office made it equitable that the sum should be increased. At present this compensation included the use of the Assistant Secretary's office and the assistance of his office stenographer for correspondence.

Upon motion of Mr. Stetson, modified at the suggestion of Mr. Sackett, it was voted to recommend to the Joint Committee that the compensation of the Assistant Secretary be fixed at \$2,500 per annum until further action, as contemplated in the report of the Committee.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Thomas A. Fulton, of Tompkinsville, Staten Island, expressing the opinion that the fault with all recent expositions in this country had been the effort of each to surpass its predecessor in size. He thought the most useful exhibitions were the series held at South Kensington, beginning with the "Fisheries," each succeeding one taking a different subject. The naval exhibition at Chelsea years later was equally successful. He therefore suggested the merging of the Fulton Centennial Committee and the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee, and that a joint exposition be held in Bronx, Queens or Richmond Borough, beginning with an exhibition covering "Ships and Navigation."

The Chairman stated, apropos of the suggestion for the merging of the two Committees, that having received an informal intimation that such a union would be agreeable to the Fulton Committee, he and the Secretary had written to Mayor McClellan the following letter :

January 24, 1906

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THE HON. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN,  
 Mayor of the City of New York,  
 City Hall, New York.

DEAR SIR :

We have learned from the Secretary of the Committee appointed by you to arrange for the celebration in 1907 of the Centennial Anniversary of the first steam navigation of the Hudson River by Robert Fulton that such Committee is to make its report to you on Thursday morning of this week, respecting the form of such celebration.

In discussing the matter with other members of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee, appointed by you and the Governor of the State of New York, it has occurred to us to suggest to you the propriety of merging these two committees for the purpose of celebrating both events in 1909

Our reason for this are briefly these :

These two events in the history of the Hudson River are so intimately related that their commemoration can with great propriety be combined in one celebration. Not only are the two events mutually related by their connection with the Hudson River, but an interesting coincidence of dates adds to the propriety of celebrating in 1909 the centennial of the beginning of steam navigation, for it was in 1809 that the Legislature of the State granted to Fulton the exclusive privilege of navigating the river—out of which action grew the famous case of Gibbons and Ogden, establishing the right of free navigation.

We believe that the union of these two observances will strengthen each. It will not only allow the municipality and the various civic interests concerned to focus their energies on one great observance, but it will more effectually concentrate upon itself the public attention of the world.

If the suggestion which we have made meets with your approval, and it should prove acceptable to the members of the Committee appointed by you for the Fulton Celebration, we believe that it would be a conclusion which would not only be cordially received by all the members of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Committee, but would also serve in every way the best public interests.

Yours truly,

STEWART L. WOODFORD,  
 President.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
 Secretary.

Mr. Strans said that the suggestion for the appointment of the Fulton Committee originated in the New York Board of Trade and Transportation ; that he had been ap-



pointed on both the Fulton and Hudson Committees; that he thought that having two such movements in the air would keep both in the air; and that he had declined the appointment on the Fulton Committee and recommended the consolidation of both.

Mr. Low thought the merging of the two committees a very wise step, and moved that the action of the President and Secretary in writing the foregoing letter be approved. Seconded by Mr. Straus and carried.

Mr. Fitch moved that the Committee on Legislation be requested to draft a Charter of Incorporation of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee and report it to the next executive session of the Executive Committee.

The Chairman asked members of the Committee to express their views as to the scope of the proposed legislation.

The Secretary suggested that in making up the list of incorporators the Committee take into consideration a list of 22 names approved by Gov. Higgins in addition to those already appointed by him on the Joint Committee. The names included that of an ex-Governor now residing in New Jersey, ex-President Cleveland.

Mr. Stetson thought the bill of incorporation should cover these points:

The first section could present all of the names, with the names of the Governors and ex-Governors. Mr. Cleveland, he observed, was not the only living ex-Governor. There was an ex-Governor of New York in the White House who might be included.

The second section should be devoted to the conferring of the necessary powers.

The third section should provide for an ample appropriation by the State and City to enable the Committee to make provision for the Celebration on a wide and ample scale.

He recommended that the draft of the bill be sent in proof form to all members of the Joint Committee before the meeting at which they are called upon to adopt it.

He said that the approaching anniversary presented a great opportunity. Before the consolidation of Greater New York, the Old City had been held up as a city without civic pride. Now was a good time to show that we had it.

He was one of the Commission appointed to represent New York at the Chicago Exposition on Manhattan Day and he appreciated the value of feeling and expressing pride in one's city. He referred to the Field Columbian Exposition as a permanent outgrowth of that Fair, the product of the interest of one of Chicago's most distinguished citizens, who had just died and left it \$8,000,000. The Hudson tercentenary presented an opportunity for a great advance in the City's history which should be improved. He agreed that previous expositions had erred on the side of size. He wanted the best thing in this celebration, not the biggest.

So far as immediate expenses were concerned he was willing to guarantee their ultimate payment.

Mr. Low expressed himself as in hearty sympathy with what Mr. Stetson had said. He would be glad to join in guaranteeing the preliminary expenses. If any member of the Committee could not give pro rata, others could give more.

Turning to the commemoration itself, Mr. Low said that he regarded this as a splendid opportunity for an interesting celebration. It was a favorite thought with him that New York City had the function of interpreting America to Europe and Europe to America. This was because she had her hands on both. Some Americans living away from the seaboard spoke of us as being European. That was partly because of our large foreign population and partly because we were so close to Europe.

New York, he said, was an epitome of the United States, because of her close touch with the rest of the country largely through the Hudson River and Erie Canal. Speaking of the influence of these channels on the development of the City, he referred to the time prior to the opening of the Canal when New York was a second or third rate city and alluded to the three Brown brothers, who came to the United States, one of them going to Baltimore as the most important City, another to Philadelphia, and the third to New York as the least important. When the Erie Canal was opened, years before the railroads, and gave the City easy access by river, canal and lake to the west, it gave New York a pre-eminence which she had never lost. When the railroads came, the same geographical situation continued her pre-eminence, because, among other advantages,

New Yorkers did not have to climb the Alleghany mountains to communicate with the west. As a result of the streams of life flowing to and through the City from the other parts of the United States, New York was an epitome of the growth of the nation.

If the enterprise which we had in hand were carried forward in a large way, he was sure that everybody would take pride in it. In the bill of incorporation we should ask for ample powers and an appropriation as large as might be thought wise. The latter should be sufficient to enable the Committee to lay out its plans on a large scale; and perhaps the City and State would give more liberally later. He favored laying out the plans of the celebration on lines broad enough to deal adequately with the opportunity.

Col. Jay expressed his strong pride in and affection for the City of New York. His mind had not yet hit upon any definite scheme for the celebration, but he was inclined toward something permanent in the way of a monument, gate, statue, building or public square. He thought that we were far behind European cities in laying out our town. The plan of New York City's streets was as poor as could be imagined. The streets had evidently been ruled out on paper at right angles, without any regard to the topography of the Island. If we could get up something, not so big as the Place de la Concorde in Paris or Trafalgar Square in London, but an attempt at some architectural fulfillment, he thought it might be worth while.

As to money for temporary expenses, he recalled his experience on the Commission appointed by Gov. Cornell at the time of the Yorktown centennial in 1881. When the French visitors became the guests of the New York Commission, the members of the latter found themselves facing some large expenses with no appropriation. They assessed themselves, however, to meet the situation, with the expectation that they would be reimbursed, and their confidence in that respect was not disappointed. He felt sure that whatever the members of this Committee assessed upon themselves would be refunded.

Mr. Seward thought that Mr. Low had hit upon the most important point of all when he spoke of seeing that the powers sought to be granted by the Legislature should

be ample. The Committee had no power now. It was simply an advisory board. It could receive suggestions and make them, but could not carry them out or extend its power. He would insist that the powers granted be large, and the discretion left in the Corporation be ample, because we did not now know what our plans would be, and we should not be so tied down as to prevent our carrying out a large plan.

Mr. Low said that while it was natural for us to emphasize the interest of the City we should not forget that this event concerns the State as well, and shape our plans accordingly.

Judge Goodrich suggested that the Corporation be given the power of condemning property. If this body were organized into a corporation, it would certainly be a corporation for public purposes, and possibly it would follow that it would have the right to apply to the proper authorities to take property by eminent domain. He did not know just exactly how the fullest measure of public interest was to be aroused in this celebration. If we had the courage to ask for an appropriation that would startle the State of New York, one which would rise into the millions, it might wake up the people and the press and stimulate an interest commensurate with the importance of the event.

Mr. Seward thought Judge Goodrich's suggestion capital. We must ask for a good deal more than we expect to get. The Charter should also be drawn with a view to getting all the power that will ever be needed.

Mr. Low regarded it as of doubtful policy to go before the Legislature without a plan and ask for much money. We could very properly ask for a large appropriation to carry out a plan when we knew what it was, but he counseled the Committee not to ask for a large sum for a temporary corporation.

Mr. Stetson agreed with Mr. Low and reiterated his own suggestion that until a plan was formulated, the Committee limit its Charter to three sections, naming the incorporators and corporation, a statement of the corporation's powers and an appropriation sufficient to enable it to mature its plans. As to exercising the power of eminent domain, he was inclined to think the Committee should limit itself to an appeal to the City authorities. He hoped we could

arouse the City to make large provision for the celebration. He recalled the fact that when efforts were being made to have the Columbian Exposition held in New York the Legislature had been induced to pass laws for the extension of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History. He thought these laws had never been repealed and that the municipal authorities could be stirred up to avail themselves of them. It was, rather, the other side—the state side—for which we should make provision in the charter; for while the corporation of the City could make provision for the City, there was no organization to operate all up and down the Hudson.

The Secretary suggested that if an exposition were held it might be found necessary to condemn property outside of the city, and asked if it might not be a useful power of the corporation to exercise the right of eminent domain beyond the city limits.

After some further discussion Mr. Fitch's motion, that the Committee on Legislation be requested to draft a Charter and submit it to the Executive Committee, was carried.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the chair.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
The Executive Committee

January 26, 1906.

The fifth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee was held in public in the Governors' Room in the City Hall of New York, Friday, January 26, 1906, at 2.30 p. m. This was the third and last public hearing for the purpose of receiving suggestions as to the form of the proposed celebration in 1909.

Present: Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Chairman, presiding; and Messrs. William J. Curtis, Theodore Fitch, Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, William J. McKay, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Henry W. Sackett and the Hon. Frederick W. Seward.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from the Hon. J. Sloat Fassett, Messrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Austen G. Fox, Morris K. Jesup, Dr. George F. Kunz, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Ogden Mills, Eben E. Olcott, John E. Parsons, Hon. Sereno E. Payne, President J. G. Schurman, Isaac N. Seligman, A. G. Vanderbilt, Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D.D., Dr. Samuel B. Ward and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

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

The Chairman announced that the Committee was ready to listen to further suggestions concerning the plan of the proposed celebration in 1909.

The Hon. John H. Coyne, Mayor of Yonkers, heading a committee representing that city, introduced Mr. Charles Philip Easton, President of the Board of Education of Yonkers, as their spokesman.

Mr. Easton had nothing definite to suggest as to the form of the celebration, but said that if the Ter-Centenary Committee desired five or six hundred acres of space, or even more, that area was available in the City of Yonkers.

Mr. Abraham Hasbrouck, of Kingston, N. Y., presented a letter from the Hon. A. W. Thompson, Mayor of Kingston, asking him to represent that city at the hearing. He said he came unprepared to make any suggestion, but asked that Kingston be given some representation on the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee, as the people of that city were interested and would like to co-operate.

The Chairman explained that the Committee had been appointed by the Governor of the State and the Mayor of New York, and if such an important city as Kingston had been overlooked the Committee regretted it.

Mrs. A. L. Freed, of No. 30 East 42d Street, whose husband appeared at the hearing December 29, 1905, said that he expected to attend the present hearing to speak on the subject of an exposition, but had been prevented. She therefore came in his place. She said that Chicago, Paris and St. Louis had been benefited by their expositions and that Brussels and Antwerp had been built up alone by expositions. She thought that New York was a dull place in summer and that an exposition in or near the city would benefit the tradespeople of the town.

Mr. Pierre H. Marshall, terminal agent of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co., Pier 22, North River, New York, spoke in favor of Staten Island as a site for the proposed exposition. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, whose road came into Staten Island, was one of the only two roads whose rails came into the City of New York. He said that Staten Island was accessible by rail and water and had connection with all the trunk lines. He assumed that there was no question as to the advisability of a world's fair. He disclaimed any authority to speak for Staten Island, but came as a friend of Mr. Freed to speak for the transportation interests.

Mr. Easton, speaking again of the availability of Yonkers for an exposition, predicted that that city would eventually come within the boundaries of New York. Yonkers had twenty-one square miles of area; was situated on the Hudson; was within fifteen miles of the Grand Central Station of New York; was accessible by the Hudson division of the New York Central, the Putnam division, the New York & Harlem, and by trolley from New York; and by March 1st it would be accessible by the Interborough Rapid Transit. It was also easily accessible from the east, and New Jersey people could reach it by river on the west. These were features which commended Yonkers to the consideration of the Committee.

The Hon. Theodore H. Silkman, of 459 Palisade Avenue, Yonkers, Surrogate of Westchester County, said that he thought a permanent exposition was the most perfect

way in which to honor the memory of Henry Hudson. World's fairs in the past had been transient affairs, leaving possibly one building or monument to indicate where they had been held; but if we could make a new departure and establish an exposition to last into the future as far as the discovery of the Hudson was past, we would do something that would honor ourselves, our country and the locality which we represent. He concluded his remarks by moving that it was the sense of the meeting that "the form of this tribute be in the nature of a permanent exposition located somewhere upon the Hudson River."

Dr. E. Parmlly Brown seconded the motion.

Mr. Henry E. Gregory, of No. 59 Wall Street, New York, understood that this was not a meeting for the adoption of resolutions, but simply a hearing given by the Executive Committee to individuals who desired to express their views. It was not a meeting for the transaction of business. He desired to record his protest against the assumption that public opinion was generally in favor of an exposition. He believed that New York did not want any permanent exposition to honor Henry Hudson. It looked to him as if those who wanted an exposition most were interested in railroads or money-making schemes. He hoped the Committee would decide against such a form of celebration. He was not sure just what form the commemoration ought to take; but he was convinced that that was the form which it ought not to take. Chicago might have needed an exposition in 1892 or 1893, and St. Louis may have been benefited by the exposition of 1904, but New York was not in the same class and did not require any world's fair.

Mr. Easton disclaimed, for the Yonkers Committee, any interest in the real estate business. Mr. Skinner, a member of the committee, was an officer of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, but that road did not touch Yonkers or New York.

Mr. George A. Bagley, of Peekskill, reinforced the arguments which he had presented at the previous two hearings in favor of a permanent exposition at Verplanck's Point.

The Hon. Alonzo Wheeler, of Haverstraw, N. Y., appeared in behalf of the Hon. Wilson P. Foss, President of the Village of Haverstraw, to say that if the latter were present he would speak strongly in favor of an exposition.



The Hon. Isaac H. Smith, President of the Village of Peekskill, spoke in favor of a permanent exposition. He thought that in the near future there would be a permanent exposition in the nation somewhere, and he thought that the anniversary now approaching offered a good occasion for establishing it here in New York State. He heartily endorsed Judge Silkman's sentiments upon that point.

Mr. Bernard S. Deutsch, of No. 61 Park Row, New York, representing the City History Club of New York, wanted to go on record as opposed to any permanent exposition very close to New York City. He said that the city had not yet solved its own transportation problems; that the manner in which the people of New York were handled by the transit lines was intolerable, and that we were not in a position to invite great crowds from all over the world to visit the city when we could not take care of our own people properly. He was in favor of an exposition, but it should be located so far away from the City of New York that the city would, in a measure, be free from additional worry and care in regard to its transportation facilities.

Mr. J. C. Pumpelly, of No. 2881 Broadway, New York, reiterated the views expressed by him at the hearing, December 29, 1905, and hoped that the whole celebration would "take the strongest form possible along the line of the highest ideals of scenic improvement in art in a commemorative way." He thought we had an overabundance of commercialism and did not think any one would be in favor of a commercial enterprise where a great many goods would be displayed and then sold at the very best profit.

Dr. E. Parmly Brown, of No. 509 Fifth Avenue, New York, who had spoken at the two previous hearings in favor of a permanent exposition at Verplanck's Point, spoke in the interest of the "eighty-five million people of this country and the fourteen hundred million people on this planet," and declared that the gentleman who said that he did not want a permanent exposition spoke only for himself. The men who drew their incomes and could go to their clubs, and could go to Europe, and could sail about on their yachts, might do without a permanent exposition, he said; but the millions of people who had only half a dollar needed the exposition.

Mr. Richard G. Holaman, of the Eden Musee, New York, who had advocated a universal exposition at the hearing December 29, 1905, thought that the transportation facilities would be adequate to handle an exposition crowd three years hence.

The Secretary reported that the President had received a letter signed by Mr. L. A. R. Robinson, and dated No. 214 West 44th Street, stating that on January 21st, by the kindness of Dr. Brown, he had gone over parts of the ground at Verplanck's Point, where he understood the permanent exposition was to be held, and he regarded the place as the most suitable for the purpose. The arguments advanced in favor of the exposition were in line with those already given before the Executive Committee.

The Chairman, referring to Judge Silkman's motion, said that as objection had been raised by a member of the Committee, he thought it would not be in order for him as Chairman of the Executive Committee to put the question to the assembly. If, however, the Judge wanted a vote of the friends present, the Chairman would yield long enough for him to put the motion.

Judge Silkman withdrew his motion, stating that he offered it more for the purpose of evoking discussion than to find out how the gentlemen felt on the subject.

The Secretary reported that the President had received a letter from Mr. Charles Elting Rickerson, of No. 276 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, a real estate dealer, offering an exposition site of 500 acres on Jamaica Bay, with two and a half miles of water front, for the sum of \$500,000.

The Secretary also reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. J. Du Pratt White, Secretary of the Commissioners of the Palisades Inter-State Park, stating that the Commission would probably communicate their suggestions in a short time.

No one else desiring to be heard, the Chairman thanked those who had appeared before the Committee and declared the public hearings closed.

The Committee then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.

Proposed Charter, Drafted by  
The Committee on Legislation,  
February 7, 1906.

A meeting of the Committee on Legislation was held at the office of the Chairman, the Hon. William W. Goodrich, No 49 Wall street, at 4 p. m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1906.

Present : Judge Goodrich, presiding; and Messrs. John G. Agar, Bayard L. Peck and Nelson S. Spencer. An unavoidable engagement detained Mr. Cravath.

The President and Secretaries of the Joint Committee were present by request.

The preliminary draft of a Charter, which had been considered at a previous meeting, was amended to the form following.

It was voted that the proposed Charter be reported to the Executive Committee at a meeting to be held in the Governors' Room of the City Hall on Wednesday, February 14, at 2 p. m. in order that the Executive Committee, if it saw fit, might report it to the Joint Committee at a meeting to be held at the same place and on the same day at 4 p. m.

It was also voted that the draft be printed as soon as possible and sent to all the members, with the intimation that the Committee would be glad to receive from them any suggestions which they might desire to offer. Communications on the subject may be sent to the Secretary.

## PROPOSED CHARTER.

### AN ACT to Incorporate the HUDSON TER-CENTENARY COMMISSION.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Theodore Roosevelt, Grover Cleveland, Levi P. Morton, David B. Hill, Frank S. Black, Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., Stewart L. Woodford, Robert B. Roosevelt, Andrew Carnegie, Frederick D. Grant, Morris K. Jesup, William Rockefeller, William B. Van Rensselaer, Andrew D. White, J. Pierpont Mor-

gan, Henry W. Sackett, Edward Hagaman Hall, Herbert Adams, R. B. Aldcroft, Jr., John G. Agar, B. Altman, Louis Annin Ames, John E. Andrus, James K. Apgar, John D. Archbold, John Jacob Astor, Theodore M. Banta, Franklin Bartlett, James C. Bayles, James M. Beck, August Belmont, William Berri, Cornelius N. Bliss, E. W. Bloomingdale, Reginald Pelham Bolton, Thomas W. Bradley, George V. Brower, E. Parmlv Brown, Henry K. Bush-Brown, Wm. L. Bull, E. H. Butler, Nicholas Murray Butler, J. Rider Cady, J. H. Callanan, Henry W. Cannon, Joseph H. Choate, Caspar Purdon Clarke, George C. Clausen, A. T. Clearwater, Thomas Clyde, E. C. Converse, Walter Cook, John H. Coyne, E. D. Cummings, William J. Curtis, Paul D. Cravath, Charles de Kay, James de la Montanye, Chauncey M. Depew, Edward DeWitt, William Draper, Charles A. DuBois, John C. Eames, George Ehret, Smith Ely, Arthur English, John M. Farley, J. Sloat Fassett, Barr Ferree, Stuyvesant Fish, Theodore Fitch, Winchester Fitch, J. J. Fitzgerald, Frederick de Peyster Foster, Thomas Powell Fowler, Austen G. Fox, Charles S. Francis, Henry C. Frick, Frank S. Gardner, Garret J. Garretson, Theodore P. Gilman, Robert Walton Goelet, William W. Goodrich, George J. Gould, George F. Gregory, Henry E. Gregory, W. L. Guillaudeu, Abner S. Haight, Benjamin F. Hamilton, William S. Hawk, James A. Hearn, Peter Cooper Hewitt, Warren Higley, Michael H. Hirschberg, Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Richard G. Hollaman, Willis Holly, Colgate Hoyt, LeRoy Hubbard, Thomas H. Hubbard, T. D. Huntting, August F. Jaccaci, William Jay, Hugh Kelly, James H. Kennedy, John H. Ketcham, Horatio C. King, Albert E. Kleinert, George F. Kunz, John LaFarge, Charles R. Lamb, Frederick S. Lamb, Homer Lee, Charles W. Lefler, Julius Lehrenkrauss, Henry M. Leipziger, Clarence Lexow, Gustav Lindenthal, Walter Seth Logan, Charles H. Loring, Seth Low, William A. Marble, George E. Matthews, William McCarroll, Donald McDonald, William J. Mc-

Kay, St. Clair McKelway, Emerson McMillin, George W. Melville, Herman A. Metz, John G. Milburn, Frank D. Millet, A. L. Mills, Ogden Mills, C. H. Niehaus, Ludwig Nissen, Jacob W. Miller, W. R. O'Donovan, Eben E. Olcott, William Church Osborn, Percy B. O'Sullivan, Orrel A. Parker, John E. Parsons, Samuel Parsons, Jr., Samuel H. Parsons, Sereno E. Payne, George Foster Peabody, R. E. Peary, Bayard L. Peck, Gordon H. Peck, Howland Pell, George W. Perkins, N. Taylor Phillips, Thomas C. Platt, George A. Plimpton, Eugene H. Porter, Horace Porter, Henry C. Potter, Cornelius A. Pugsley, Louis C. Raegenar, Herman Ridder, Charles F. Roe, Carl J. Roehr, Louis T. Romaine, Thomas F. Ryan, George Henry Sargent, Herbert L. Satterlee, Charles A. Schermerhorn, Jacob Gould Schurman, Gustav H. Schwab, Isaac N. Seligman, Louis Seligsberg, Joseph H. Senner, Frederick W. Seward, George F. Seward, William F. Sheehan, J. Edward Simmons, John W. Simpson, E. V. Skinner, Charles Stewart Smith, Nelson S. Spencer, John H. Starin, Isaac Stern, Louis Stern, Francis Lynde Stetson, Louis Stewart, James Stillman, Oscar S. Straus, Theodore Sutro, Henry C. Swords, Henry R. Towne, Spencer Trask, C. Y. Turner, Albert Ulmann, Aaron Vanderbilt, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Henry Van Dyke, Warner Van Norden, Miss A. T. Van Santvoord, J. Leonard Varick, E. B. Vreeland, Charles G. F. Wahle, Samuel B. Ward, W. L. Ward, William C. Warren, Edward Wells, Jr., George Westinghouse, Charles W. Wetmore, Edmund Wetmore, J. Du Pratt White, Fred. C. Whitney, William R. Willcox, James Grant Wilson, Chas. B. Wolfram, Timothy L. Woodruff, W. E. Woolley and James A. Wright, who were appointed by His Excellency, the Governor of the State of New York, or by the Mayor of the City of New York, as members of the Hudson Tercentenary Joint Committee and of the Fulton Centennial Committee, and all such persons as are or may hereafter be associated with them, by the appointment of the Governor or of the said Mayor, shall

be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Commission, which corporation shall be a public corporation, with all the powers specified in the eleventh Section of the General Corporation Law, except as otherwise provided by this Act. It shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. The object of said corporation shall be the public celebration or commemoration of the Ter-Centenary of the discovery of the Hudson River by Hendrik Hudson in the year 1609, and of the first use of steam in the navigation of said river by Robert Fulton in the year 1807, in such manner and form, either permanent or temporary, as may be found appropriate by said Commission.

SECTION 3. The said Commission shall have power to acquire, hold and possess for the purposes of its incorporation real or personal estate within the State of New York in fee or for a term of years or any easement therein, by gift, devise, bequest, grant, lease or purchase; and in case such Commission should be unable to agree with the owners thereof for the purchase or lease of any real estate required for the purposes of its incorporation, it shall have the right to acquire the same, by condemnation, in the manner provided by the Condemnation Law, being Chapter 23 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

SECTION 4. The affairs and business of said Commission shall be conducted by a Board of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred trustees, a quorum of whom for the transaction of business shall be fixed by the By-Laws.

The trustees for the first year shall be Theodore Roosevelt, Grover Cleveland, Levi P. Morton, David B. Hill, Frank S. Black, Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., Stewart L. Woodford, Robert B. Roosevelt, Andrew Carnegie, Frederick D. Grant, Morris K. Jesup, William Rockefeller, William B. Van Rensselaer, Andrew D.

White, J. Pierpont Morgan, Henry W. Sackett, Edward Hagaman Hall, James M. Beck, J. Rider Cady, Henry W. Cannon, Joseph H. Choate, William J. Curtis, J. Sloat Fassett, Theodore Fitch, Frederick de Peyster Foster, Thomas Powell Fowler, Charles S. Francis, William W. Goodrich, Warren Higley, Thomas H. Hubbard, August F. Jaccaci, William Jay, James H. Kennedy, Horatio C. King, George Frederick Kunz, John LaFarge, Henry M. Leipziger, Seth Low, William McCarroll, William J. McKay, Emerson McMillin, John G. Milburn, Frank D. Millet, Eben E. Olcott, John E. Parsons, Sereno E. Payne, Horace Porter, Cornelius A. Pugsley, Louis C. Raegener, Herman Ridder, Jacob Gould Schurman, Frederick W. Seward, J. Edward Simmons, Charles Stewart Smith, Francis Lynde Stetson, Oscar S. Straus, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Henry Van Dyke, Samuel B. Ward, Andrew D. White and James Grant Wilson.

Such trustees shall make the By-Laws of the Commission, providing among other things for the election of their successors within thirteen months from the passage of this act, and for the election of officers, as therein specified, to hold office until the succeeding annual election of trustees, and until their successors are elected, and for the filling of vacancies in any office. They shall continue to hold office until the succeeding election of trustees to the number and in the manner provided by the said By-Laws.

SECTION 5. None of the trustees or members of said Commission, except one or more assistants to the Secretary, shall receive any compensation for services, nor shall any of them be pecuniarily interested directly or indirectly in any contract relating to the affairs of said Commission; nor shall said Commission make any dividend or division of its property among its members, managers or officers.

SECTION 6. Said Commission shall annually make to the Legislature a statement of its affairs, and from

time to time report to the Legislature such recommendations as are pertinent to the objects for which it is created, and may act jointly or otherwise with any persons appointed by any other State for purposes similar to those intended to be accomplished by this Act.

SECTION 7. Whenever the Commission shall report to the Legislature that the purposes for which the Commission is created have been attained and all its debts and obligations have been paid, its remaining real and personal property shall be disposed of as the Legislature may direct.

SECTION 8. The Commission shall have power to receive subscriptions from parties who may desire to contribute to the object of the said Commission.

SECTION 9. The Treasurer of the State of New York, within one month after the passage of this act, shall pay to the said Commission the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars out of any funds of the State not otherwise appropriated, such sum to be used for the purposes of said Commission.

SECTION 10. The City of New York may provide and pay to the said Commission such sums of money as it shall deem expedient for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Commission.

SECTION 11. The property of the Commission shall be devoted to public use, and shall be exempt from any assessment or tax for State, county, town or local purposes until the year 1916. Such corporation shall also be exempt during such term from taxation under Section 182 of the Tax Law.

SECTION 12. The Commission may appoint and employ, at its own expense, policemen, with all the powers of such officers in cities, towns and villages, for the preservation of order and of public peace upon



the land or property belonging to or used by said Commission for the purpose of its incorporation. Each of such policemen shall be appointed from the first three names appearing at the time of appointment on a list or lists of persons determined to be eligible for the position by competitive examinations to be held by the State Civil Service Commission, which Commission is hereby empowered to conduct the same and to certify said lists in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Law and its rules, so far as applicable, provided that, if the name of any person on said list be passed in appointment three times, it shall be dropped from the list. All such appointments and removals of persons so appointed shall be certified by the proper officer of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Commission to the State Civil Service Commission within ten days after they shall be made respectively. Nothing in this section contained shall be construed as in any manner limiting or abridging the power of the local authorities to appoint, at their expense, officers of the peace to act upon the land or property of the Corporation.

SECTION 13. The duration of the Corporation shall be ten years.

SECTION 14. This Act shall take effect immediately.



# Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee

Appointed by  
The Governor of the State of New York and  
The Mayor of the City of New York



## President

HON. STEWART L. WOODFORD

## Vice-Presidents

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## Assistant Secretary

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL  
Tribune Building, New York



Permanently Organized, December 5, 1905

**Minutes of February 14, 1906.**

# Executive Committee

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Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, <i>Chairman</i> .....	18 Wall Street, New York
Hon. Frank S. Black.....	Troy, New York
James M. Beck.....	44 Wall Street, New York
Hon. J. Rider Cady.....	Hudson, New York
Henry W. Cannon.....	10 Wall Street, New York
Andrew Carnegie.....	2 East 91st Street, New York
Hon. Joseph H. Choate.....	60 Wall Street, New York
William J. Curtis.....	49 Wall Street, New York
Hon. J. Sloat Fassett.....	Elmira, New York
Theodore Fitch.....	120 Broadway, New York
Thomas Powell Fowler.....	56 Beaver Street, New York
Hon. Chas. S. Francis.....	Troy, New York
Hon. William W. Goodrich.....	49 Wall Street, New York
Brig.-Gen. Fredk. D. Grant, U. S. A.....	Governor's Island, New York
Edward Hagaman Hall.....	Tribune Building, New York
Hon. Warren Higley.....	68 West 40th Street, New York
Hon. David B. Hill.....	Albany, New York
August F. Jaccaci.....	7 West 43d Street, New York
Col. William Jay.....	48 Wall Street, New York
Morris K. Jesup.....	44 Pine Street, New York
Gen. Horatio C. King.....	375 Fulton Street, Brooklyn
Dr. George F. Kunz.....	Tiffany & Company, New York
John La Farge.....	51 West 10th Street, New York
Dr. Henry M. Leipziger.....	Park Avenue & 59th Street, New York
Hon. Seth Low.....	30 East 64th Street, New York
Frank D. Millet.....	6 East 23d Street, New York
William J. McKay.....	Newburgh, New York
Hon. Levi P. Morton.....	38 Nassau Street, New York
Eben E. Olcott.....	Desbrosses Street Pier, New York
John E. Parsons.....	52 William Street, New York
Hon. Sereno E. Payne.....	Auburn, New York
Gen. Horace Porter.....	Union League Club, New York
Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley.....	Peekskill, New York
Louis C. Raegenar.....	141 Broadway, New York
Herman Ridder.....	2 Tryon Row, New York
William Rockefeller.....	26 Broadway, New York
Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt.....	57 Fifth Avenue, New York
Col. Henry W. Sackett.....	Tribune Building, New York
President J. G. Schurman.....	Ithaca, New York
Hon. Frederick W. Seward.....	Montrose, New York
Charles Stewart Smith.....	25 West 47th Street, New York
Francis Lynde Stetson.....	15 Broad Street, New York
Hon. Oscar S. Straus.....	5 West 76th Street, New York
Cornelius Vanderbilt.....	15 Washington Square, New York
Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D.D.....	Princeton, New Jersey
William B. Van Rensselaer.....	Albany, New York
Dr. Samuel B. Ward.....	Albany, New York
Hon. Andrew D. White.....	Ithaca, New York
Gen. James Grant Wilson.....	621 Fifth Avenue, New York

Minutes of  
The Executive Committee

February 14, 1906

The sixth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee was held in the Governors' Room of the City Hall at 2 P. M. Wednesday, February 14, 1906.

Present: The Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, Chairman, and Messrs. John G. Agar, James M. Beck, Theodore Fitch, Hon. William W. Goodrich, Major-Gen. Frederick D. Grant, Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Dr. George F. Kunz, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, William J. McKay, Bayard L. Peck, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Louis C. Raegener, Herman Ridder, Henry W. Sackett, President J. G. Schurman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Nelson S. Spencer, William B. Van Rensselaer and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

Letters of regret for absence were received from Messrs. William J. Curtis, Hon. Charles S. Francis, August F. Jaccaci, Morris K. Jesup, Hon. Seth Low, Frank D. Millet, John E. Parsons, Charles Stewart Smith, Francis Lynde Stetson, Dr. Samuel B. Ward and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved without reading.

The Secretary stated that he had expended to date, with the authority of the Executive Committee, \$790.65, and he moved that these expenditures be referred to the Joint Committee. Carried.

The Assistant Secretary read a copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees of the village of Tarrytown, January 29, and certified by Edward M. Berrien, Clerk, declaring in favor of a permanent exposition at Verplanck's Point. The Assistant Secretary was requested to acknowledge the receipt of the resolutions with the thanks of the Committee, and the communication was ordered on file.

The Chairman announced that Austen G. Fox, Esq.,

had been compelled by his professional engagements to decline the position of Chairman of the Committee on Legislation and that he had appointed in his place the Hon. William W. Goodrich, formerly Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Judge Goodrich then presented the tentative draft of a Charter for the Commission as given on pages 49-55 of the printed minutes, which had previously been mailed to every member of the Joint Committee. He explained briefly the plan on which the proposed charter had been drawn and stated that the list of incorporators included all the members of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee appointed by the Governor and Mayor and the Fulton Centennial Commission appointed by the Mayor, together with several names which had been submitted to the Governor and received his approval. The list of Trustees consisted of public men like Mr. Cleveland and former Governors of the State, the officers and Executive Committee of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee, and the officers of the Fulton Centennial Commission. The latter, he understood, had no Executive Committee.

With the approval of his colleagues on the Legislative Committee, he suggested one or two modifications of the draft as printed. (These were adopted when the Charter was taken up by sections.)

Upon the conclusion of Judge Goodrich's report, it was voted that the report be received and that the Charter be considered by sections.

Section 1 was adopted without other amendment than the omission of a few names of those who had declined to serve and the insertion of a few other names of gentlemen who had subsequently been appointed. Among those who felt constrained by his official position to decline was President Roosevelt.

Section 2 was adopted without change.

Section 3 was amended by the addition of the proviso: "Provided, however, that no real property shall be acquired by condemnation within the City of New York until after the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of that city." This was upon the suggestion of the Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Deputy Comptroller of the city and a member of the Joint Committee.

Section 4 was amended by omitting from the list of trustees the name of President Roosevelt and adding the names of the members of the Finance Committee, the Committee on Legislation, Deputy Comptroller Phillips and State Health Officer Eugene H. Porter, M.D.

Section 5 was amended upon suggestion of Dr. Kunz by adding the words: "nor shall any member of the Commission nor any trustee be liable individually for any of its debts or liabilities."

Sections 6, 7 and 8 were adopted without amendment.

Section 9 was adopted without other amendment than the insertion in the blank space of "\$25,000" as the amount of the appropriation.

Section 10 was amended to read: "The City of New York may provide for the said Commission such sums of money as the city shall deem expedient and in such a manner as it shall deem proper for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Commission." The change was made to carry out the substance of a suggestion by ex-Mayor Low.

Section 11 was adopted without change.

Section 12 was omitted upon the recommendation of the Committee on Legislation.

Sections 13 and 14 were adopted with their section numbers changed to 12 and 13, respectively.

The Charter as amended was unanimously recommended to the Joint Committee for adoption.

During the consideration of the Charter there was a general discussion of the various provisions, in which Judge Goodrich, Secretary Seward, Mr. Fitch, Judge Higley, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Raegener, Mr. McKay, President Schurman, Dr. Kunz, Mr. Van Rensselaer and others participated.

Gen. Woodford then gave a report of the interview which the Committee appointed for that purpose had had with President Roosevelt by appointment Saturday evening, February 10th. The Committee, consisting of Gen. Woodford, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. James M. Beck and Hon. Charles S. Francis, saw both the President and the Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of State. "The President gave us an hour and a half," said Gen. Woodford, "and went over the whole matter with us very thoroughly. As the

first Manhattan President, and as one of the only two Dutch Presidents, Mr. Roosevelt was doubly interested in the celebration. The question of getting Federal aid was very thoroughly threshed out, and the President expressed himself as being of the very clear opinion that we could not get any help from the Federal Government ; that there had been so many applications for aid in different directions that he thought New York would have to celebrate its own birthday, do it in its own form, and have the pleasure of paying its own bills. And I would say, on behalf of the Committee, that we held a long meeting after the interview with the President, and we all came to the conclusion that it was neither wise nor expedient to make any application whatever to the Federal Government for aid, and that we had better confine ourselves to such a celebration as New York State and New York City are willing to provide. It is our birthday, the three hundredth birthday of the City of New York. New York for a hundred years has been taking toll on the commerce of this country as it has come in and gone out of the port of New York. We have the wealth of the continent here, and I believe that when this matter is presented fully to our people we shall have a great and a successful celebration, and I believe that we shall have a greater celebration if New York City and New York State do it for themselves than if we go around with our hats in our hands asking for gifts."

Mr. Sackett asked if that would preclude the Federal Government from joining in the celebration with its navy or in any other way.

Gen. Woodford replied: "It was the unanimous feeling of our Committee that if New York besought nobody to pay for us we shall have the National Government and the nations of the world eager to join us in whatever form of celebration we agree on."

A brief discussion ensued as to the advisability of asking Governor Higgins to invite Governor Stokes to appoint a Commission to represent New Jersey in co-operation with this Commission, but after remarks by Mr. Raegenar, Judge Goodrich, President Schurman and the Secretary, it was decided that such a course would be premature.

There was also a short discussion by Gen. Wilson, Mr. Raegenar, Secretary Seward, Judge Goodrich and the



Secretary of the question whether the form of celebration should be taken up for consideration.

Upon motion of Secretary Seward it was voted that "the Executive Committee recommends to the Joint Committee that the consideration of the form of celebration be postponed until the charter has been obtained."

A letter was read from Mr. John R. Van Wormer, chairman of the voluntary "Citizens' Committee of 500," stating that their promised brochure in regard to a permanent international exposition had been delayed on account of the numerous revisions and additions which had been necessary.

At 4 o'clock the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.



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The Joint Committee

February 14, 1906

The second meeting of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee was held in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, New York, Wednesday, February 14, 1906, at 4 P. M., the President, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, presiding.

Upon calling the meeting to order the President said: "Gentlemen, His Honor the Mayor has suggested that, as the anniversary of the first use of steam upon the Hudson River will occur in the summer of 1907, and the three hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson and the island of Manhattan will occur in September, 1909, and as both events relate so closely to the Hudson River, the two celebrations might well be united with somewhat of saving in expense to the city and with an enlargement of the purpose and the function of the celebration itself. Feeling that all the members of our Joint Committee would sympathize with His Honor the Mayor in this suggestion, the Secretary of the Joint Committee has invited Mr. William McCarroll, the Chairman of the Fulton Commission, and the members of that commission to meet with us this afternoon. And, Mr. McCarroll, we are cordially glad to see you, and if you will honor the Commission and the Chair by sitting with me it will be a pleasure to all of us to greet you."

Mr. McCarroll thereupon took his seat beside Gen. Woodford.

The first business taken up was the recommendation of the Executive Committee that an Auditing Committee of three be appointed, and a motion to that effect was carried. The President subsequently appointed Messrs. Isaac N. Seligman, Spencer Trask and Col. William Jay.

The charter recommended by the Executive Committee was then taken up, and was explained by Judge William W. Goodrich, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation. (See minutes of Executive Committee of this date.)

Mr. Theodore Fitch moved that the charter as amended be adopted, and that the Committee on Legislation, in conjunction with the Committee appointed to call on the Governor, be requested to submit it to the Legislature.

The Hon. Frederick W. Seward suggested that it be

presented, if possible, through the Governor, and Mr. Fitch accepted the amendment.

The question of adopting the charter being before the house, Mr. McCarroll expressed the wish of the Fulton Centennial Commission that the title of the new Commission contain the name of Fulton as well as Hudson.

In the ensuing discussion, participated in by Judge Goodrich and Messrs. Theodore Fitch, Jacob W. Miller, Richard G. Hollaman, E. Parmly Brown, Percy B. O'Sullivan, Louis C. Raegenar, Abner S. Haight, Isaac N. Seligman, President J. G. Schurman, Louis T. Romaine, the Secretary and others, various opinions were expressed. Some opposed the insertion of the word "Fulton," some favored it, and some suggested intermediate courses.

Finally it was voted by a large majority that section 1 be amended by changing the name of the Commission to the "Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission."

The Hon. Herman A. Metz, Comptroller of the City of New York, felt that as a matter of official propriety his name should be omitted from the list of incorporators and trustees, and upon his request it was so omitted, with regret.

Gen. James Grant Wilson, the historian, suggested that the name "Hendrick Hudson" be changed to "Henry Hudson" in section 2, as Hudson was an Englishman and his name was Henry. Gen. Wilson said that in an address which he made in May, 1903, he had called Hudson "Hendrick," and incurred the criticism of some of the highest literary authorities in the land. (See Governor Higgins' official opinion on this subject on page 72 of these minutes.)

The Assistant Secretary stated that in the body of the contract between Hudson and the East India Company, under which the navigator sailed in 1609, and which was written in the Dutch language, by Dutch lawyers, in the Dutch city of Amsterdam, Hudson was mentioned as "Mr. Henry Hudson," and that Hudson signed the document with his baptismal name, "Henry Hudson."

On motion of Secretary Seward it was voted to amend section 2 by changing the name "Hendrick" to "Henry."

The other sections were adopted without change, and then the charter, as amended, was adopted as a whole.

The Secretary laid before the Joint Committee certain

recommendations of the Executive Committee concerning financial matters, with explanations which have been embodied in the minutes of the Executive Committee and sent to all members of the Joint Committee. He added that in view of the merging of the Hudson and Fulton Committees it had been suggested between the representatives of the two bodies that the invitation which had already been sent to the members of the Hudson Committee to contribute ten dollars each toward the payment of preliminary expenses should be sent to the members of the Fulton Committee, and that the obligations incurred by the latter, amounting to about \$100, should be paid from the treasury of the newly constituted Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

It was voted that the Auditing Committee be authorized to pass upon and approve for payment all obligations properly incurred by both the Hudson and Fulton Committees and by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

It was voted that the engagement of Edward Hagaman Hall as Assistant Secretary at a salary of \$2,500 a year, payable in monthly installments, dating from his election, December 5, 1905, be approved.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

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#### REPORT ON PROGRESS OF CHARTER.

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On Friday, February 16, 1906, General Stewart L. Woodford, President of the Joint Committee; Judge William W. Goodrich, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation; the Hon. Charles S. Francis, James M. Beck, Esq., and Herman Ridder, Esq., called on Governor Higgins at Albany and laid before him the proposed Charter and communicated the request of the Joint Committee that he transmit it to the Legislature with a special message. The Governor expressed great interest in the matter and indicated his willingness to accede to the Committee's request.

He suggested some changes in the draft. To meet his views, the title of the act was changed to read: "An act to establish the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof, and making an appropriation therefor."

Section 9 was amended (as appears hereafter) to conform the bill to appropriation acts generally, to include the usual clause making it clear that no indebtedness in excess of the appropriation should be incurred, and providing for reports to the Governor.

Section 11, exempting the property of the Commission from taxation, was eliminated, as the Constitution provides that the Legislature shall not pass any private or local bill granting to any persons, association, firm or corporation an exemption from taxation on real and personal property. It was the Governor's view that the Commission would be a State agency and not taxable in any event.

On February 19 the Governor sent to the Legislature with the following special message:

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

ALBANY, February 19, 1906.

To the Legislature:

During the past year historical societies and public-spirited citizens have been looking forward to some action on the part of the State and City of New York for the appropriate celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in the year 1609 and of the centennial anniversary of the first use of steam in the navigation of the Hudson River by Robert Fulton in the year 1807. These two events in the history of the Hudson River are of such interest to the State of New York and to the United States that it seems fitting that proper celebration of each should be had.

Having in view such official action, I acceded to the request of many gentlemen interested in the plan to name a Committee of distinguished citizens, with whom a Committee named by the Mayor of the city of New York should co-operate to formulate plans for a celebration of the Ter-Centenary of the discovery of the Hudson.

It has been suggested by this Committee, after long and careful consideration, that both events might, with propriety, be celebrated together in the year 1909, and that the union of these two observances would strengthen each and would more effectually concentrate upon the affair the attention of the world.

The Committee now acting has no official status and is wholly an informal and unofficial body. In order to give it official standing and to provide it with sufficient funds for preliminary expenses, I recommend to the Legislature the consideration of a bill entitled "An Act to establish the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof, and making an appropriation therefor," a copy of which is herewith transmitted for your consideration.

(Signed)

FRANK W. HIGGINS.

Upon the receipt of the message, the Hon. John Raines introduced the bill in the Senate and the Hon. Sherman Moreland in the Assembly.

The bill reads as follows:

## AN ACT

**To establish the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission, and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof and making an appropriation therefor.**

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

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With respect to the proper spelling of the first name of Hudson, the Governor's Counsel, the Hon. Cuthbert W. Pound, wrote as follows to the editor of the Hudson, New York, *Republican*, February 25th:

*Editor Hudson Republican, Hudson, N. Y.*

DEAR SIR :—

The Governor directs me to reply to your favor of the 21st, and to say that the enclosed is the copy of the bill transmitted by him to the Legislature for the purpose of providing for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. The Governor recognizes "Henry Hudson" as being the appropriate and proper form of the name of the discoverer of the Hudson. The spelling "Hendrick" in the copy which was given out to the press was due to an oversight on the part of the copyist, which was corrected in the original messages transmitted to the Legislature.

Yours truly,

CUTHBERT W. POUND,

Counsel to the Governor.

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Assistant Secretary.

# Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee

Appointed by  
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The Mayor of the City of New York



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Permanently Organized, December 5, 1905

**Minutes of April, 16, 1906, and Charter.**

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Minutes of  
The Joint Committee

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The third meeting of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee (including the Fulton Centennial Committee) was held in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, New York, Monday, April 16, 1906, at 3:30 P. M.

The President, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, presided.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved without reading.

The President then said : "It may be proper at this moment to state just the condition of affairs and why our friends have been called together. A proposed bill for the creation of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was prepared and submitted to Governor Higgins. It met his approval. He sent it with a special message to both Houses of the Legislature, where it was properly referred. It was passed in the Assembly and sent to the Senate. It was amended in the Senate by the addition of one or two names of the incorporators. That required re-printing. It then passed the Senate as so amended and was sent to the Assembly, where it has been, as I am informed, reported out from the Committee, and is on the third order of the reading for concurrence. Beyond all question it will within a few days pass the Assembly. As the Tenth Section of the Bill authorizes the City to make an expenditure of money under the charter, it will have to go to the Mayor for his approval. I have learned that the practice is this, that when the Assembly shall have concurred in the amendments by the Senate, the bill then goes to the Secretary of State, by him is sent to the Mayor for his action, and if he approves it, it goes to the Governor for his

final action. As time is now getting to be of the essence of the contract and our work has been very much delayed, it seemed to the friends with whom I consulted that it was best to call the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee together to have them close up their affairs and authorize their Secretary and President to turn over what funds are in their hands and their records to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission as soon as the Commission shall have been created by the Governor's signature of the Charter. That is the authority that we are going to ask the Committee to give us this afternoon. Although the bill has not been signed, we have called together the Trustees who are named in the new bill, in the hope that, while we have no legal organization to-day, we might save some little time by authorizing a committee of our number to prepare some general scheme of organization which can be carefully thought out within a few days before the signing of the bill and reported to the Committee the day when you are called together for formal organization. This will save at least a week of time, and so I thought you would excuse the President if he called you together to-day to get authority to appoint such temporary committee and save at least seven to ten days of time."

The Secretary reported that he had personally paid all expenses thus far incurred by the Committee, amounting to \$1,432.58, the receipted bills for which he placed before the Committee. He read a letter from the Treasurer of the Committee, J. P. Morgan & Co., stating that there was \$1,620 in the treasury. He then offered the following resolutions:

*"Resolved*, That the President of this Joint Committee be and he hereby is authorized to draw upon the Treasurer, Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., from the funds of the Committee deposited with them, to repay the Secretary for the disbursements already made by him on behalf of the Committee, amounting at the present time to \$1,432.58; and also to draw upon said Treasurer from the balance of said funds to pay any other expenses of this Committee that may seem to him proper; and

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authorized, after the payment of all its expenses and obligations, to turn over to said Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission all its remaining funds and other property."

The resolutions were adopted.

The President then suggested that a resolution to provide for a dissolution of the Committee would be in order, and the Secretary offered the following:

*"Resolved*, That upon the organization of the Board of Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, and the turning over by the officers of this Committee to such Corporation of all its remaining funds and other property, this Committee be dissolved."

The resolution was adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: "Gentlemen, this closes the work of the Committee. I have taken the liberty of asking the Trustees named in the new act to meet informally, after the adjournment of this Committee, in the hope that we can facilitate the preliminary work. The Committee having now practically dissolved, I want to thank you all for your kindness to me while I have been in the Chair, and I now retire, leaving the business in the hands of the new Trustees."

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
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INFORMAL MEETING OF THE PERSONS DESIGNATED IN THE  
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Present—Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Wm. J. Curtis, Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, August F.

Jaccaci, Col. Wm. Jay, Wm. J. McKay, Rear Admiral Geo. W. Melville, U. S. N.; Eben E. Olcott, John E. Parsons, Bayard L. Peck, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Louis C. Raeger, Herman Ridder, Henry W. Sackett, Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Hon. Oscar S. Straus and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from Messrs. J. H. Callanan, Hon. A. T. Clearwater, Austen G. Fox, Morris K. Jesup, Hugh Kelly, Dr. George F. Kunz, John La Farge, Hon. Clarence Lexow, Hon. Seth Low, Hon. Sereno E. Payne, President J. G. Schurman, C. Y. Turner, Dr. S. B. Ward and Wm. L. Ward.

Gen. Woodford was elected temporary Chairman.

Col. Sackett was elected temporary Secretary.

Mr. Hall was elected temporary Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Raeger moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a plan of organization to be reported to the Board of Trustees at their first formal meeting, the number and names of those to constitute this committee to be left to the Chair. Carried.

The Chairman subsequently appointed as such committee the Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich, Hon. Frederick W. Seward and Messrs. J. Edward Simmons, James M. Beck, Isaac N. Seligman, Theodore Fitch, Louis C. Raeger, William McCarroll and Henry W. Sackett.

Mr. Seligman inquired concerning the purpose of the Fulton Memorial Committee, of which he had been invited to become a member. He expressed the hope that there would be unity of all organizations having a common end in view.

Mr. Olcott explained that the Fulton Memorial Committee was not the same as the Fulton Centennial Committee, which was appointed by the Mayor and had been merged in the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. It was a voluntary Committee of citizens, of which Major-Gen. Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., had been temporary President, and of which Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt had lately been elected permanent President, organized for the purpose of raising funds for a Fulton statue. He did not think that it would conflict with this Commission.

After some further remarks by Secretary Seward and Gen. Woodford it was voted that the meeting adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.



Charter of the  
**Hudson-Fulton Celebration  
 Commission**

Which became a Law, April, 27, 1906

Pursuant to law a public hearing was given in the Mayor's Room of the City Hall by the Hon. George B. McClellan, Mayor of the City of New York, on Monday, April 23d, 1906, at 10:30 a. m., upon the bill which had passed the Legislature incorporating the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, the Hon. Andrew D. White, President J. G. Schurman of Cornell University, and Messrs. Isaac N. Seligman, Herman Ridder, Theodore Fitch, Nelson S. Spencer, Henry W. Sackett, and Edward Hagaman Hall appeared in favor of the bill.

The hearing was very brief, Gen. Woodford being the only speaker. He said that the bill had been drafted in conference with Gov. Higgins, who had sent it to the Legislature with a special message recommending its enactment. Gen. Woodford asked the Mayor to sign it, and promised, if the Charter became a law, that the Commission would do its best to give the City and State a worthy commemoration. The hearing was then closed.

Later the Mayor transmitted the bill to the Governor with his approval, and on April 27, Gov. Higgins signed it. It reads as follows :

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Section 2. The object of said corporation shall be the public celebration or commemoration of the Ter-Centenary of the discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in the year sixteen hundred and nine, and of the first use of steam in the navigation of said river by Robert Fulton in the year eighteen hundred and seven, in such manner and form, either permanent or temporary, as may be found appropriate by said commission.

Section 3. The said commission shall have power to acquire, hold and possess for the purposes of its incorporation real or personal estate within the State of New York in fee or for a term of years or any easement therein, by gift, devise, bequest, grant, lease or purchase; and in case such commission should be unable to agree with the owners thereof for the purchase or lease of any real estate required for the purposes of its incorporation, it shall have the right to acquire the same, by condemnation, in the manner provided by the condemnation law, being chapter twenty-three of the Code of Civil Procedure; provided, however, that no real property shall be acquired by condemnation within the City of New York until after the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of that city.

Section 4. The affairs and business of said commission shall be conducted by a board of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred trustees, a quorum of whom for the transaction of business shall be fixed by the by-laws. The trustees for the first year shall be Grover Cleveland, Levi P. Morton, David B. Hill, Frank S. Black, Benjamin B. Odell, junior, Stewart L. Woodford, Robert B. Roosevelt, Andrew Carnegie, Frederick D. Grant, Morris K. Jesup, William Rockefeller, William B. Van Rensselaer, Andrew D. White, J. Pierpont Morgan, Henry W. Sackett, Edward Hagaman Hall, John G. Agar, James M. Beck, J. Rider Cady, Henry W. Cannon, Joseph H. Choate, Paul D. Cravath, William J. Curtis, J. Sloat Fassett, Stuyvesant Fish, Theodore Fitch, Thomas Powell Fowler, Charles S. Francis, William W. Goodrich, George J. Gould, Warren Higley, August F. Jaccaci, William Jay, James H. Kennedy, Horatio C. King, George Frederick Kunz, John La Farge, Henry M. Leipsiger, Seth Low, William McCarroll, William J. McKay, John G. Milburn, Frank D. Millet,

Ogden Mills, Eben E. Olcott, John E. Parsons, Sereno E. Payne, Bayard L. Peck, N. Taylor Phillips, Eugene H. Porter, Horace Porter, Cornelius A. Pugsley, Louis C. Raegen, Herman Ridder, Jacob Gould Schurman, Isaac N. Seligman, Frederick W. Seward, J. Edward Simmons, Charles Stewart Smith, Nelson S. Spencer, Francis Lynde Stetson, James Stillman, Oscar S. Straus, Spencer Trask, A. G. Vanderbilt, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Henry Van Dyke, Samuel B. Ward and James Grant Wilson. Such trustees shall make the by-laws of the commission providing among other things for the election of their successors within thirteen months from the passage of this act, and for the election of officers, as therein specified, to hold office until the succeeding annual election of trustees, and until their successors are elected, and for the filling of vacancies in any office. They shall continue to hold office until the succeeding election of trustees to the number and in the manner provided by the said by-laws.

Section 5. None of the trustees or members of said commission, except one or more assistants to the secretary, shall receive any compensation for services, nor shall any of them be pecuniarily interested directly or indirectly in any contract relating to the affairs of said commission; nor shall said commission make any dividend or division of its property among its members, managers or officers; nor shall any member of the commission nor any trustee be liable individually for any of its debts or liabilities.

Section 6. Said commission shall annually make to the Legislature a statement of its affairs, and from time to time report to the Legislature such recommendations as are pertinent to the objects for which it is created, and may act jointly or otherwise with any persons appointed by any other State for purposes similar to those intended to be accomplished by this act.

Section 7. Whenever the commission shall report to the Legislature that the purposes for which the commission is created have been attained, and all its debts and obligations have been paid, its remaining real and personal property shall be disposed of as the Legislature may direct.

Section 8. The commission shall have power to receive subscriptions from parties who may desire to contribute to the object of the said commission.

Section 9. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes of this act. Such money shall be paid by the treasurer on the warrant of the controller issued upon a requisition signed by the president and secretary of the commission, accompanied by an estimate of the expenses for the payment of which money so drawn is to be applied. No indebtedness nor obligation shall be incurred under this act in excess of the appropriations herein or hereafter made, and such sums as may be provided for said commission by the City of New York for the purposes of this act. The commission shall, as requested by the Governor, from time to time render to him reports of its proceedings.

Section 10. The City of New York may provide for the said commission such sums of money as the City shall deem expedient, and in such manner as it shall deem proper for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the commission.

Section 11. The duration of the corporation shall be ten years.

Section 12. This act shall take effect immediately.



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**Minutes of May 4, 1906, and By-Laws.**

## Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

May 4, 1906

The first formal meeting of the Trustees named in the Charter of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, New York, Friday, May 4, 1906, at 3 P. M.

The Hon. William W. Goodrich called the meeting to order and nominated the Hon. Stewart L. Woodford as President *pro tempore*, and he was elected.

Messrs. Henry W. Sackett and Edward Hagaman Hall were elected respectively Secretary and Assistant Secretary *pro tempore*.

Gen. Woodford, in taking the chair, announced that on April 27, 1906, Gov. Higgins had signed the bill incorporating the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission and it had become Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906. A copy of this law, printed from a certified copy received from the Secretary of State, had been sent to each member of the Commission. From the expressions of the Governor and on the advice of the Committee on Legislation, it was probable that this Commission was a State Agency, and it was therefore in order for the members present to take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution and Statutes before entering upon the discharge of their duties.

The oath was thereupon subscribed in duplicate by Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, and Messrs. Wm. J. Curtis, Theodore Fitch, Major-Gen. Fredk. D. Grant, Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich, Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, August F. Jaccaci, Col. William Jay, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Wm. McCarroll, Wm. J. McKay, Frank D. Millet, John E. Parsons, Bayard L. Peck, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Louis C. Raegener, Herman Ridder, Henry W. Sackett, Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Hon. Oscar S. Straus and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

Messrs. Thomas Powell Fowler and Francis Lynde Stetson were also present.

The form of oath taken was as follows:



## HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION COMMISSION

## Oath of Office.

I do solemnly swear (affirm) 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 and trustee of The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, according to the best of my ability.

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Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before }  
 me this                    day of                    , 190 . }

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Judge Goodrich, Chairman of the Committee appointed for the purpose at the informal meeting of the Trustees named in the Charter held April 16, presented a draft of By-Laws (substantially as finally adopted and printed hereafter).

Mr. Raeger moved that the By-Laws be adopted as read.

Mr. Millet suggested that the adoption of the section describing the seal be postponed for further consideration.

By unanimous consent Judge Goodrich withdrew this section.

Mr. Parsons suggested that it might be advisable to classify the Trustees so that one-third of the original board should serve one year, one third two years, and one-third three years, and that their respective successors should be elected for terms of three years.

In the discussion which followed and was participated in by Messrs. Higley, Parsons, Raeger and Wilson, some doubt arose as to the power of the Commission or Trustees so to classify the Trustees, in view of the provision of Section 4 of the Charter, which says: "Such trustees shall make the By-Laws of the Commission providing among other things for the election of their successors within thirteen months from the passage of this act, and for the election of officers, as therein specified, to hold office until the succeeding annual election of Trustees, and until their successors are elected, and for the filling of vacancies in

any office. They shall continue to hold office until the succeeding election of Trustees to the number and in the manner provided by the said By-Laws."

Mr. Parsons, therefore, seconded the motion to adopt the By-Laws as read, except the section in regard to the seal, which had been withdrawn.

Mr. Sackett suggested inserting in Section 2 of Article II of the By-Laws some words which would make it clear that the Trustees were to be elected by the Commission, and not by the Trustees themselves as is the case with some self-perpetuating bodies.

Judge Goodrich moved that the following clause be added to the first sentence of the section: "By the persons named and designated in the first section of the Charter." Adopted.

The By-Laws as thus amended were then adopted as a whole, as follows:

BY-LAWS  
OF  
HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION COMMISSION.  
ARTICLE I.

Section 1. OFFICE. The office and place of business of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission shall be in the City of New York, where all meetings shall be held unless otherwise ordered by the Trustees.

Section 2. TRUSTEES' MEETINGS. The regular meetings of the Trustees shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, provided, that when such date of meeting shall fall on a holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day.

Section 3. ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the members of the Commission for the election of Trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it shall be held on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of May, each year, at 3 P. M.

Section 4. OTHER MEETINGS. Other meetings of the Trustees or Commission may be held upon the call of the President, and must be called by him upon the written request of ten Trustees.

Section 5. **QUORUM.** At meetings of the Trustees fifteen shall constitute a quorum, and at meetings of the Commission the members who are present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. **NOTICES.** Notices of meetings of the Trustees shall be sent to each Trustee at least two days before the time of meeting.

## ARTICLE II.

Section 1. **OFFICERS.** The officers of the Commission shall be a President, fifteen Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be Trustees, and shall be elected annually at the meeting of the Trustees in May and shall hold office for one year, and until others are elected in their stead. There may be one or more Assistant Secretaries who shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the Trustees.

Section 2. **TRUSTEES.** The number of Trustees shall be 100, who shall be elected annually by the persons named and designated in the first section of the Charter. The Trustees named in the Charter may appoint additional Trustees to hold office until the election in 1907, but the whole number of Trustees shall not at any time exceed 100.

Section 3. **VACANCIES.** Vacancies in the Board of Trustees or Officers may be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Trustees present at any duly called meeting. When a Trustee shall have absented himself from three successive meetings, the Trustees may, in their discretion, declare the office vacant, and elect a Trustee for the unexpired term.

Section 4. **PRESIDENT.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Trustees and of the Commission; he shall appoint all committees; and be Chairman of the Executive Committee and ex-officio a member of all standing committees except when otherwise expressly relieved from such service, and he shall have a general supervision of the affairs of the Commission.

Section 5. **VICE-PRESIDENTS.** In the absence of the President or his inability to act, one of the Vice-Presidents, to be designated by him in writing, shall perform his duties

and possess his powers. If he make no designation, it shall be made by the Trustees.

Section 6. **TREASURER.** The Treasurer shall receive, collect and hold subject to the order of the Board of Trustees all moneys, securities and deeds belonging or due to the Commission, pay all bills when approved by the Trustees or the Executive Committee, deposit all money of the Commission in some depository to be approved by the Trustees, and render a report of the finances at each meeting of the Board of Trustees and at the Annual Meeting of the Commission. Money shall be drawn only on the check of the Treasurer countersigned by the President or Secretary.

Section 7. **SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall keep the records of the Commission, of the Board of Trustees and of Committees, issue all notices, and perform the other duties ordinarily incident to that office, and when directed by the Trustees, affix the seal of the Commission.

Section 8. **ASSISTANT-SECRETARIES.** The Assistant-Secretaries shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them.

#### ARTICLE III.

Section 1. **ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The order of business of meetings of the Commission shall be as follows, unless otherwise ordered: 1, Roll call; 2, Reading of minutes of the meetings not previously read; 3, Election of Trustees; 4, Report of Treasurer; 5, Reports of Committees; 6, Communications; 7, Miscellaneous business.

Section 2. **REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND VOTES.** At meetings of the Commission and Board of Trustees reports and resolutions shall be in writing. The yeas and nays shall be called on all resolutions authorizing the expenditure of money, and on all other questions, when requested by one member.

#### ARTICLE IV.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the Officers of the Commission and twenty-five other Trustees. It shall have general management of the affairs of the Commission, subject to the approval of the Trustees, and shall meet at least

once a month. Seven of its number shall constitute a quorum. It shall elect one of its number as Vice-Chairman who shall preside in the absence of the Chairman, and who shall perform such other duties as may be conferred upon him by such Committee, not inconsistent with these By-Laws. It shall appoint such sub-committees and confer such powers thereon as it may deem advisable. A special meeting of the Executive Committee must be called by the Chairman upon the written request of five members, the purpose of such meeting to be stated in the call.

#### ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS. Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed in writing at any meeting of the Trustees. If 25 of the Trustees be present any amendment may be adopted by unanimous consent; otherwise it shall be postponed until a subsequent meeting, in which case the Secretary shall, with the notice of the next meeting, send a copy of the proposed amendment, stating that it will be brought up for action at such meeting, when it may be passed by a majority vote.

The election of officers being now in order, Secretary Seward moved that Gen. Woodford be elected President.

Judge Goodrich moved to amend by adding the other officers except Treasurer named on the first page of the printed minutes.

The amendment was accepted by Secretary Seward, who, by common consent, put the motion. The motion was carried and the following officers was declared elected:

#### PRESIDENT,

Hon. Stewart L. Woodford.

#### VICE-PRESIDENTS,

Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt,	Hon. Levi P. Morton,
Andrew Carnegie,	William Rockefeller,
Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant, U.S. A,	William B. Van Rensselaer,
Morris K. Jesup,	Hon. Andrew D. White.

#### SECRETARY,

Henry W. Sackett.

#### ASSISTANT SECRETARY,

Edward Hagaman Hall.

Judge Goodrich moved that the Executive Committee be empowered to elect the remaining seven Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer. Carried.

Upon motion of Mr. Sackett, following an inquiry by Mr. Raegener, the location of the official headquarters of the Commission was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

By unanimous consent, Gen. Grant made a brief explanation of the origin and purpose of the Fulton Memorial Committee, of which he was a member. The Fulton Memorial Committee, he said, was a Committee of citizens formed before the Mayor appointed the Fulton Centennial Committee which had been merged in the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. Its object was to raise money for the erection of a monument of some kind to the memory of Robert Fulton. It entertained no sentiments of rivalry toward this Commission. If the erection of a monument to Fulton should form a feature of the plans of this Commission, the Fulton Memorial Committee would hope to cooperate with the Commission in attaining a common end. If the Commission should not find it practicable to include such a feature in its plans, then he inferred that there could not possibly be any conflict of interests, and the Fulton Memorial Committee would go ahead and erect the monument—or endeavor to do so—by its own efforts. He desired to make this frank explanation so that there might appear to be no inconsistency in his membership in both that Committee and this Commission.

Mr. Raegener moved that the President appoint a committee of three to recommend a form of corporate seal at the next meeting, at the same time requesting that he be not included in the Committee. Carried. The President subsequently appointed as such Committee Gen. James Grant Wilson, Judge Wm. W. Goodrich and Col. Henry W. Sackett.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
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Minutes of May 17, 1906.





Minutes of  
**Executive Committee**

May 17, 1906.

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, Thursday, May 17, 1906.

Present: The Chairman, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Messrs. James M. Beck, William J. Curtis, Theodore Fitch, Hon. William W. Goodrich, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from the following gentlemen and they were excused: Messrs. Morris K. Jesup, Hon. Seth Low, William McCarroll, Frank D. Millet, Hon. Levi P. Morton, John E. Parsons, Herman Ridder, Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, Isaac N. Seligman and Hon. Oscar S. Straus.

The Chairman announced that pursuant to the By-Laws, as President of the Commission, he had appointed twenty-three gentlemen as members of the Executive Committee in addition to the officers. Two of them, Messrs. Thomas P. Fowler and Francis Lynde Stetson, and one of the Vice-Presidents, Mr. William Rockefeller, were unable to serve, making the Executive Committee at the present time as follows:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

PRESIDENT

Hon. Stewart L. Woodford

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Andrew Carnegie	Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt
Maj. Gen. F. D. Grant, U. S. A.	William B. Van Rensselaer
Morris K. Jesup	Hon. Andrew D. White
Hon. Levi P. Morton	(and 8 more Vice-Presidents.)

TREASURER

(To be elected)

SECRETARY

Henry W. Sackett

*(Executive Committee continued.)*

James M. Beck	John E. Parsons
William J. Curtis	Hon. N. Taylor Phillips
Theodore Fitch	Herman Ridder
Hon. William W. Goodrich	Hon. Frederick W. Seward
Col. William Jay	Isaac N. Seligman
Dr. George F. Kunz	J. Edward Simmons
Hon. Seth Low	Hon. Oscar S. Straus
John LaFarge	Spencer Trask
William McCarroll	Dr. Samuel B. Ward
Frank D. Millet	Gen. James Grant Wilson
Eben E. Olcott	(and 4 to be appointed.)

Gen. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Seal, reported that Tiffany & Co. had submitted three designs, one of which the Committee had approved and recommended for adoption. A small drawing of the design was submitted to the members for examination. It was circular in form and about two inches in diameter. It represented in the foreground a classical, draped female figure standing on the prow of a boat, supporting under her right hand a shield bearing the name and date, "Henry Hudson, 1609," and under her left hand a similar shield bearing the name and date, "Robert Fulton, 1807"; in the middle background, the Hudson River, and upon it, above the respective shields, the vessels Half Moon and Clermont; in the background the Palisades; and in the border surrounding all, the words and date, "Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, 1906."

Judge Goodrich moved the adoption of the seal. Carried.

Judge Goodrich moved that \$50 be appropriated for the making of the seal, including the press. Carried.

Gen. Woodford reported that on Friday, May 11th, he had applied to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, through Deputy Comptroller Phillips, Secretary of the Commission, to lease an office for the use of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission; and that the Sinking Fund Commissioners had considered the request on Wednesday, the 16th. He asked Mr. Phillips to report the result,

Mr. Phillips stated that the application had been approved by the Comptroller and the Real Estate Division of the Finance Department, but that the Sinking Fund Commission had laid it over until the next meeting for action.

The following communications were laid before the Committee by the Chairman :

Communication dated May 3, 1906, from Mr. John R. Van Wormer, chairman of the "Citizens Committee for a Permanent International Exposition in 1909," asking the Commission to allow that Committee as much time as possible to perfect its plans before deciding upon the question of an Exposition.

Communication dated May 15, 1906, from Mr. J. DuPratt White, Secretary of the Commissioners of the Palisades Interstate Park, inviting the members of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission to attend, upon a date to be arranged, an exhibition of the plans of the Palisades Commission with a view to the completion and dedication of the Park in 1909.

Communications from several gentlemen recommending the appointment of Arthur English, Esq., as Counsel of the Commission.

The following were laid before the Committee by the Secretary :

Communication dated April 26, 1906, from Mr. Reginald P. Bolton, Secretary of the Washington Heights Taxpayers Association, communicating resolutions urging this Commission to secure the preservation of the natural beauties of Inwood Hill in a public park, in connection with the proposed Hudson Memorial Bridge over Spuyten Duyvil Creek.

Communication dated March 7, 1906, from Mr. George R. Schieffelin, Domestic Corresponding Secretary of the New York Historical Society, communicating copy of a memorial by that Society, addressed to Governor Higgins and Mayor McClellan, recalling the Society's celebration of the bi-centennial of Hudson's voyage ; the decision of the Society on February 7, 1905, to take steps looking to the celebration of the tri-centennial ; the reasons why their plans were not perfected before the appointment of this Commission, and tendering their cordial co-operation in the present movement.

A communication dated April 11, 1906, from Mr. William Walton, Secretary of the Municipal Art Society of New York, offering to cooperate with this Commission, as it did with the Pan-American Exposition Commission, in securing the design for the official poster, etc., of the Commission by a competition among artists.

Also communications from Prof. John C. Smock, of Trenton, N. J., and Mr. Charles Smith, of Lewisburgh, Pa., offering suggestions concerning the form of celebration.

The communications of Messrs. Smock and Smith were referred to the Committee on Plan and Scope when appointed, and the others were ordered on file.

The Secretary announced that on May 16th the Mayor had appointed Mr. Frederick S. Flower, of No. 45 Broadway, New York, a member of the Commission.

Judge Goodrich moved that three standing sub-committees of the Executive Committee be appointed, namely :

A Committee on Law, consisting of six appointed members, to which may be referred any motion or question relating to the powers and duties of the Commission, of the Trustees, and of the Officers ;

A Committee on Nominations, consisting of four appointed members, to which shall be referred all nominations for members of the Commission and to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees and in the offices of the Commission ; and

A Committee on Plan and Scope, consisting of ten appointed members, to which shall be referred all suggestions and motions relating to the plan and scope of the proposed Celebration.

The motion was carried.

Later, the President appointed the following :

COMMITTEE ON LAW.

Hon. William W. Goodrich,	Theodore Fitch
Chairman.	Col. William Jay
James M. Beck	John E. Parsons
William J. Curtis	

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Theodore Fitch, Chairman.	Henry W. Sackett
William J. Curtis	J. Edward Simmons

## COMMITTEE ON PLAN AND SCOPE.

Hon. F. W. Seward, Chair- man.	Hon. Seth Low William McCarroll
James M. Beck	Eben E. Olcott
Hon. William W. Goodrich	John E. Parsons
Maj. Gen. F. D. Grant	Dr. Samuel B. Ward
Dr. George F. Kunz	

In announcing the latter committee, the Chairman gave briefly his reasons for each selection. He appointed Secretary Seward, of Montrose, because he lived in the lower Hudson Valley, near Verplanck's Point, possessed the local knowledge and balanced judgment requisite for a judicial consideration of the proposed Verplanck's Point Exposition, and had a name than which no other would be more acceptable throughout the State. Mr. Beck was chairman of the committee which had called upon the President of the United States, the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the City of New York in the preliminary arrangements. Judge Goodrich, formerly Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, was Chairman of the Committee on Law. Gen. Grant was Chairman of the Fulton Memorial Committee, and was in a position to promote friendly cooperation. Dr. Kunz, the celebrated mineralogist of Tiffany & Co., had had a large experience with European expositions and could judge of the propriety and advisability of one in the present case. Dr. Low, formerly Mayor of New York and President of Columbia University, combined a familiarity with city affairs and conservative judgment which would be of great value. Mr. McCarroll had been Chairman of the Fulton Centennial Committee, now merged in this Commission. Mr. Olcott had been the animating spirit in the movement for the building of the Hudson Memorial Bridge. Mr. Parsons was one of the leaders of the bar; and Dr. Ward, of Albany, had been a commissioner from the State of New York to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and represented the headwaters of the Hudson River. In the good judgment and fair-mindedness of all the gentleman named, the Chairman expressed implicit confidence.

The Chairman nominated the following named persons for appointment to this Commission :

For appointment by the Governor : Messrs. Thomas R. Proctor, of Utica, and Charles R. Wilson, of Buffalo.

For appointment by the Mayor: Catherine A. B. Abbe (Mrs. Robert Abbe), of New York, President of the City History Club ; Mrs. Archibald A. Anderson, donor of Milbank Hall, Barnard College ; Miss Laura D. Gill, Dean of Barnard College ; Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, descendant of the first white child born in Greater New York ; Hon. David A. Boody, ex-Mayor of Brooklyn and President of the Public Libraries of Brooklyn ; Mr. Robert Fulton Cutting, President of the New York Trade School, etc. ; Mr. George G. DeWitt, trustee of Columbia University and descendant of the DeWitts of Holland ; Hon. Phineas C. Lounsbury, ex-Governor of Connecticut, now residing in New York ; Mr. William Muschenheim, proprietor of Hotel Astor, specially recommended by Hon. Oscar S. Straus, and Mr. James Speyer, founder of " the Theodore Roosevelt Professorship of American History and Institutions in the University of Berlin," Trustee of Teachers' College of New York, etc.

The nominations were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Chairman also nominated for Trustees to fill existing vacancies the following gentlemen : Mr. William Berri, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Mr. George V. Brower, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Mr. John C. Eames, Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. William S. Hawk, Mr. James A. Hearn, Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, Rear Admiral Geo. W. Melville, U. S. N., retired ; Mr. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Ludwig Nissen, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Mr. Edmund Wetmore, and Hon. William R. Willcox.

The nominations were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Gen. Wilson nominated for appointment on the Commission Mr. William A. Stone of Westchester County, the historian. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday, May 23rd, 1906, at 3 p. m.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
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*John G. Agar.*  
 R. B. Aldcroft, Jr.  
 B. Altman.  
 Louis Annin Ames.  
 Hon. John E. Andrus.  
 Hon. James K. Apgar.  
 Col. John Jacob Astor.  
 Mrs. Anson P. Atterbury.  
 Geo. Wm. Ballou.  
 Theodore M. Banta.  
*Col. Franklin Bartlett.*  
 Dr. James C. Bayles.  
*James M. Beck.*  
 August Belmont.  
*Hon. William Berri.*  
*Hon. Frank S. Black.*  
 E. W. Bloomingdale.  
 Reginald Pelham Bolton.  
 Hon. Thomas W. Bradley.  
*George F. Brewer.*  
 Dr. E. Parnly Brown.  
 William L. Bull.  
 Henry K. Bush-Brown.  
 Hon. E. H. Butler.  
*Hon. J. Rider Cady.*  
 John F. Calder.  
 Hon. J. H. Callanan.  
*Henry W. Cannon.*  
*Andrew Carn gie.*  
*Hon. Joseph H. Choate.*  
*Sir Caspar Furdou Clarke.*  
 Hon. George C. Clausen.  
 Hon. A. T. Clearwater.  
*Hon. Grover Cleveland.*  
 E. C. Converse.  
 Walter Cook.  
 Hon. John H. Coyne.  
 E. D. Cummings.  
*William J. Curtis.*  
*Paul D. Cravath.*  
 Hon. Charles de Kay.  
 James de la Montayne.  
 Hon. Chaucey M. Depew.  
 Edward DeWitt.  
 Hon. William Draper.  
 Charles A. DuBois.  
*John C. Eames.*  
 George Ehret.  
 Hon. Smith Ely.  
 Arthur English.  
 Most Rev. John M. Farley.  
*Hon. J. Sloat Fassett.*  
 Barr Ferree.  
*Stuyvesant Fish.*  
*Theodore Fitch.*  
 Winchester Fitch.  
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Minutes of  
Executive Committee

May 23, 1906

The second meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, New York City, Wednesday, May 23, 1906, at 3 p. m.

Present: The Chairman, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Messrs. Wm. J. Curtis, Theo. Fitch, Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich, Col. Wm. Jay, Dr. Geo. F. Kunz, Wm. McCarroll, Frank D. Millet, Eben E. Olcott, John E. Parsons, Henry W. Sackett, Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Oscar S. Straus and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from Gen. Frederick D. Grant, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Hon. Seth Low, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Dr. Samuel B. Ward and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

The minutes of the meeting of May 17, 1906, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved.

Mr. Fitch, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented the following report:

*Report of Committee on Nominations.*

"To the Executive Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

"The Committee on Nominations hereby nominates and recommends the election of the following officers of the Commission to fill vacancies, to wit:

"For Vice-Presidents: Hon. Grover Cleveland, Gen. Horace Porter, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, Hon. Oscar S. Straus, Hon. Seth Low, Hon. William W. Goodrich, and Mr. Herman Ridder.

"For Treasurer: Mr. Isaac N. Seligman.

"For Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee: Hon. William W. Goodrich.

"And for Trustees of the Commission, to fill vacancies, to wit: Mr. William Berri, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Mr. John C. Eames, Mr. William S. Hawk, Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N., Mr. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Ludwig Nissen, Mr. Herbert L. Satter-

lee, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Mr. Edmund Wetmore, Hon. William R. Willcox, Mr. George V. Brower, Col. Franklin Bartlett, Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, and Mr. Thomas F. Ryan.

“The Committee on Nominations also nominates and recommends for additional members of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission the following :

“To be appointed by the Governor : Mr. Thomas R. Proctor of Utica, Mr. Charles R. Wilson of Buffalo, Mr. William L. Stone of Westchester County, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Navy Yard, Brooklyn, Col. John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer and New York, and Hon. Theodore H. Silkman of Yonkers ;

“And to be appointed by the Mayor: Mrs. Robert Abbe, Mrs. Archibald A. Anderson, Miss Laura D. Gill, Mr. Teunis G. Bergen, Hon. David A. Boody, Mr. Robert Fulton Cutting, Mr. George G. DeWitt, Hon. Phineas C. Lounsbury, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. James Speyer, and Mr. George A. Hearn, all of the City of New York.

“Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE FITCH, HENRY W. SACKETT, W. J. CURTIS, STEWART L. WOODFORD	}	Committee on Nominations.
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“Dated, May 23, 1906.

Mr. Fitch moved that the report be received and adopted, and that the nominations be recommended to the Board of Trustees. Carried.

Mr. Fitch moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in behalf of the Executive Committee for the Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich, to be Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee. Carried.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and Judge Goodrich was declared elected Vice Chairman.

Gen. Wilson moved that the design of the seal adopted at the last meeting be amended by inserting the words “Seal of” before the title of the Commission, placing the date “1909” upon the prow of the boat in the foreground, and changing the triangular jib of the Half Moon to the

“sprit-sail” of the period. Carried, and the changes were recommended to the Board of Trustees.

Judge Goodrich, Chairman of the Committee on Law, presented a written description of the seal, and moved that it be recommended to the Trustees for adoption as Article V of the By laws. Carried.

The Secretary stated that when an appropriation was voted at the last meeting for the cutting of the seal, the letter of Tiffany and Co. containing estimates was not at hand, and the amount was erroneously stated at \$50, when it should have been \$75, including the press. He therefore moved that the amount appropriated for the seal and press be \$75. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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## Minutes of Trustees' Meeting May 23, 1906

The second meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held in the Governors' Room of the City Hall, New York City, Wednesday, May 23, 1906, at 3.30 p.m.

Present: The President, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Messrs. Henry W. Cannon, Wm. J. Curtis, Theodore Fitch, Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich, Edward Haganman Hall, August F. Jaccaci, Col. Wm. Jay, Dr. George F. Kunz, William McCarroll, Wm. J. McKay, Frank D. Millet, Eben E. Olcott, John E. Parsons, Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Henry W. Sackett, Isaac N. Seligman, Nelson S. Spencer, Hon. Oscar S. Straus, and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from Gen. Fredk. D. Grant, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Morris, K. Jesup, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. Louis T. Raegener, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Dr. Samuel B. Ward and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

The minutes of the meeting of May 4, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved.

A report of the proceedings of the Executive Committee, as above recorded, was made by the Secretary.

Mr. Fitch moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in behalf of the Board of Trustees for the Vice-Presidents recommended by the Executive Committee. Carried.

The Secretary cast a ballot as directed, and the following gentlemen were declared elected Vice-Presidents in addition to those elected May 4 :

Hon. Joseph H. Choate,	Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan,
Hon. Grover Cleveland,	Gen. Horace Porter,
Hon. William W. Goodrich,	Mr. Herman Ridder,
Hon. Seth Low,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus.

Mr. Fitch made a similar motion in regard to the nomination of Mr. Isaac N. Seligman for Treasurer, and it having been carried and the ballot cast, Mr. Seligman was declared elected Treasurer.

In like manner the following gentlemen were elected Trustees, in addition to those named in the Charter.

Col. Franklin Bartlett,	Mr. Jacob W. Miller,
Mr. William Berri,	Mr. Ludwig Nissen,
Mr. George V. Brower,	Mr. Thomas F. Ryan,
Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke,	Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee,
Mr. John C. Eames,	Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt,
Mr. William S. Hawk,	Mr. Edmund Wetmore,
Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard,	Hon. William R. Willcox,
Rear Adm. Geo. W. Melville,	Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.

It was voted that the persons nominated by the Executive Committee for appointment as members of the Commission be favorably recommended to the Governor and Mayor. Carried.

Judge Goodrich moved to amend the Bylaws by changing the number of the present Article V to Article VI and that the following be adopted :

#### ARTICLE V

SEAL. The seal of the Commission shall be circular in form, two and one-fourth inches in diameter. Its design shall be as follows : In the foreground, a classical, draped, female figure, symbolizing the genius of the Hudson River, standing upon the prow of a boat, supporting under

her right hand a shield bearing the name and date "Henry Hudson, 1609," and under her left hand a similar shield bearing the name and date "Robert Fulton, 1807"; upon the prow of the boat the date "1909"; in the middle distance the Hudson River, and upon it, above the respective shields, Hudson's ship, the Half Moon, and Fulton's steamboat, the Clermont; in the background, the Palisades; and in the border surrounding the whole, the words and date: "Seal of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, 1906."

The motion was seconded, and, under the By-laws, laid over until the next meeting, with instructions to the Secretary to send a copy of the proposed By-law to each Trustee with the call for the next meeting.

Upon motion of the Secretary it was voted, none dissenting, that \$75 be appropriated for the official seal and press.

Mr. Fitch moved, to cover a technicality of the Charter, that all action of the Executive Committee heretofore reported be approved. Carried.

Dr. Kunz proposed Mr. Edward C. Wilson, a prominent citizen of Peekskill, N. Y., and Prof. John C. Smock, of Hudson, N. Y., for many years State Geologist of New Jersey, for nomination to the Governor for appointment on the Commission. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Secretary asked if the Trustees should not do something at this meeting to set in motion the procedure for determining the form of the celebration.

Gen. Wilson stated that he had seen Secretary Seward, Chairman of the Committee on Plan and Scope, within a few days, and that Mr. Seward had made preparations for the immediate consideration by his Committee of the salient features of the celebration.

The Assistant Secretary stated that a telegram had just been received from Mr. Seward explaining that he was detained from this meeting by illness.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
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EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

# Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

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in the year 1807." ❧ ❧ ❧ ❧



Minutes of June 13, 1906.

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## Minutes of Executive Committee June 13, 1906.

The third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held in the Tribune Building, New York City Wednesday, June 13, 1905, at 3 P. M.

Present:—The Chairman, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Mr. Theodore Fitch, Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Louis T. Raegener, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Fredk. W. Seward, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from Mr. James M. Beck, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Mr. Wm. J. Curtis, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Mr. Spencer Trask, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Hon. Andrew D. White and Hon. Wm. R. Willcox, and they were excused.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were adopted.

The Chairman announced that as President he had appointed Mr. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Louis C. Raegener, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt and Hon. Wm. R. Willcox, to fill four vacancies in the Executive Committee.

The Secretary reported that on June 5 the Mayor of New York, upon recommendation of this Commission, had appointed the following named gentlemen as members of the Commission:

MR. TUNIS G. BERGEN,	HON. PHINEAS C. LOUNSBURY.
HON. DAVID A. BOODY,	MR. WM. C. MUSCHENHEIM,
MR. ROBT FULTON CUTTING,	MR. JAMES SPEYER,
MR. GEO. G. DE WITT,	MR. GEORGE A. HEARN.

In regard to the three ladies recommended by the Commission, the Mayor's Secretary wrote: "His Honor some time ago declined to appoint to the Commission a number of ladies who made application, on the ground that it was to be made up of men only. Having established this precedent, the Mayor does not see his way clear to make these appointments."

The Committee on Nominations, through Mr. Fitch, Chairman, nominated and recommended the election of the following gentlemen as Trustees of the Commission, to fill vacancies: Rear Admiral J. B. Coghlan, Mr. George A. Hearn, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Hon. John H. Starin, Col. John W. Vrooman.

The Committee on Nominations also nominated and recommended for appointment to the Commission *by the Governor*: The Hon. M. Linn Bruce of New York, Lieutenant Governor; Hon. Warner Miller of Herkimer, Mr. Edward C. Wilson of Peekskill, and Prof. John C. Smock of Hudson; and for appointment *by the Mayor*: The Hon. Alton B. Parker.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted.

The same Committee reported unfavorably upon the letters recommending the appointment of Mr. Arthur English as Counsel of the Commission, on the ground that the necessity for such counsel does not now appear to exist, and, until the necessity arises, such an appointment would involve an unjustifiable expense; that the Bylaws make no provision for a General Counsel as an officer of the Commission, whatever may be the power of the Trustees or Executive Committee to employ special counsel if their services were necessary; and that as Mr. English is a member of the Commission, he could not, under the charter, receive compensation for his services as counsel.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Seward, Chairman of the Committee on Plan and Scope, presented the unanimous report of the Committee. (The report is printed in full on the following pages, with the exception of a single paragraph which was stricken out and to which reference is made hereafter.)

Judge Goodrich presented a communication from Mr. J. Du Pratt White, Secretary of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, suggesting that the report of the Committee on Plan and Scope recommend that the Governor of New York State be requested, if he shall so approve, to invite the Governor of New Jersey to nominate citizens of that State for appointment as additional members of the

Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, and moved that it be embodied in the report.

Dr. Kunz, speaking as one of those who had had something to do with the creation of the Palisades Commission in 1899-1900, said that many people would like to know what progress the Palisades Commission had made during the six years since its creation. He suggested that the Palisades Commission be urged strongly to complete the park by 1909.

Judge Goodrich said that Mr. White's letter stated that the Palisades Commission was preparing to make an exhibition of its plans in the near future—the first opportunity that has been offered to the public to examine the plans of the Palisades Park—and that the members of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission would be invited thereto.

Some general discussion of the subject ensued, in which attention was called to the fact that the report of the Plan and Scope Committee recommended that the various sections of the report be referred to sub-committees for further consideration as to details, and that this matter would naturally be considered by the sub-committee on section 3 of the report, in which reference is made to the Palisades.

Judge Goodrich, therefore, withdrew his motion, and Mr. Seward moved that Mr. White's letter be received and referred to the sub-committee on section 3, if the sub-committees recommended were authorized by the Trustees. Carried.

Mr. Fitch inquired who would assume the financial responsibility for Inwood Park, recommended in section 4 of the report.

Mr. Seligman thought that the State might help on this park.

Mr. Sackett suggested that the report be amended so as to make it clear that it was intended to recommend that the City of New York create the park.

Mr. Phillips, Deputy Controller of the city, said that in view of the demands for parks in other parts of the city, he was not very sanguine as to the favorable action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on this recommendation.

It was finally decided to leave this portion of the report unaltered.

Discussion then ensued upon the following paragraph, being the last paragraph of section 5 of the original report:

“In regard to what is commonly understood by the term ‘World’s Fair,’ your committee believes that the country has been surfeited with such temporary celebrations; and it entertains the hope that the Hudson-Fulton Celebration in 1909, conducted on the plans above outlined and leaving monumental works of lasting benefit to the people of the present and future generations, will be not less acceptable as a national commemoration.”

Some of the members thought that the paragraph implied that the Commission did not favor a permanent exposition if one should be practicable.

Mr. Fitch said that he presumed no member of the Commission would dissent from the paragraph as far as it went; that there appeared to be a unanimous sentiment against a temporary “World’s Fair,” but he thought that the converse of the proposition should also be stated by a declaration in favor of a permanent exposition. He therefore moved the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, that the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, while opposed to a temporary World’s Fair as an adjunct to the Tercentary, favors a permanent Exposition at Verplanck’s Point, provided, however, that the plans therefor, including the securing of the necessary amount of money, to be hereafter submitted by the persons interested, shall be satisfactory to the Trustees of the Commission, that the Commission shall not be required to provide any funds therefor, or to undertake the establishment or management of such permanent Exposition, and shall not incur any liability therefor.”

The Chairman ruled the resolution out of order on the ground that it was not in the form of an amendment to the report which was under consideration.

Mr. Raegener thought that the paragraph would discourage a permanent exposition, and that the report should either favor such an exposition affirmatively or omit the paragraph altogether. He, therefore, moved that it be omitted.

After some further discussion Mr. Seward accepted Mr. Raegener’s suggestion in behalf of his Committee and seconded the motion, which was carried.

With this single change, the report was unanimously adopted and ordered to be favorably reported to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting, to be held in room 605, Tribune Building, New York, on Wednesday, June 27, 1906, at 3 P. M.

The report, as adopted, is printed on the following pages.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

PRELIMINARY REPORT  
OF THE  
PLAN AND SCOPE COMMITTEE.

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*To the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the  
Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission :*

Your Committee on Plan and Scope, having considered the various suggestions offered as to the form of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of Henry Hudson's exploration of the river which bears his name, and the 100th anniversary of the first successful navigation of that river by steam by Robert Fulton, respectfully make the following recommendations :

*1. Naval Parade.*

As both of the events to be commemorated were of a nautical character it seems appropriate, first of all, that there should be a demonstration in the form of a naval festival upon the river itself. In this aquatic pageant we recommend that the navies of the United States and foreign nations, particularly the Netherlands and Great Britain, be invited to participate ; also the American merchant marine, excursion boats and yacht clubs contiguous to New York Harbor and the Hudson River. We believe that a certain number of sail craft can participate, by the aid of their own auxiliary engines or tugboats, and thus add both to the picturesqueness and educational value of the parade, which should exhibit, as far as practicable, the principal types of river and sea-going craft.

We recommend that this naval procession include facsimile reproductions of the Half Moon and the Clermont, the former to be equipped with an auxiliary motor. We recommend that the government of the Netherlands be invited to send the model of the Half Moon and that American steamboat interests be invited to contribute the model of the Clermont.

On account of the deep draft of the larger vessels, it will be impossible, of course, for the whole pageant to proceed farther than Haverstraw Bay. Haverstraw Bay is the widest part of the river, being five miles broad, and

would form the safest turning point for such vessels as cannot proceed beyond Stony and Verplanck's Points, which form the northern boundary of that bay. These vessels can return and anchor opposite Manhattan Island and in the evening illuminate and display fireworks.

We recommend that the Half Moon and Clermont, escorted by two official vessels representing the city and state of New York, and by as many other craft as may volunteer, proceed up the river to Albany, stopping opposite the riverside villages and cities and forming the center of local demonstrations. This will permit not only the population bordering the historic river, but also our fellow citizens residing in the adjacent inland towns, to participate in the commemoration.

2. *Land Parade and Literary Exercises.*

Upon the second day we recommend that there be a land parade and literary exercises.

The parade may properly embrace such troops from Governor's Island and adjacent posts and such marines from the war vessels as the Government may be disposed to send; the Grand Army Posts, patriotic and historical societies and the crafts or guilds of the city. In a city situated as New York is situated, there is scarcely any industry that does not derive some benefit from or bear some relation to the commerce of the river; and the representatives of the industrial world, to which the metropolis owes so much of its greatness, will undoubtedly take pride in joining in this celebration. If, upon further inquiry, it be found that the participating organizations are disposed to prepare historical floats for this parade, we believe that they would greatly add to its instructiveness. Three miles of the route of the parade would naturally be along Riverside Drive, from 72nd street to Claremont, overlooking the river.

On the evening of this day, we recommend that literary, historical and musical exercises be held in the principal auditorium available in each of the five boroughs, and that the Board of Education be requested to provide for the people free lectures in as many lecture centers as possible, upon subjects relating to the events commemorated. Upon some other convenient day of the week, to be determined by the Board of Education, we recommend that the



pupils of the public schools devote themselves to appropriate exercises.

3. *Dedication of Memorials.*

We recommend that a third day be devoted to the dedication of memorials.

The Hudson Memorial Bridge, extending from Inwood Hill to Spuyten Duyvil Hill, across Spuyten Duyvil Creek at its confluence with the Hudson River, is assured by action already taken by the municipal authorities. We recommend that this Commission formally adopt the bridge as part of the commemoration.

We also recommend that the viaduct projected by the city to cross Dyckman street, to connect the southern end of Inwood Hill with Washington Heights on the south, be called the Fulton Memorial Viaduct, and, if possible, dedicated at the same time. This viaduct will, like the Hudson Memorial Bridge, be in view of the Hudson River, and the propriety of adopting this substantial and enduring municipal work as a memorial complementary to the bridge above seems to be obvious.

We also recommend that on this third day any other memorials of Hudson and Fulton erected by individual or associated enterprise or by the State of New Jersey, and any riparian parks, such as that along the Palisades or as may be created by municipalities farther up the river, be dedicated with such friendly co-operation as this Commission may find it feasible to give.

4. *Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill.*

We recommend that about 75 acres of the northern portion of Inwood Hill be taken for a Public Park. There are many strong reasons moving to this suggestion. This park, which has already been recommended by influential civic societies and by the city's own engineers, would secure the last portion of Manhattan Island remaining in almost its primeval condition. From this beautiful wooded knoll, appearing to us to-day almost as it did to Henry Hudson nearly 300 years ago, a more extended view up Hudson's river can be obtained than from any other part of the Island. Besides its landscape beauty, it has many historical associations. At the base of the cliffs near Cold

Spring is a rock habitation in which the aborigines dwelt, as was proven by the implements and utensils excavated therefrom and now preserved in the Museum of Natural History. Around it are scattered extensive shell-heaps left by the Indians belonging to the tribe which attacked Hudson on his return down the river. On the summit of the hill during the Revolution stood the Cock Hill Fort. This Park, at the southern terminus of the Hudson Memorial Bridge, would not only provide another lasting and useful work for the benefit of the people, but it would also add dignity to the Bridge and afford a site for such other memorial, architectural or sculptural, as may be found practicable. The northern head of the hill, surrounded on three sides by water, cannot be obscured by private structures on those sides, and presents an unequalled site for the erection of a municipal museum, a statue or group of statuary, or other suitable monument. We recommend that some such monument form a portion of the plan, and that the Architectural League and the National Sculpture Society be invited to offer suggestions to the Commission as to the form of such a monumental structure.

*5. State Park at Verplanck's Point.*

We recommend that the State of New York authorize the acquisition by agreement or condemnation of about 20 acres on Verplanck's Point, or so much as may be necessary to embrace the salient landscape and historical features of the Point, for a Public Park.

Hudson sailed between Stony and Verplanck's Points on his northward voyage September 14, 1609, according to an easily recognizable passage in his journal, and anchored here on his return trip, October 1st. These two headlands form the natural gateway to the Highlands and have been likened by Irving to the Pillars of Hercules, of which Stony Point is the Gibraltar. The State already has a reservation of 34 acres on the Stony Point Battlefield, which has been improved under the care of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society and is now visited by nearly 20,000 persons a year.

On Verplanck's Point, the military complement of Stony Point, stood Fort Fayette, which shared the vicissi

tudes of the post across the river, and the remains of which are still extant. Here, in 1782, Washington and the American Army received Count Rochambeau and the French auxiliaries en route from Virginia for Boston. The hill on which Washington's marquee stood is one of the conspicuous eminences in that region. Between the two points was the famous King's Ferry, which was the principal trans-Hudson thoroughfare between New England and the West and South during the War for Independence, and across which all the great commanders and conspicuous figures of that period and troops of all the armies passed at one time or another.

This point, while not lacking diversity of elevation, is not so rugged as Stony Point, and is readably adaptable to the purposes of a great recreation ground for wholesome popular enjoyment such as does not exist either in the City of New York or elsewhere in the State. The rapid growth of the metropolis and the increasing difficulty of providing adequate recreation grounds within the city limits; the justice of reserving from private ownership suitable places where the people at large, in city and country, can have access to and free enjoyment of the beauties of the world-famous Hudson; and the material shortening of time-distances by improved transit facilities, are added reasons for giving to the people on this occasion this eligible and interesting reservation on the east bank of the river.

This reservation would also provide a reasonable area for a number of permanent buildings in case the State should hereafter decide to erect any in furtherance of the objects of the celebration.

The foregoing recommendations are not intended to be exclusive of any other action by the State of New York that may subsequently be decided upon with regard to the acquisition or development of other places or objects, in furtherance of the same general idea of celebration.

#### *6. The Date of the Celebration.*

Hudson's first landfall within the limits of the present Greater City of New York was made on September 2d, 1609, according to the old style. He entered the upper harbor and saw the mouth of the river September 12th, old

style. The date of Fulton's first voyage with the Clermont was August 17th, 1807. None of these dates is ideal for the inauguration of the Celebration in 1909. People have hardly returned from their summer resorts by September 12th. The last week of September would seem to be the most convenient time. If advantage be taken of the reformed calendar, as is done in the popular observance of February 22d as the birthday of Washington, who was born on February 11th, old style, the 300th anniversary of Hudson's first sight of the Hudson River would come on Thursday, September 23d, 1909. We therefore recommend that the celebration be held during the week beginning Monday, September 20th, 1909, upon days subsequently to be determined.

In submitting this preliminary report, the Committee desire it to be understood that they do not regard it as final or exhaustive, but subject to such additions or modifications as may be found desirable.

If approved by the Executive Committee it is suggested that sub-committees of three or four members each may be appointed, to study out and perfect the details of each of above named leading features, such sub-committees to make their report early in the fall.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FREDERICK W. SEWARD,

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*Committee on Plan and Scope.*

NEW YORK, June 13, 1906.

## DATE OF THE CLERMONT'S FIRST TRIP.

Histories being at variance concerning the date of Fulton's first steamboat trip from New York to Albany, the following extracts from the *American Citizen*, published at New York, on Monday, August 17, and Saturday, August 22, 1807, respectively, are reprinted for information. The date of Fulton's letter should have been the 21st instead of the 20th, as Friday, the day of his return to New York, was August 21st.

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NEW YORK, AUGUST 17.

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Mr. Fulton's ingenious Steam Boat, invented with a view to the navigation of the Mississippi from New Orleans upwards, sails today from the North River, near the State Prison to Albany. The velocity of the Steam Boat is calculated at four miles an hour; it is said that it will make a progress of two against the current of the Mississippi; and if so it will certainly be a very valuable acquisition to the commerce of the Western States.

[From the *American Citizen* of August 22, 1807.]

NEW YORK, August 20.

*To the Editor of the American Citizen.*

Sir,

I arrived this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the steamboat from Albany. As the success of my experiment gives me great hope that such boats may be rendered of much importance to my country, to prevent erroneous opinions, and give some satisfaction to the friends of useful improvements, you will have the goodness to publish the following statement of facts:

I left New York on Monday at 1 o'clock, and arrived at Clermont, the seat of Chancellor Livingston, at 1 o'clock on Tuesday, time 24 hours, distance 110 miles; on Wed-

nesday I departed from the Chancellor's at 9 in the morning, and arrived at Albany at 5 in the afternoon, distance 40 miles, time 8 hours; the sum of this is 150 miles in 32 hours, equal near 5 miles an hour.

On Thursday, at 9 o'clock in the morning, I left Albany, and arrived at the Chancellor's at 6 in the evening; I started from thence at 7, and arrived at New York on Friday at 4 in the afternoon, time 30 hours, space run through 150 miles, equal 5 miles an hour. Throughout the whole way my going and returning the wind was ahead; no advantage could be drawn from my sails—the whole has, therefore, been performed by the power of the steam engine.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient,

ROBERT FULTON.

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We congratulate Mr. Fulton and the country on his success in the Steam Boat, which cannot fail of being very advantageous. We understand that not the smallest inconvenience is felt in the boat either from heat or smoke.

# Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

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To arrange for the "Commemoration of the Ter-Centenary of the Discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in the year 1609, and of the First Use of Steam in the Navigation of said river by Robert Fulton in the year 1807." ❧ ❧ ❧ ❧



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John La Farge,	Wm. B. Van Rensselaer,
William McCarroll,	Aaron Vanderbilt,
Comdt. Jacob W. Miller,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Frank D. Miller,	Hon. Andrew D. White,
J. Pierpont Morgan,	Hon. Wm. R. Willcox,
Hon. Levi P. Morton,	Gen. James Grant Wilson,

(and 1 to be appointed).

### *Committee on Plan and Scope:*

Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman, Montrose, New York.	
James M. Beck,	Eben E. Olcott,
Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich,	John E. Parsons,
Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant,	Aaron Vanderbilt,
Dr. George F. Kunz,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Hon. Seth Low,	The President, <i>ex-officio</i> .

### *Committee on Law:*

Hon. William W. Goodrich, Chairman, 49 Wall Street, New York.	
James M. Beck,	Col. William Jay,
William J. Curtis,	John E. Parsons,
Theodore Fitch,	The President, <i>ex-officio</i> .

### *Committee on Nominations:*

Theodore Fitch, Chairman, 120 Broadway, New York.	
William J. Curtis,	J. Edward Simmons,
Henry W. Sackett,	The President, <i>ex-officio</i> .



## Minutes of Executive Committee

June 27, 1906

The fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York, Wednesday, June 27, 1906, at 3 p. m.

Present : The Chairman, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford ; and Mr. Theodore Fitch, Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich, Mr. Wm. McCarroll, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Louis C. Raegener, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Gen. James Grant Wilson and Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall.

Mr. Fitch from the Committee on Nominations reported favorably the following nominations :

To be Trustees, to fill vacancies : Mr. Thomas R. Proctor, of Utica ; Mr. Charles R. Wilson, of Buffalo, and Mr. George W. Perkins, of New York.

To be Vice-President, in place of the late Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt : the Hon. Frederick W. Seward.

The report was adopted and referred to the Trustees with a favorable recommendation.

The meeting then adjourned.

## Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

June 27, 1906

The third meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, June 27, 1906, at 3 p. m.

Present : The President, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, presiding ; and Rear-Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Hon. William W. Goodrich, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Mr. Wm. McCarroll, Mr. Wm. J. McKay, Rear-Admiral

Geo. W. Melville, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Mr. Louis C. Raegenner, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Nelson S. Spencer, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Col. John W. Vrooman, Mr. Charles R. Wilson, Gen. James Grant Wilson and Mr. Edward Haganman Hall.

The following Commissioners, having come for the meeting of the Commission immediately to follow the Trustees' meeting, were invited by the President to be present at the Trustees' meeting: Dr. E. Parmly Brown, Hon. J. H. Callanan, Mr. Charles A. DuBois, Mr. Benj. F. Hamilton, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Mr. Charles W. Lefler, Mr. Julius Lehrenkrauss, Commander Charles H. Loring, Mr. Wm. C. Muschenheim, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Jr., Mr. Mr. Gordon H. Peck, Mr. Louis T. Romaine, Mr. William L. Stone and Mr. Charles B. Wolfram.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Mr. Wm. J. Curtis, Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant, Gen. H. C. King, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. J. W. Miller, Mr. F. D. Millet, Dr. Eugene H. Porter, Mr. Herman Ridder, President J. G. Schurman, Mr. Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. F. W. Seward, Dr. S. B. Ward, Mr. Edmund Wetmore, Hon. Andrew D. White and Hon. Wm. R. Willcox, and they were excused.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were adopted without reading.

The Secretary read a communication dated June 19, from Mr. Frank E. Perley, Secretary of the Governor, stating that the Governor had appointed to the Commission the following named gentlemen nominated by the Board of Trustees: Rear-Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Brooklyn Navy Yard; Mr. Thomas R. Proctor, of Utica; Mr. Wm. L. Stone, of Mt. Vernon; Hon. Theodore H. Silkman, of Yonkers; Col. John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer and New York City and Mr. Charles R. Wilson, of Buffalo.

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented the report of the Executive Committee nominating Mr. Thomas R. Proctor, Mr. Charles R. Wilson and Mr. George W. Perkins as Trustees to fill vacancies, and Hon. Frederick W. Seward as Vice-President in place of the Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, deceased.

By ballot duly cast, the following named gentlemen were unanimously elected as Trustees, the first five having been recommended by the Executive Committee at a meeting held June 13 and the last three June 27: Rear-Admiral J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. George A. Hearn, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Hon. John H. Starin, Col. J. W. Vrooman, Mr. Thomas R. Proctor, Mr. George W. Perkins and Mr. Charles R. Wilson.

The following minute in regard to the late Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, prepared at the request of the President, was read and adopted:

The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission with profound sorrow records the death, on Thursday, June 14, 1906, of its distinguished Vice-President, the Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, of New York, in the 77th year of his age.

It was by Mr. Roosevelt's invitation and in his hospitable home at No. 57 Fifth avenue that the first meeting of the representatives of the historical societies was held on February 15, 1905, that led to the creation of this Commission; and although ill-health prevented his active participation in its meetings after its permanent organization, he followed its work with the unimpaired interest of his wonderful faculties until the end.

Lineally descended from ancestors who came from Holland to New Amsterdam within 23 years after the purchase of Manhattan Island from the Indians, and from intermediate ancestors who, on both sides, were almost without exception of pure Dutch descent, he was at the time of his death the most typical and distinguished representative in his generation of the old Dutch stock of this city and the most perfect embodiment of the spirit of the remarkable people who first permanently planted European civilization and culture within the limits of the present City and State of New York.

Born in Cortlandt street, when the residential section of the city was still within a few rods of the site of the wall which marked the northernmost bound of New Amsterdam, Mr. Roosevelt's life of more than the allotted age of man covered a period of phenomenal municipal growth in which he was an active factor. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party. He was a patriot before he was a partisan, and when occasion arose did not hesitate to assert the independence which was one of his predominant characteristics. He repeatedly declined public honors, but was persuaded at different times to hold the offices of Alderman of the City of New York, State Fish and Game Commissioner,

Member of Congress, and American Minister at the Hague, the duties of which he discharged with honor to himself, the City, the State and the Nation.

During the late war with Spain, when his nephew, now President of the United States, was serving with the American troops in Cuba, he strongly championed the cause of the soldiers in the field and organized a movement designed to secure for them better sanitary conditions and better food.

Cultured in mind, original in his ideas, positive in his convictions, tenacious of his opinions when he believed them to be right, devoted to the City in whose history and progress he took an intense pride, thoughtful of the welfare of his fellow citizens, honest in purpose, kindly in thought, generous of heart, simple in his habits, and a lover of outdoor life and physical exercise, he held a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens as an example of vigorous American manhood and character; and his memory will long be cherished with respect and affection by the City in which he passed his long and honored career.

Therefore be it resolved, that the foregoing be spread in full upon the minutes of the Commission, and that a copy thereof, signed by the President and Secretary, be sent to his family, with the assurances of the Commission's sincere sorrow and sympathy.

By ballot duly cast, the Hon. Frederick W. Seward was unanimously elected a Vice-President in place of the late Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt.

It was voted to recommend to the Governor and Mayor the following named gentlemen for appointment to the Commission, the names having been approved by the Committee on Nominations and the Executive Committee: For appointment by the Governor: The Hon. M. Linn Bruce of New York, Lieutenant Governor; Hon. Warner Miller of Herkimer, Mr. Edward C. Wilson of Peekskill, and Prof. John C. Smock of Hudson; and for appointment by the Mayor: The Hon. Alton B. Parker.

The report of the Executive Committee upon letters highly recommending the appointment of Mr. Arthur English as permanent counsel of the Commission, recommending that no action be taken in respect to such appointment for reasons stated in the printed minutes of the Executive Committee of June 13, was approved.

The following amendment to the By-laws which was proposed at the last meeting of the Trustees and a copy of

which had been sent out to all the members of the Board with the notice of this meeting, was adopted:

Resolved, that the by-laws be amended by changing the number of the present "Article V." to "Article VI.," and that the following new Article V be adopted:

#### ARTICLE V.

SEAL. The Seal of the Commission shall be circular in form, two and one-fourth inches in diameter. Its design shall be as follows: In the foreground, a classical, draped, female figure symbolizing the genius of the Hudson River, standing upon the prow of a boat, supporting under her right hand a shield bearing the name and date "Henry Hudson, 1609," and under her left hand a similar shield bearing the name and date "Robert Fulton, 1807"; upon the prow of the boat the date "1909"; in the middle distance the Hudson River, and upon it, above the respective shields, Hudson's ship the Half Moon and Fulton's steamboat the Clermont; in the background, the Palisades; and in the border surrounding the whole, the words and date: "Seal of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, 1906."

The Report of the Committee on Plan and Scope as adopted by the Executive Committee June 13 and printed in the minutes of that meeting was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Fitch moved that the report be amended by inserting before the last paragraph of Section 5 of the report the following:

"The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, while opposed to a temporary World's Fair as an adjunct to the Tercentenary, favors a Permanent Exposition at Verplanck's Point, provided, however, that the plans therefor, including the securing of the necessary amount of money, to be hereafter submitted by the persons interested, shall be satisfactory to the Trustees of the Commission, that the Commission shall not be required to provide any funds therefor, or to undertake the establishment or management of such Permanent Exposition, and shall not incur any liability therefor."

Mr. Phillips, while not objecting to the general idea embodied in the motion, thought that if it were inserted after the paragraph referring to the proposed State Park at Verplanck's Point, it would imply that the Commission favored establishing the Exposition in the Park. He was

opposed to establishing a private enterprise in a State park.

Mr. Fitch said that his idea was that if the Park were created as recommended by the report, it would be solely under the management of the State. If a permanent exposition were established, it would be outside the Park, except so far as the State might permit the Park to be used. He did not advocate a union of private and municipal interests.

Mr. Sackett said that he did not want to be understood as opposed to a Permanent Exposition at Verplanck's Point, but he felt that there was not sufficient evidence before this Commission to warrant it in favoring the project. The Committee on Plan and Scope, in the last paragraph of Section 5, had left the question open by saying:

"The foregoing recommendations are not intended to be exclusive of any other action by the State of New York that may subsequently be decided upon with regard to the acquisition or development of other places or objects, in furtherance of the same general idea of celebration."

He therefore thought it inexpedient without further information to declare unequivocally in favor of a Permanent Exposition.

Mr. McCarroll expressed himself in accord with Mr. Sackett. He thought it unwise for this Commission to endorse at this time the work of another distinct body. If at some other time the projectors should have some tangible and responsible plans to submit, it might be well to consider them, but it would be a mistake to adopt the project now.

After some further discussion the question on Mr. Fitch's motion was put and declared lost. A rising vote was called for and the motion was declared lost (by a vote of 4 ayes and 8 noes).

Mr. McKay of Newburgh read a paper objecting to the third paragraph of Section 1 of the report, which reads as follows:

"On account of the deep draft of the larger vessels, it will be impossible, of course, for the whole pageant to proceed farther than Haverstraw Bay. Haverstraw Bay is the widest part of the river, being five miles broad, and would form the safest turning point for such vessels as



cannot proceed beyond Stony and Verplanck's Points, which form the northern boundary of that bay. These vessels can return and anchor opposite Manhattan Island and in the evening illuminate and display fireworks."

Mr. McKay quoted Admiral Taylor as having said, when Stony Point Park was dedicated in 1902, that any vessel which could float over the bar at Nyack could find ample water almost as far as Albany. Mr. McKay quoted the soundings of the channel to Newburgh Bay in support of his suggestion that Newburgh Bay be made the turning point of the naval parade. He referred to the historical importance of the Newburgh section and quoted a tradition to the effect that Breakneck Mountain was so named on account of the fate of an Indian princess whom Hudson, on his way up the river, promised to marry, who kept vigil for his return, and who, when the boat returned and Hudson did not keep his promise, flew to the mountain top and cast herself from the cliff. He also spoke of the important revolutionary memories of Newburgh and vicinity, of the size of Newburgh—the largest city between New York and Albany—the accessibility of the city by six railroads, and the facility with which a fleet could manœuvre in the bay; and concluded by advocating that the report be amended by making Newburgh Bay the turning point of the naval parade.

Mr. Phillips said that the Commission was not bound down to the report. He favored adopting it as it was, and leaving the question to be determined by the sub-committee to whom this section would be assigned.

Col. Vrooman suggested that further consideration of this paragraph be postponed until the next meeting, pending a report by Admiral Coghlan on the practicability of the channel.

Mr. McCarroll favored postponement until the question of the safety of the passage for large naval vessels as far as Newburgh could be ascertained.

After some further discussion, it was finally voted that the report of the Plan and Scope Committee as printed, except the last two paragraphs of Section 1, be adopted.

Mr. McCarroll then moved that the two excepted paragraphs be referred back to the Plan and Scope Committee

with Mr. McKay's paper for further consideration. Carried.

Mr. Fitch moved that the president be authorized to appoint the sub-committees recommended by the report. Carried.

Mr. Gordon H. Peck was accorded the floor to urge the Trustees to take definite action upon the tender of Mr. Francis Bannerman of New York, communicated by and with the endorsement of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, to erect on Polopel's Island, at the southern end of Newburgh Bay, a colossal statue of Henry Hudson at his own expense, and to throw his private grounds on the island open free to the public on Saturdays and holidays, so long as visitors made proper use of their privileges. The offer was made on condition that the dedication of the statue should form a part of the official celebration in 1909. This offer was communicated to the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee at its meeting held in the City Hall December 29, 1905, and is recorded on page 13 of the printed minutes. Mr. Peck felt that Mr. Bannerman had not been shown the courtesy which his disinterested offer should have received.

The President asked if this offer had been presented *in writing*.

The Assistant Secretary replied that it had. He restated the offer of Mr. Bannerman, and, as a member of the Board of Trustees, urged its favorable consideration. There were so few public parks along the Hudson by means of which the people at large could get to the river and enjoy its beauties and pleasures, that he thought private citizens should be encouraged to throw open their private grounds to the public as Mr. Bannerman had offered to do.

Judge Goodrich said he had gathered the idea, possibly erroneous, that Polopel's Island was to be used as a picnic ground, to which an admission fee would be charged; and as this was a State Commission he wanted to guard against the exploitation of any private property.

In response to a direct question by Judge Goodrich, Mr. Peck reiterated the purpose of Mr. Bannerman to make access to his grounds absolutely free.

Mr. Sackett moved that the offer of Mr. Bannerman be referred to the sub-committee on Section 3 of the report.

Mr. Raegener expressed what appeared to be the opinion of his colleagues, that no discourtesy was intended toward Mr. Bannerman, and suggested that the Secretary write to Mr. Bannerman explaining that his offer was received before this commission was incorporated and before it could take official cognizance of it, but that it would be referred to the proper sub-committee and that he would be further advised of the action of the Commission.

With this understanding, Mr. Sackett's motion was carried.

The President handed to the Secretary for record a certified copy of the following resolution, adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York June 20, 1906 :

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from the Tribune Association, of Room No. 605 on the sixth floor in the Tribune Building, at the northeast corner of Nassau and Spruce streets, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, for a period of one year from the date of occupation, at an annual rental of one thousand dollars (\$1000), payable monthly; the lessor to furnish light, heat, elevator and janitor service; the rent to be paid out of the appropriation made by the City of New York for the expenses of the said Commission; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the city that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by Sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.

The President announced that, Mr. William McCarroll having resigned as a member of the Plan and Scope Committee, he had appointed Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt in his place.

The meeting then adjourned

## Minutes of The Commission

June 27, 1906

The first meeting of the entire Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission since its incorporation was held at its headquarters in the Tribune Building, Wednesday, June 27, 1906, upon the adjournment of the Trustees' meeting held on the same day.

Present: The President, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, presiding, and the gentlemen already named in the foregoing minutes of the Trustees.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from absentees mentioned in the foregoing minutes and from the following, and they were excused: Mr. Wm. L. Bull, Hon. A. T. Clearwater, Mr. Austin G. Fox, Mr. Abner S. Haight, Mr. G. A. Plimpton, Mr. Thomas R. Proctor, Mr. Louis Seligsberg, and Mr. C. Y. Turner.

The President stated that as those in attendance had been present at the Trustees' meeting just held and witnessed its proceedings, it was not necessary to make a formal report of their transactions. He then asked for a full and free expression of opinion on any matter relating to the work of the Commission.

Mr. Gordon H. Peck moved that the Trustees be recommended to extend the naval parade as far as Newburgh Bay and that the Hudson statue proposed to be erected by Mr. Francis Bannerman on Polopel's Island be dedicated as a feature of the parade.

Col. Vrooman favored leaving this matter over until the next meeting. He thought it questionable whether a large battleship could go to Newburgh Bay and return in time for an illumination at night.

Mr. Charles R. Lamb was in favor of the dedication of Mr. Bannerman's statue as a feature of the celebration, provided the legal members of the Commission saw no obstacle and the design was acceptable to the artistic members. He called attention, however, to the fact that if it were proposed to have this dedication as a feature of the naval parade, it should not be referred to the sub-commit-

tee on Section 3 of the report, which was limited to the dedication of memorials. He thought it should receive the consideration of the whole Plan and Scope Committee.

After some further discussion the motion was modified so as to recommend that the naval parade be extended to Newburgh Bay if found feasible, and that the matter of the Polopel's Island Monument be left in the hands of the Plan and Scope Committee. As modified, the motion was carried.

Mr. Lefler asked for information concerning the status of the projected exposition at Verplanck's Point.

The President explained briefly that a "Citizens Committee of 500" had been organized with a view to holding a Permanent Exposition at Verplanck's Point. Such an exposition might cost \$10,000,000 or \$20,000,000. The plans of that Committee were as yet so inchoate and so little money had been as yet pledged to support the project, that the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission had not felt justified in taking any action on the subject.

Judge Goodrich referred to the communication received by the Committee on Plan and Scope from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, mentioned on page 113 of the printed minutes, and offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the Governor of New York State be requested, if he shall so approve, to invite the Governor of New Jersey to nominate not to exceed ten citizens of that State for appointment as additional members of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission."

Carried.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mr. George W. Perkins, President of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, a member of the Executive Committee of this Commission so that there might be the fullest possible interchange of views between the two bodies. He hoped that in this way there would be mutual confidence and ultimate agreement.

Mr. Charles R. Lamb moved to recommend to the Trustees that on the day of the naval parade, a counter-demonstration be arranged to start from Albany and proceed southward, meeting the portion of the procession approaching from the south at a rendezvous to be agreed upon.

After a few remarks in support of the suggestion, the motion was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

# Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

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Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906  
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To arrange for the "Commemo-  
ration of the Ter-Centenary of  
the Discovery of the Hudson  
River by Henry Hudson in the  
year 1609, and of the First  
Use of Steam in the Navigation  
of said river by Robert Fulton  
in the year 1807." ❧ ❧ ❧ ❧



Minutes of July 25, 1906.

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(REVISED TO JULY 6, 1906.)

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Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

July 25, 1906

The fourth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, July 25, 1906, at 3 p. m.

Present: The President, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Gen. Horatio C. King, Mr. William J. McKay, Rear-Admiral George W. Melville, Mr. Jacob W. Miller, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Col. John W. Vrooman and Hon. William R. Willcox.

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The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were adopted without reading.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Charles M. Kean, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee of the Municipal Art Society, stating the desire of that Society, which is represented upon the Commission by its President, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, to co-operate with the Commission in facilitating its work and suggesting in particular one form of such aid. Mr. Kean stated that it had occurred to them that the plans of the Commission might take definite form, possibly being embodied in sketches and plans which would be of great interest to the public; that if this were

so, they would be pleased to reserve special wall space in the next exhibition of that Society, to be held in the Spring of 1907, in the galleries of the new quarters of the National Art Club, Gramercy Park; that if this suggestion be regarded favorably and they were informed of the number and size of the exhibits which the Commission would decide to loan them for that purpose, the necessary wall space would be reserved.

After discussion, the subject matter of the letter from the Municipal Art Society was referred to the Executive Committee.

The following letter from Governor Higgins was read :

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
ALBANY, July 5, 1906.

*Hon. Stewart L Woodford,  
Tribune Building,  
New York City.*

SIR: I am in receipt of your communication dated June 29th, containing unanimous recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission adopted at the meeting held on Wednesday, June 27th last. In accordance with the recommendation of your Board of Trustees, I shall be glad to appoint the following gentlemen as additional members of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission :

Hon. M. Linn Bruce,  
Hon. Warner Miller,  
Mr. Edward C. Wilson,  
Prof. John C. Smock.

I also have copy of the resolution unanimously adopted, and in accordance therewith I am writing to-day to the Governor of New Jersey, inviting him to nominate not to exceed ten citizens of his State for appointment as additional members of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. I am, sir, yours truly,

FRANK W. HIGGINS.

The President expressed appreciation for the cordial and prompt co-operation of the Governor and directed the letter to be placed on the minutes and on file.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Richard H. Hunt, President of the Architectural League of New York, in which he stated that he would bring before the Executive

Committee of the League at the first opportunity the matter of its proposed co-operation with the Commission in determining upon the suitable form of memorial to be erected in Inwood Park in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Plan and Scope. This letter was referred to the Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill.

The Secretary stated that the minute and resolution in regard to the late Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, had been sent to his family, and read the following letter that had been received in response thereto :

*Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Secretary.*

DEAR SIR: Will you please convey to your President and members of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission my deep appreciation and thanks for your kind letter, which I value more than I can say. Faithfully yours,

R. B. ROOSEVELT, JR.

The President stated that he had received a letter from ex-President Grover Cleveland, written from his summer home, which was partly personal and in part referred to the work of the Commission. The President said: "In this letter there are two statements that I think the Committee will be interested in hearing: 'I hope I need not assure you how fully I appreciate the importance of celebrating Henry Hudson's exploration and Robert Fulton's initial navigation of the Hudson River. I am, on the whole, delighted with the report.' (That is, the report of the Committee on Plan and Scope.) 'I believe if the plan of commemoration it embodies is carried out and conducted with vigor and careful attention to detail, our people's patriotism and love of country for its own sake and for what it has grown to be can be stirred up in a way that will be much in these days of heedlessness and sordidness.' I thought you would be interested to see how deeply the ex-President is interested in the work that we are doing."

The resignation of Mr. William C. Warren, of Buffalo, was read and was duly accepted with regret.

The following report was read:

PRELIMINARY REPORT  
OF THE  
SUB-COMMITTEE ON PARK AND MEMORIAL  
AT INWOOD HILL.

*To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission :*

DEAR SIRS: The Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill think it desirable that a partial report shall be made by them, to be submitted to the Trustees at their next meeting.

The Sub-Committee have been furnished with copies of letters addressed to the President of the National Sculpture Society and to the President of the Architectural League of New York, inviting suggestions for a memorial, either architectural or sculptural, to be placed on Inwood Hill, if it shall be acquired for a park. It may easily be that it will be some time before any such suggestions will come to the Commission or to the Sub-Committee and can be acted upon by its members. Obviously, any such memorial involves the acquisition of the park. The Sub-Committee think that action to that end is urgent and imperative.

The scheme for the Hudson Memorial Bridge, extending from Inwood Hill to Spuyten Duyvil Hill, across Spuyten Duyvil Creek, is now being considered by the municipal authorities. Action upon the subject has already been taken by them.

The report of the Plan and Scope Committee to the Commission recommended that the Commission adopt the bridge as part of the commemoration. It might happen that action might be taken about the bridge which would militate against the plan for the park. And if the plan for the park is approved by the municipal authorities, it is of the greatest importance that no time shall be lost in proceedings to acquire title to the property. The Sub-Committee, therefore, by this partial preliminary report, recommend to the Trustees that a communication be addressed by them to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment urging the Board to approve the plan for a park, and to take early proceedings to make the plan effectual

The Sub-Committee think that it is suitable that there shall be furnished to the Board that portion of the report of the Plan and Scope Committee which relates to this subject, of which the following is a copy:

“PARK AND MEMORIAL AT INWOOD HILL.

“We recommend that about 75 acres of the northern portion of Inwood Hill be taken for a public park. There are many strong reasons moving to this suggestion. This park, which has already been recommended by influential civic societies and by the city's own engineers, would secure the last portion of Manhattan Island remaining in almost its primeval condition. From this beautiful wooded knoll, appearing to us to-day almost as it did to Henry Hudson nearly 300 years ago, a more extended view up Hudson's River can be obtained than from any other part of the island. Besides its landscape beauty, it has many historical associations. At the base of the cliffs near Cold Spring is a rock habitation in which the aborigines dwelt, as was proven by the implements and utensils excavated therefrom and now preserved in the Museum of Natural History. Around it are scattered extensive shell-heaps left by the Indians belonging to the tribe which attacked Hudson on his return down the river. On the summit of the hill during the Revolution stood the Cock Hill Fort. This park, at the southern terminus of the Hudson Memorial Bridge, would not only provide another lasting and useful work for the benefit of the people, but it would also add dignity to the bridge and afford a site for such other memorial, architectural or sculptural, as may be found practicable. The northern head of the hill, surrounded on three sides by water, cannot be obscured by private structures on those sides, and presents an unequaled site for the erection of a municipal museum, a statue or group of statuary, or other suitable monument.”

The Sub-Committee also report that, in their opinion, it is desirable that they shall be authorized to urge the adoption of the park scheme upon such other bodies, municipal and otherwise, and individuals, as may have to do with the subject or can aid in the accomplishment of the plan.

Respectfully reported,

JOHN E. PARSONS, Chairman,  
WILLIAM J. CURTIS,  
EBEN E. OLCOTT,  
HENRY W. SACKETT.

Mr. Sackett then moved the following:

“*Resolved*, that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill, as contained in the report just read, be adopted, and that the Sub-Committee be and it hereby is authorized to take such steps as it may deem advisable by communication with the municipal authorities or otherwise to further the plans and purposes therein set forth.”

This resolution was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Carl Bitter, President of the National Sculpture Society, stating that the matter of the proposed co-operation of that Society with the Commission in respect to the proposed memorial on Inwood Hill would be called to the attention of his Society at the earliest possible moment. This letter was referred to the Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill.

The President stated that when the Trustees authorized him to appoint sub-committees they limited the number to three or four each, and that in appointing the committees he found that he could not get the men who represented all the branches of the work if limited to that number, and so he had taken the liberty, in appointing such sub-committees, to put on them in several instances a larger number and trusted to the Board to ratify such action. For example, on the Committee on Naval Parade, he appointed Rear-Admiral Coghlan, because he was stationed here and naturally was the best trained and fitted man. He wanted Mr. William J. McKay, who had stirred all the members of the Board by his plea for the extension of the parade to Newburgh, so that as a member of the Committee he could plead his own cause with them. He wanted Mr. Jacob W. Miller, because he was the head of the Naval Reserve. He wanted Mr. John H. Starin, because he was a very large owner of boats and a very liberal man in the use of them; and the President thought that Mr. Starin was getting interested and, if he was put upon the committee, would go to work and his whole fleet would be practically at the disposal of the Commission for anything it desired. He wanted Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, because Mr. McCarroll said he knew all



about everything that the Fulton Committee had done, and had asked him to put him upon that committee. That made five for that committee; and the President said he found he was fixed in the same way as to almost all the committees, so that if the Board would extend his authority and also give him permission to act from time to time in regard to increasing the number of members of such sub-committees when he should feel it to be really necessary, he would appreciate the confidence and try not to abuse it.

Admiral Melville said he thought that was the proper thing to do and he was prepared to make a motion to that effect. Mr. Brower was in favor of amending the original motion. After an informal discussion a motion made by Mr. Fitch, and duly seconded, was unanimously adopted, that the President be authorized to appoint, from time to time, from the members of the Board of Trustees, such committees and sub-committees, and consisting of such number of members respectively, as he should deem necessary or advisable.

The President said that he would avail himself at once of this authority by appointing Admiral Melville on the Naval Parade Committee.

The Secretary stated that the Joint Committee had appointed Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall as its Assistant Secretary and had fixed his salary at \$2,500 per year, payable in monthly payments. Since the incorporation of the Commission, Mr. Hall had continued to perform the duties of Assistant Secretary, but the Board of Trustees had taken no formal action with regard to his salary, although it had appointed him as Assistant Secretary. To meet the legal requirements, therefore, authority should be given for the payment of such salary. In that connection, the Secretary said that he wished to explain that Mr. Hall had sailed the previous week for Holland for a much needed vacation. He would be gone about five weeks, but his chief purpose in going would further the purposes of this Commission, because he would be looking up the old records with regard to Henry Hudson and his expedition to the American shores when the Hudson River was discovered, and the Secretary felt sure that he would be serving the Commission fully as

well during his vacation as if he were here. After speaking of the excellent work which Mr. Hall had already done as Assistant Secretary, Mr. Sackett moved that the salary of the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, be at the rate of \$2,500 per year, payable monthly, such payment to begin with the time of the first services of Mr. Hall for the Commission after its incorporation.

Mr. Miller called attention to the fact that Columbia College is about to put up on the water-front just below Grant's Tomb a stadium for athletics and also a pier and wharf for the landing of steamers and yachts and other vessels of that nature. He raised the question whether it would not be a good idea to have some committee of the Commission consider the advisability of creating at that point something that was greatly needed in this town, as the great port of America, a proper water-gate or reception arch from the water to the land for distinguished foreign visitors. He said that it was distinctly felt as a want, when a fleet of our navy or any foreign fleet or squadrons were here, that there was absolutely no place where distinguished foreign visitors could be landed. After further discussion Mr. Miller adopted a suggestion of the President that the matter be laid over for this meeting; that Mr. Miller submit to the officers in brief form a statement of his suggestions; that these would be turned over by the President to Mr. Seward, the Chairman of the Committee on Plan and Scope, and to Mr. Parsons, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill; that the matter could then be brought up at the September meeting of the Board of Trustees, when formal action might be taken and no time be lost.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

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Regrets for non-attendance were received from Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Seth Low, Rear-Admiral George W. Melville, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee, President J. G. Schurman, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. J. Edward Simmons, Mr. Spencer Trask, Mr. Edward Wetmore, Hon. Andrew D. White and Mr. Charles R. Wilson, and they were excused.

The minutes of the meeting of July 25 were approved as printed.

A letter from Dr. George F. Kunz, dated New York, August 16, was read, suggesting that some inquiry be made of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission as to whether they can guarantee having the driveway in order for the celebration in 1909, or when they will have at least a part of it ready for public use. Referred to the Committee on Plan and Scope.

Mr. William McCarroll, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the date of the celebration, presented the committee's report as follows :

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON DATE OF THE HUDSON-FULTON  
CELEBRATION

Your Sub-Committee to which was referred that part of the report to the Commission of the Committee on Plan and Scope, which relates to the date of the Celebration, begs leave to report having met and duly considered the subject.

It was the unanimous opinion that the time suggested for the holding of the Celebration, namely, in the week beginning Monday, September 20, 1909, is well chosen from the standpoints both of appropriateness as to the date of the events themselves and as to public interest and convenience.

From the same consideration your Committee believes that the three days most suitable are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, respectively the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of that week.

In the judgment of the Committee the feature of the Celebration which will be the greatest popular attraction is the Naval Parade and the illumination and fireworks, as outlined for the first day in the report of the Committee on Plan and Scope.

In addition to this the Committee considered the desirable fitness of having this parade occur on the anniversary date (as nearly as may be) of Hudson's discovery, accepting the reckoning of the Committee on Plan and Scope. It would appear that this parade on the Hudson should be the climax of the whole Celebration. Your Committee is, therefore, of the opinion that the interest of the public can be best sustained in the three days' successive exercises by a change in the order as now proposed, so as to have the Naval Parade the last and, so to speak, crowning event.

The Committee, therefore, submits the following resolutions for your action :

*Resolved*, That the celebration exercises as outlined in the report of the Committee on Plan and Scope be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd days of September, 1909.

*Resolved*, That the programme of the celebration be changed in order of events, placing those suggested in the Committee's report for the second and third days respectively on the first and second days and changing the Naval Parade to the third and last day, September 23rd, thus bringing the programme in the following order :



"First: On Tuesday, the 21st, the land parade and literary exercises.

"Second: On Wednesday, the 22nd, the dedication of memorials.

"Third: On Thursday, the 23rd, the Naval Parade, with illumination and display of fireworks following in the evening."

Respectfully submitted.

WM. MCCARROLL, Chairman.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS.

LOUIS C. RAEGENER.

New York, August 22, 1906.

Mr. McCarroll moved that the report be received.  
Carried.

The report being before the board for discussion, Admiral Coghlan said that while the Committee on Naval Parade had not yet had a formal meeting, he had given the proposed course from New York to Newburgh Bay and return some consideration, and he thought that it might not be practicable for the naval procession to go so far and return in time for an illumination the same evening. "We will have some very large vessels in that parade," he said, "and they will have to be very careful about going up, particularly in one place where they will have to string out in a very long line. I think that it will be necessary to take two days—a day to go up the river and a day to come down."

Mr. Sackett suggested that if it were in accord with Mr. McCarroll's views the report which the latter had just presented be printed in the minutes and final action on the proposed resolution be deferred until a fuller meeting after the trustees had returned from their summer vacations. While there was nothing in the report that suggested any objection to his mind, yet the subject was one of such importance that it might be well to lay it before the whole board in the minutes with a view to evoking any suggestions that might occur to the members. For instance, September 21 would be the autumnal equinox, which, according to the old rule, might be accompanied by a storm. Perhaps the rule was more honored in the breach than in the observance, but there might possibly be some other more serious objection to the dates suggested.

Mr. McCarroll said that it would be agreeable to him to have the report laid over till the next meeting, and he so moved. Seconded and carried.

The Secretary reported that the names of several gentlemen had been proposed by different members for appointment either to the Commission or to the Board of Trustees, and that according to rule they had been referred to the Committee of Nominations.

Mr. Theodore Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented the committee's report recommending the appointment of the following named gentlemen as members of the Commission:

To be appointed by the Governor: The Hon. Henry Hudson, Mayor of the City of Hudson, N. Y.

To be appointed by the Mayor: Mr. Archer M. Huntington of New York, the author and philanthropist, President of the Hispano Museum, which he has erected, and President of the American Archæological and Numismatic Society, to which he has donated a building site; Mr. Alphonse H. Alker of New York, a member of the New York bar, President of the Manhasset Yacht Club and son-in-law of Mr. Ward, founder of the Ward Steamship Line; Mr. George C. Boldt of New York, President of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Co., member of several large financial institutions and patron of art; and the Hon. Edward M. Grout, late Comptroller of the City of New York.

To be elected Trustees: Col. John Jacob Astor, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. Robert Fulton Cutting, Mr. George G. DeWitt, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Mr. Wm. C. Muschenheim, Hon. Alton B. Parker, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. James Speyer and Hon. Samuel Parsons.

The report was received, and upon motion the recommendations concerning appointments by the Governor and Mayor were unanimously adopted.

By ballot duly cast, the ten gentlemen nominated for Trustees were unanimously elected.

The President reported that in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting the following letter had been sent to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

NEW YORK, August 15, 1906.

*To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.*

DEAR SIRs: The undersigned constitute a Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill of the Plan

and Scope Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. A report by the Sub-Committee to the Trustees of the Commission recommending a memorial, either architectural or sculptural, to be placed on Inwood Hill, if it should be acquired for a park, has been approved by the Trustees, and the Sub-Committee has been authorized to take such steps as it may deem advisable to further the proposed plan.

Herewith we enclose to you a printed copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Trustees held on July 25 last, which at pages 148-149 contains the report of the sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill.

Permit us on behalf of the Trustees to press the construction of the Hudson Memorial Bridge, and in connection with it to submit and urge that about 75 acres of the northern portion of Inwood Hill be taken for a public park, not only because it is most suitable for such a purpose in itself and for the reasons mentioned in the report of the Sub-Committee, but also because it will furnish a site unsurpassed for beauty and appropriateness for such memorial as may be hereafter adopted by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

The Sub-Committee ventures to urge that early proceedings may be taken to make effectual the park plan if it shall be determined on.

Submitting the matter for the favorable consideration, as we hope, of your Board, we are,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JNO. E. PARSONS, Chairman.  
HENRY W. SACKETT.  
GEORGE F. KUNZ.  
W. J. CURTIS.  
E. E. OLCOTT.

The letter was ordered printed in the minutes and placed on file.

The President read letters from Mr. C. R. Norman, President of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York, dated August 9 and 16, and his answers thereto, relating to Mr. Norman's suggestion that the Maritime Association be given representation on the Board of Trustees of this Commission, and said:

"By the action taken this afternoon in making Mr. Schwab a Trustee, the deficiency to which our attention has been called is partly rectified, and this in the person of a gentleman who is one of the leading shipping men in the port of New York."

The Sub-Committees, with the changes indicated, now stand as follows :

## NAVAL PARADE

- Rear-Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Chairman,  
Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Mr. William J. McKay, Newburgh, N. Y.  
Rear-Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N., 615 Walnut  
street, Philadelphia, Penn.  
Mr. Jacob W. Miller, Pier 19 North River, New York.  
Hon. John H. Starin, 9 West 38th street, New York City.  
Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, 42 Broadway, New York City.

## LAND PARADE AND LITERARY EXERCISES

- Major-Gen. Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., Chairman, Gov-  
ernor's Island, New York.  
Col. Franklin Bartlett, 5 Nassau street, New York City.  
Gen. Horace Porter, 277 Madison avenue, New York City.  
Gen. James Grant Wilson, 621 Fifth avenue, New York  
City.

## DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS

- Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Chairman, 55 Liberty street, New  
York City.  
Col. William Jay, 48 Wall street, New York City.  
Hon. Seth Low, 30 East 64th street, New York City.  
Hon. Oscar S. Straus, 5 West 76th street, New York City.  
Hon. William R. Willcox, General Post Office, New York  
City.

## PARK AND MEMORIAL AT INWOOD HILL

- Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman, 52 William street, New  
York City.  
Mr. William J. Curtis, 49 Wall street, New York City.  
Dr. George F. Kunz, 401 Fifth avenue, New York City.  
Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Desbrosses Street Pier, New York City.  
Mr. George W. Perkins, 23 Wall street, New York City.  
Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Tribune Building, New York City.

## STATE PARK AT VERPLANCK'S POINT

- Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Chairman, Peekskill, N. Y.  
Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Albany, N. Y.  
Hon. J. Rider Cady, Hudson, N. Y.  
Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Tribune Building, New York  
City.

## DATE OF CELEBRATION

- Mr. William McCarroll, Chairman, 30 Ferry street, New  
York City.  
Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, 285 Broadway, New York City.  
Mr. Louis C. Raegener, 141 Broadway, New York City.

The Secretary : "At the last meeting of the Board a resolution was adopted which authorized the President to appoint from time to time from the members of the Board of Trustees certain committees and sub-committees, consisting of such a number of the members respectively as he should deem necessary or desirable ; and I think, sir, unless you see some objection to the contrary, that it will be found desirable and useful, as the work goes on, to have the assistance upon committees of members of the Commission who are not themselves members of the Board of Trustees. I therefore move that in addition to the authority given at the last meeting, the President be authorized to appoint also from time to time, from the members of the Commission itself, certain committees and sub-committees, and consisting of such number of members respectively as he shall deem necessary or advisable."

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Secretary : "Mr. President, after the adjournment of the last meeting, Mr. Vanderbilt called the Secretary's attention to an extract from the Government report containing suggestions by United States Consuls abroad, including one from Consul Murphy, at Bordeaux, with regard to an exposition to be held in Bordeaux from May to November, 1907, to commemorate the centenary of the first successful application of steam to navigation." The Secretary then read one or two paragraphs from the report.

The President : "I also received a letter this morning, saying that there is to be an International Maritime Exposition at Bordeaux from May until September next, in recognition of what Robert Fulton did, and asking me to accept membership upon the American Committee, as the President of this Commission. If none of you see any objection to this, I will accept the appointment, but I hardly want to represent you officially without your authority."

Mr. Proctor moved that it is the sense of this Commission that the President accept this invitation. Carried.

The President : "I will write the Committee thanking them for the honor they have done me, and expressing my great pleasure in serving with Admiral Coghlan."

The President read a letter from the Hon. Henry Hudson, Mayor of the City of Hudson, N. Y., dated July 28, suggesting the appointment to the Commission of Mr. R. Fulton Ludlow, of Claverack, N. Y., an artist, whose grandmother was a daughter of Robert Fulton; and Mr. Herman Livingston, of Catskill Station, N. Y., a descendant of Chancellor Livingston and schoolmate of President Roosevelt.

Mr. Bayard L. Peck said that he knew Mr. Livingston personally and Mr. Ludlow very well by reputation and he thought that their appointment would be eminently fit. He therefore nominated them and the names were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Proctor nominated Col. William Cary Sanger of Sangerville, Oneida County, for appointment to the Commission. Col. Sanger, he said, was a man of great ability. He was Assistant Secretary of War, and had just returned from doing a great duty for our country as a delegate to the Red Cross Society Congress in Switzerland.

The name was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

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**Officers and Committees.**

(REVISED TO SEPTEMBER 26, 1906.)

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Stewart L. Woodford, 18 Wall Street, New York.

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Hon. Grover Cleveland,	Gen. Horace Porter,
Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus.
Morris K. Jesup,	Wm. B. Van Rensselaer,
Hon. Seth Low,	Hon. Andrew D. White.

*Treasurer:*

Isaac N. Seligman, Mills Building, New York.

*Secretary:*Henry W. Sackett,  
Tribune Building, New York.*Assistant Secretary:*Edward Hagaman Hall,  
Tribune Building, New York.*Executive Committee:*

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Andrew Carnegie,	George W. Perkins,
Hon. Joseph H. Choate,	Hon. N. Taylor Phillips,
Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke,	Gen. Horace Porter,
Hon. Grover Cleveland,	Louis C. Raegener,
Rear Adm. J. B. Coghlan, U.S.N.	Herman Ridder,
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Col. William Jay,	Hon. John H. Starin,
Morris K. Jesup,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus.
Dr. George F. Kunz,	Spencer Trask,
Hon. Seth Low,	Wm. B. Van Rensselaer,
John La Farge,	Aaron Vanderbilt,
William McCarroll,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Comdt. Jacob W. Miller,	Hon. Andrew D. White,
Frank D. Miller,	Hon. Wm. R. Willcox.
J. Pierpont Morgan,	Gen. James Grant Wilson,
Hon. Levi P. Morton,	

*Committee on Plan and Scope:*

Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman, Montrose, New York.	
James M. Beck,	Eben E. Olcott,
Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich,	John E. Parsons,
Maj. Gen. F. D. Grant,	Aaron Vanderbilt,
Dr. George F. Kunz,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Hon. Seth Low,	The President, <i>ex-officio</i> .

*Committee on Law:*

Hon. William W. Goodrich, Chairman, 49 Wall Street, New York.	
James M. Beck,	Col. William Jay,
William J. Curtis,	John E. Parsons,
Theodore Fitch,	The President, <i>ex-officio</i> .

*Committee on Nominations:*

Theodore Fitch, Chairman, 120 Broadway, New York.	
William J. Curtis,	J. Edward Simmons,
Henry W. Sackett,	The President, <i>ex-officio</i> .

*Committee on Finance:*

Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Chairman, 280 Broadway, New York.	
Hon. Warren Higley,	Mr. William McCarroll.



Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

September 26, 1906

The sixth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, September 26, 1906, at 3 P. M.

Present : Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. John C. Eames, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Hon. William W. Goodrich, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Mr. William J. McKay, Mr. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Ludwig Nissen, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward and Gen. James Grant Wilson. Mr. H. F. Stone, private secretary of Col. John Jacob Astor, was also present.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from the following named gentlemen, and they were excused : Adm. Joseph B. Coghlan, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. William McCarroll, Adm. George W. Melville, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Mr. Louis C. Raegenar, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee, Pres. J. G. Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Hon. John H. Starin, Hon. Andrew D. White, Hon. William R. Willcox, Mr. Charles R. Wilson, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Frederick W. Seward presided.

The minutes of August 22, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

Upon motion, duly carried, the printed minutes of July 25 were amended by inserting on page 152 at the end of the seventh line the words (which were in the stenographer's minutes, but were inadvertently omitted in the copy for the printer): "The motion was duly seconded and carried."

The Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, reported that the total contributions for the preliminary expenses of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee amounted to \$1,850. All indebtedness which had accrued prior to the incorporation of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, amounting to \$1,773.09, had been paid, leaving a balance of \$76.91 on hand, which had been remitted to him as Treasurer of this Commission by the Treasurer of the Joint Committee. He also stated that a formal requisition had been made upon the State Treasurer for \$5,000 of the \$25,000 appropriated for the purposes of this Commission, and that the funds were expected to be in hand within a few days. The report was received and ordered on file.

The Assistant Secretary stated that in his correspondence with the Comptroller in regard to using the money appropriated by the State for the purposes of this Commission he had submitted a form of voucher which required the approval of the person who had contracted the indebtedness, the certificate of the Chairman of the Finance Committee as to the correctness of the bill, and the approval of the President and Secretary of the Commission, before the bill could be paid. This form of voucher had been approved by the Comptroller. He therefore moved that the President appoint a Finance Committee of three, the Chairman or either other member of which shall, upon the authority of the majority of the Committee, certify to the correctness of vouchers. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

The President subsequently appointed as such Committee Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Warren Higley and Mr. William McCarroll.

The Assistant Secretary presented for payment the following bills which had been incurred since the incorporation of the Commission, and moved that they be approved for payment, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee :

Sept. 1.	E. H. Hall, part payment on account of salary from April 28 to August 31-----	\$76 91
Sept. 1.	E. H. Hall, disbursements, April 28 to August 31 -----	\$64 02
Sept. 1.	E. H. Hall, balance of salary, April 28 to August 31 -----	777 25
May 4.	Polhemus Ptg. Co., 500 manila envelopes	3 25
11.	" 400 oath of office-----	6 00
16.	" 1,000 manila envelopes -----	6 25
18.	" 1 binder for Assistant Secretary-----	60
22.	" 500 copies minutes of May 4--	15 90
23.	" 2 binders for President and Secretary-----	1 20
25.	" 500 copies minutes of May 17-	14 10
25.	" 1 binder for Chairman of Law Committee -----	65
31.	" 1,250 letter heads -----	5 50
June 13.	" ink, mucilage, etc-----	4 25
15.	" 500 copies minutes of May 23	19 90
19.	" 50 copies report-----	5 35
26.	" 500 copies minutes of June 13	25 50
July 11.	" 1,000 envelopes -----	3 25
16.	" 500 copies minutes of June 27	24 20
16.	" 1,000 letter heads -----	4 75
24.	" 1,000 manila envelopes-----	6 25
Aug. 28.	" 500 copies minutes of July 25-	19 00
Sept. 4.	" 1 cash book for Treasurer----	4 60
14.	" 500 copies minutes of Aug. 22	19 00
20.	" 150 Treasurer's receipts-----	2 00
21.	Henry Romeike, Inc., press clippings, May, June, July and August -----	6 93
May 31.	Irving Press, electrotypes -----	1 80
June 14.	J. J. Conlon, lettering office door-----	9 75
30.	Tiffany & Co., seal-----	75 00
Total-----		\$1,203 16

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

A communication was read from the Executive Secretary of the Mayor of the City of New York, dated September 10th, 1906, and addressed to the Secretary, stating that the Mayor, in accordance with the recommendation of this Commission, had appointed Mr. Archer M. Huntington, Mr. Alphonse H. Alker, Mr. George C. Boldt and Hon. Edward M. Grout members of the Commission.

The Secretary also reported that the following letter had been received from the Secretary of Governor Higgins:

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

ALBANY, September 12th, 1906.

HON. STEWART L. WOODFORD,  
President Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,  
Tribune Bld'g, New York City.

MY DEAR GEN. WOODFORD: Governor Higgins directs me to acknowledge your favor of the 6th instant, suggesting the addition of the name of Hon. Henry Hudson, Mayor of Hudson, N. Y., to the membership of your Commission. The Governor has noted this suggestion and wishes me to assure you that he will bear it in mind when making any additional appointments.

Very respectfully yours,  
(Signed) FRANK E. PERLEY,  
Secretary to the Governor.

The Secretary reported that on September 6th, 1906, the President of this Commission had written to Governor Higgins the following letter in regard to the necessity and expediency of requiring an oath of office to be taken by members of this Commission.

September 6, 1906.

HIS EXCELLENCY FRANK W. HIGGINS,  
Governor,  
Albany, New York.

DEAR SIR: When our Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was organized, the Chairman of our Law Committee advised me that under Section 2 of the Public Officers Law our trustees were officers required to take the oath specified in Section 10. Blanks were accordingly prepared and the oath was taken by a number of the trustees. Afterwards some very excellent lawyers among the trustees questioned both the necessity and the expediency of requiring this oath. Its exaction has fallen into disuse and the Secretary of the Commission only holds the oaths of about half our number. We are now getting to work actively. Should our plans be approved by the state and city governments, considerable expenditure may be required, and it becomes my duty to see that there is no question about the legality of our organization. While I am entirely willing to assume all necessary responsibility at any time, I ought not myself to decide this detail of organization.

May I ask you to refer this letter to the Attorney-General with request for his opinion as to my duty in requiring or waiving this oath by our trustees.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) STEWART L. WOODFORD.

In reply to the foregoing letter the President had received from the Governor a copy of the following letter from the Attorney-General:

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

ALBANY, September 14, 1906.

HON. FRANK W. HIGGINS,  
Governor, Executive Chamber,  
Albany, N. Y.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of a communication from Mr. Perley transmitting letter of Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, inquiring whether the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission are officers required to take and file oath as provided in Section 2 of the Public Officers' Law and in Section 10 of the same law.

I beg to say that I am of the opinion that these officers are *not* required to take and file an oath.

I return Mr. Woodford's letter herewith.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JULIUS M. MAYER,  
Attorney-General.

Mr. Fitch moved that those who had resigned from the Commission because they could not, consistently with their other obligations, take the Public Officers' oath at first believed to be necessary, be requested to withdraw their resignations. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

A communication was received from the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society concerning the preservation of Inwood Hill, accompanied by photographs, and a plan suggested by Mr. Louis E. Jallade based upon a topographical and historical map drawn by Mr. Reginald Pelham Bolton.

Mr. Sackett, while appreciating the value of the data contained in Mr. Bolton's painstaking map of the region, said that he thought that the elaborate and formal plan of treatment suggested in Mr. Jallade's design accompanying this communication would destroy the original purpose in creating this park, which was, to preserve Inwood Hill as nearly as possible in its natural condition. He expressed the earnest hope that the design should not be recommended to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

After other members had expressed themselves briefly on the subject, the communication was referred to the

Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill for their information.

Mr. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, reported that there had been no meetings of that Committee since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, but that it had received several communications, all of which would be carefully considered.

Mr. Seligman stated that it was the intention of the President of this Commission to sail in a few days for Italy, and he moved that the Secretary communicate to Gen. Woodford the sincere wish of his colleagues on the Board of Trustees for a safe voyage, a pleasant stay and a speedy return. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

On the following day, September 27, 1906, the President, under authority of Section 5 of Article II of the By-Laws, in writing designated Vice-President Herman Ridder to perform his duties and possess his powers as President of the Commission during his absence abroad and until his return.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

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## Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

October 24, 1906

The seventh meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, October 24, 1906, at 3 p. m.

Present: The Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Vice-President, presiding; and Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Hon. William W. Goodrich, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Mr. William J. McKay, Rear-Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N., Mr. Louis C. Raegener, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Col. John W. Vrooman, Gen. James Grant Wilson and Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall.

Mr. Carl Bitter, President of the National Sculpture Society and Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Architectural League of New York, in response to the recommendation of the Plan and Scope report (page 120) to offer suggestions in regard to the form of memorial to be erected in Inwood Park, was present by invitation.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from Acting President Herman Ridder, who had been summoned by President Roosevelt to the White House, and from Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. H. W. Cannon, Mr. W. J. Curtis, Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee, President J. G. Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Dr. Samuel B. Ward and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

The report of the Treasurer was read, as follows :

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,

Gentlemen :

Following is a statement of the condition of the finances of the Commission, October 24, 1906 :

## SUBSCRIPTION FUND.

*Receipts.*

1906 Sept. 17.	From J. P. Morgan & Co., balance of fund subscribed for preliminary expenses .....	\$76.91
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*Disbursements.*

Voucher A. 10.	E. H. Hall, part payment on account of salary from April 28 to August 31, 1906 .....	<u>76.91</u>
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## STATE FUND.

*Receipts.*

1906 Sept. 26.	From State Treasurer, part of \$25,000 appropriated by Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906 .....	\$5,000 00
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*Disbursements.*

Voucher.		
1.	E. H. Hall, balance of salary and disbursements to August 31st .....	\$841.27
2.	Polhemus Printing Co., printing .....	191.50
3.	Henry Romeike, Inc, clippings .....	6.93
4.	Irving Press, electrotypes .....	1.80
5.	J. J. Conlon, lettering office door .....	9.75
6.	Tiffany & Co., seal .....	75.00
		<u>\$1,126.25</u>
	Balance on hand October 24, 1906 ..	\$3,873.75

Respectfully submitted

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,  
Treasurer.

The report was received and ordered on file.

The Assistant Secretary presented the following bills to be approved for payment :

Polhemus Printing Co., printing.....	\$35.25	
Henry Romeike, Inc., press clippings in Sept..	1.08	
De-Fi Manufacturing Co., carbon paper.....	3.50	
A. B. King & Co., printing.....	7.00	
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$18.96	
E. H. Hall, salary, Sept. and Oct.....	416.66	435.62
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		\$482.45

Upon motion of Mr. Raeger, the bills were ordered paid, subject to approval by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented a report recommending that the Governor be respectfully requested to appoint the following named gentlemen as members of this Commission :

Mr. R. Fulton Ludlow, of Claverack, N. Y.  
 Mr. Herman Livingston, of Catskill Station, N. Y.  
 Col. William C. Sanger, of Sangerfield, N. Y.

The report was adopted and upon Mr. Fitch's motion it was voted to request the Governor to make the appointments as recommended.

Mr. Sackett stated that Vice-President Herman Ridder, whom the President of the Commission, General Woodford, had designated in accordance with the by-laws to act as President during General Woodford's absence abroad, had intended to be present at this meeting, but had been summoned to the White House by President Roosevelt and was thus unable to attend. In conversation a few days ago, Mr. Ridder had expressed to Mr. Sackett some of the things which he had in mind and which he would have brought before the meeting if he had been present. Mr. Ridder felt strongly that the time was ripe for the Commission to take up actively such arrangements for the celebration in 1909 as required considerable time for preparation.

One of the things which, he thought, should no longer be delayed was the invitation to foreign powers to participate in the Naval Parade. This subject had been brought to the attention of President Roosevelt by the Committee which called upon him February 10, 1906, and the President expressed his willingness to be the medium of communicating the invitation. The details of this feature

should be taken up and proper invitations extended through the President of the United States.

Another feature recommended by the Plan and Scope Committee was the reproduction of the Half Moon and Clermont. Mr. Ridder had pointed out that this would take considerable time, not only for the arrangements with those who should undertake the construction of the facsimiles, but also for research, preparation of designs, and the actual construction itself. If these very interesting objects are to be had, something ought to be done at once to set the preparations afoot.

A third feature, upon which Mr. Ridder laid even more emphasis, if possible, was involved in the plans of the New York City Government for Inwood Park, the Henry Hudson Memorial Bridge, and other things in that connection. There was now apparently a deadlock between the Municipal Art Commission and the Engineering Department of the city in regard to the design of the bridge. The original design had been deprived of its artistic features with a view to reducing the cost, and the Municipal Art Commission had disapproved of the modified design as unworthy of the city and the purpose which the bridge was expected to serve. The Commissioner of Bridges, Mr. James W. Stevenson, was reported to have declared that he would not have another plan prepared, and preparations for building the bridge appeared to be at a standstill. Mr. Ridder thought that this Commission might act advantageously as an intermediary and persuade the city authorities to meet the views of the Municipal Art Commission.

Mr. Sackett stated that in this connection he had given to Mr. Ridder the substance of an interview which he had recently had with the members of two Hudson River Associations, which were much interested in the plans for the Hudson Memorial Bridge and Inwood Park. These gentlemen had asked if this Commission would not find it advantageous if they would undertake to secure from the owners options for one year on the 60 or 75 acres of land needed for Inwood Park, with a view to keeping the land from falling into the hands of speculators and to making its acquisition by the city at a reasonable price more practicable. Mr. Sackett believed that it would be

wise for the Commission to avail itself of this suggestion. The gentlemen referred to could secure options at lower prices than others because they could show that it was to their mutual interest.

Then there was the question of the memorials in the way of architecture or sculpture contemplated in connection with the bridge and park, and Mr. Ridder thought that that was a matter concerning which the proper committee should be actively at work. With reference to this subject, Mr. Carl Bitter, President of the National Sculpture Society and Chairman of the Committee of Cooperation appointed by the Architectural League of New York, had come to this meeting to secure information on which to base intelligent recommendations to this Commission. Those whom Mr. Bitter represented were willing to cooperate, but they wanted to know how much ought to be expended and what should be the nature of the works.

Still another matter which had been laid over undecided was the date of the celebration. Admirals Coghlan and Melville thought that the Naval Parade would require two days, and this might modify the plan of the sub-committee on date, which would probably make further recommendations. As to the week already recommended, it appeared from official information recently obtained from the meteorological authorities of the federal government that the idea of equinoctial storms was a popular superstition without foundation in fact, and that the week of the autumnal equinox was not likely to be more inclement than any other week about that time of the year.

Upon these subjects Mr. Ridder wanted the Board to take action so as to get the wheels moving as soon as possible.

Judge Goodrich asked if the President had not appointed sub-committees on the various features of the Plan and Scope Committee's report.

The Secretary answered in the affirmative. (See list of committees on pages 162 and 175 of printed minutes.)

Judge Goodrich thought it would be wise to ask these

committees to confer among themselves with a view to setting the arrangements in active motion.

The Secretary moved that the President be requested to call together all the sub-committees on Plan and Scope for a conference, with a view to submitting such definite recommendations at the next meeting of the Trustees as would warrant a full attendance of both resident and out-of-town members. Carried.

Judge Goodrich stated that Mr. James M. Beck, a distinguished member of the Commission, had made the suggestion that arrangements be made for a permanent exhibition of all methods of ancient and modern locomotion; and he moved that the President be requested to appoint a committee on that subject, of which Mr. Beck should be chairman. Carried.

Gen. Wilson asked what action the Commission had taken in regard to the offer of Mr. Francis Bannerman to erect a statue of Hudson on Polopel's Island.

The Assistant Secretary replied that on June 27 (pages 137 and 139) the offer had been referred to the sub-committee on Dedication of Memorials, and that on June 30 Mr. Bannerman had withdrawn his offer, on the ground that so much time had elapsed since he made it and his affairs had so changed in the meantime that it would not be convenient to carry out his former plan.

Some discussion ensued as to the advisability of formally inviting the representatives of one or two art societies to meet with the Plan and Scope Committee.

Mr. Lamb thought that if any such invitation were given it should be extended to all of the art societies, some fourteen in number, represented in the Fine Arts Federation. He feared that otherwise the action of the Commission might be misconstrued. If, questions in which the Commission was interested should come up before the Municipal Art Commission, the help of the Fine Arts Federation would be of great value in straightening out the tangle.

Mr. Raegener thought that a formal invitation was unnecessary, as the sub-committees could invite such advice as they deemed desirable.

A letter from Mr. John Y. Cuyler, of New York, dated



October 5, 1906, recommending that the Half Moon be reproduced in the Naval Parade, was referred to the sub-committee on that subject.

A letter from Mr. J. J. McKelvey, of New York, Secretary of the Park District Protective League, dated October 16, 1906, communicating the opinion of Mr. Amory Coffin, an engineering expert, concerning the Hudson Memorial Bridge, was referred to the Sub-Committee on Inwood Park.

A letter was read from the Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Deputy Comptroller of the City of New York, dated October 16, 1906, transmitting a copy of the following resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, October 10, 1906 :

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by this Board at meeting held June 20, 1906, authorizing a lease of Room No. 605 in the Tribune Building, at the northeast corner of Nassau and Spruce Streets, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, for a period of one year from the date of occupation, at an annual rental of One Thousand Dollars, payable monthly; the lessor to furnish light, heat, elevator and janitor service; the rental to be paid out of the appropriation made by the City of New York for the expenses of said Commission, be and the same is hereby amended by omitting the clause, "the rent to be paid out of the appropriation made by the City of New York for the expenses of said commission."

Mr. Phillips explained that with the elimination of the clause mentioned in the resolution the rent can now be paid from the general appropriation for rents.

In this connection the Secretary called attention to the fact that the furniture now used in the Commission's headquarters was borrowed and the chairs were liable to be called for at any time.

Judge Goodrich moved that the Secretary be authorized to buy suitable furniture for the Commission at a cost of about \$350. Carried.

The Assistant Secretary stated that in response to a notice sent to the President he had represented the Commission at the hearing before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 8, with reference to inserting

the item of rent of headquarters in the annual budget, and that the item had apparently received favorable action.

A letter was read from Mr. Henry Clay Weeks, of Bayside, L. I., dated October 23, 1906, recommending the erection of a new Federal lighthouse at Stony Point, as a memorial of Gen. Anthony Wayne, to be dedicated in 1909. Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
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 Winchester Fitch.  
 Hon. J. J. Fitzgerald.  
 Fredk. S. Flower.  
*Thomas Powell Fowler.*  
 Austen G. Fox.  
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 George E. Matthews.  
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*Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.*  
 W. E. Woolley.  
 James A. Wright.

[Names of Trustees in italics.]

Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

November 26, 1906

The eighth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held by special call at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Monday, November 26, 1906, at 3 p. m.

*Roll Call.*

Present : Mr. Herman Ridder, Acting President, presiding ; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. William Berri, Rear-Admiral J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N.; Mr. Theodore Fitch, Major-General Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A.; Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Mr. William McCarroll, Mr. William J. McKay, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. John E. Parsons, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Dr. Eugene H. Porter, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Gen. James Grant Wilson and Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for inability to attend were received from Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Dr. George F. Kunz, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee, President J. G. Schurman, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Dr. Samuel B. Ward and Mr. Charles R. Wilson, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the seventh meeting of the Trustees, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

*Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich's Death Announced.*

The Acting President stated that it was his melancholy duty to announce to the Board the death of their distinguished colleague, the Hon. William Winton Goodrich, formerly Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Second District, of the State of New

York, who had died on November 21 after a brief illness from pneumonia.

Mr. Parsons moved that a committee be appointed to draft a suitable expression of the Commission's sense of its loss in the death of Judge Goodrich, to be presented at the next meeting. Carried.

The Acting President appointed Mr. Parsons as Chairman of the committee, with power to select his associates.

Mr. Parsons subsequently selected Mr. Henry W. Sackett to serve with him.

*Treasurer's Report, November 26, 1906.*

The report of the Treasurer was read as follows :

*Previous Balance.*

Balance on hand as per report of October 24----\$3,873.75

*Disbursements.*

Voucher.

7.	Polhemus Printing Company, printing and stationery.....	\$35.25	
8.	Henry Romeike, clippings in September.....	1.08	
9.	De-Fi Manufacturing Co., box of carbon paper .....	3.50	
10.	A. B. King & Company, printing.....	7.00	
11.	E. H. Hall, salary for September and October and disbursements.....	435.62	482.45

Balance on hand November 26, 1906---- \$3,391.30

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,  
Treasurer.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved.*

The Assistant Secretary presented the following bills to be approved for payment :

T. G. Sellew, office furniture.....	\$333.50
Arnold & Constable, rug.....	58.15
H. W. Sackett, paid for screen.....	10.00
Clarence Bonyge, stenographic reports, July 25 and August 22 .....	34.00
Henry Romeike, press clippings in October.....	24
Polhemus Printing Company, stationery and printing.....	24.75
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$13.59
E. H. Hall, salary for November.....	208.33
	<u>221.92</u>
	\$682.56



The bills were ordered paid, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

*Appropriation for Furniture Increased.*

The Assistant Secretary moved that the allowance for office furnishings, fixed at \$350 in Judge Goodrich's motion at the last meeting, be increased to \$500, the amount stated in the requisition on the State Comptroller. He stated that at the close of the last meeting Judge Goodrich had said that he thought that the amount he had named on the spur of the moment was inadequate, and that he would move the increase at the next meeting. The motion was carried.

*Nomination for Appointment to Commission.*

Mr. Berri nominated Mr. Frederick R. Cruikshank, of No. 50 Pine Street, New York, for recommendation to the Mayor for appointment as a member of this Commission. Mr. Cruikshank is head of the real estate and insurance firm of F. R. Cruikshank & Co. and resides at Nyack-on-Hudson. The nomination was seconded and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

*Letter from Governor Higgins.*

The Acting President stated that on October 25 he had communicated to Governor Higgins the nominations of Mr. Robert Fulton Ludlow, Mr. Herman Livingston and Col. Wm. C. Sanger for appointment as members of this Commission, in addition to the nomination of Hon. Henry Hudson, previously communicated by President Woodford, and that in the same letter he had inquired if Governor Higgins had heard from the Governor of New Jersey in regard to nominating gentlemen for appointment on this Commission. In reply he had received the following :

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
ALBANY, November 8, 1906.

HON. HERMAN RIDDER,  
2 Tryon Row, New York City.

My Dear Mr. Ridder :

Upon my return to Albany I find your letter of October 25th, and note your desires in relation to the appointment of Messrs. Ludlow, Livingston and Sanger. I have deferred

action in relation to Mr. Hudson,\* as I did not think it was wise to make one appointment at a time.

In relation to the communication from the Hon. Stewart L. Woodford of June 29th, permit me to state that Governor Stokes informed me on July 7th that he would take the matter up and act upon it in the near future. I have since that time seen Governor Stokes and again called the matter to his attention, and received a similar reply. I will again write to him to-day and will advise you as soon as I receive any further information on the subject.

With most sincere regard, I am,

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) FRANK W. HIGGINS.

*Conference of Plan and Scope Committee.*

The Acting President stated that, pursuant to the resolution adopted at the last meeting, he had called together the Plan and Scope Committee and its sub-committees for a conference at the headquarters on Thursday, Nov. 1, at 3:30 p. m., the results of which would appear in the reports of sub-committees about to be presented. He then called for the report of the Sub-Committee on Naval Parade.

*Report of Sub-Committee on Naval Parade.*

Admiral Coghlan, Chairman of that committee, presented the following report :

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission :

The Sub-Committee on Naval Parade met at the office of the Commission in the Tribune Building at 3 p. m., Friday, November 16.

Present: J. B. Coghlan, Aaron Vanderbilt and W. J. McKay.

Notices were received from the other members of the Committee, regretting their inability to be present.

After a discussion and consideration of the affairs before the Committee, the following preliminary report is submitted.

The Committee is of the opinion that to have a naval display in keeping with the historical facts that the Commission is formed to celebrate, at least two days should be set aside for the naval parade, and that the time allotted to the naval display should be the last two days of the celebration, instead of the first day.

Upon an examination of the waters of the Hudson from New York to the upper reaches of the river, the Committee finds that the only place where large ships, in fleet, can be properly maneuvered, after once going up the river, is the reach abreast Newburgh commonly known as New-

\*After the Trustees' meeting the Acting President was informed that Messrs. Hudson, Ludlow, Livingston and Sanger had been appointed members of the Commission on November 8.

burgh Bay. There is a broad reach of water off Haverstraw, but the actual navigable channel is only about  $\frac{3}{8}$  of a mile wide, and the soundings at mean low water show a depth of 4 to 5 fathoms in this channel. The reach off Newburgh averages from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile in width, with water varying from 5 to 7 fathoms in depth. This reach is about 5 miles long.

It is too far for the fleet to proceed to Newburgh and return on the same day. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the vessels designated to go up the river anchor at night in Newburgh Bay, have an illumination of the ships on that night, and be prepared to deliver the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" to vessels coming from Albany, in order that they may be taken to the City of Albany. The fleet of men-of-war and other vessels will then return from Newburgh, anchor off New York and be prepared to take part in the grand illumination of the entire fleet on the second night. All vessels anchored off New York will be requested to illuminate each night of the celebration.

The Committee recommends that the State Department of the United States be requested to extend to foreign governments an invitation to participate in the celebration, by sending men-of-war to take part in the naval display, or in such other way as they may desire.

The railroad companies, steamboat and steamship companies centering in this city will be informed in due time to make arrangements facilitating travel of the public when the Commission decides upon the exact dates of the celebration.

Regarding the following items :

1st. Location and construction of the ceremonial water gate.

2d. Location and construction along the water front of proper landing for visiting men-of-war and others ; and

3d. Securing from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and from other sources the plans, etc., of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont," to permit estimates to be made of the time and cost of construction, the Committee desire still further time.

During the winter season the Committee will be able to assemble all its members with more frequency and the business before the Committee will be advanced more rapidly at the future meetings.

(Signed)

J. B. COGHLAN,  
Rear-Admiral, U. S. N.,  
Chairman,  
for the Committee.

Admiral Coghlan verbally supplemented his written report by saying that the Committee had given a good

deal of thought to the subject, particularly to the capability of the river to accommodate large vessels. In regard to the number of naval vessels available, they found the United States Government would be able to anchor from 30 to 35 men-of-war off New York. These would comprise 18 large battle ships, and the remainder would be cruisers and smaller vessels.

Concerning the proposed naval procession up the river, they found that, owing to the narrowness of the channel in certain places, as, for instance, off Nyack, it would be impossible for the fleet to proceed in double column. Such as went up the river would have to go in single column.

He also said that, while it would be possible to take a single big ship up the river, it would be impracticable to take the whole fleet up with safety to itself and to the multitude of private craft which would crowd the river and over which the commander of the fleet would have no control. He thought it feasible, however, to take up a detachment of the big vessels, swing them at their anchors in Newburgh Bay, and bring them down again with perfect safety.

Mr. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, said that his Committee would be glad to have a copy of Admiral Coghlan's report to assist them in preparing a supplementary report on Plan and Scope. He moved that the report of the Sub-Committee on Naval Parade be accepted with thanks. Carried.

*Suggestion to Extend "Half Moon's" Itinerary.*

A communication from Dr. George F. Kunz was read suggesting that when the "Half Moon" shall have completed its journey as far northward as its prototype sailed, its journey be continued through the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and, if possible, visit certain of the lake ports. This would create a greater interest in the entire celebration and would do much to educate people throughout a larger section of the country. He quoted the Hon. Charles M. Dow, President of the Niagara Commission, as stating that it would be possible to obtain 20 or 30 Indians from the State reservations to take part in these proceedings. Referred to the Committee on Naval Parade.

*A Century Between Clermont and Turbine.*

A communication was read from Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt quoting the following paragraph from the "London Engineer" of Sept. 21, 1906 :

"It may be remarked that the employment of the marine steam turbine in the largest vessel the world has seen coincides in point of time and to a nicety that is striking with the initiation of steam navigation. Next year, when the "Mauretania" and the "Lusitania" will be plying on the greatest of ocean routes, will mark the hundredth anniversary of the placing into daily service by Fulton on the Hudson of the pioneer steamship "Clermont."

Ordered on file.

*Description of Original Clermont.*

A communication from Mr. Winchester Fitch, in response to an inquiry from the Commission, was read, as follows :

200 West 81st Street, N. Y.,  
30th October, 1906.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL, Esquire,  
Asst. Secretary, Hudson-Fulton  
Celebration Commission,  
Tribune Building, N. Y.

My Dear Sir :

In response to your question in favor of the 29th I find it stated in several works that the famous "Clermont" built by Fulton in 1807, was finally broken up. It is fully described by Admiral Preble in his "History of Steam Navigation," p. 52, and by Samuel Ward Stanton in his "American Steam Vessels," p. 12, which gives a page cut of the Clermont; but the dimensions are not given exactly the same in these two works. The hull was of wood, built by Charles Brown; length, 130 or 133 feet; breadth of beam, 18 or 18½ feet; depth of hold, 6 or 7½ feet. The engine was built by Boulton and Watt in England; diameter of cylinder, 24 inches by three or four feet length of piston stroke. It was stored for some time for non-payment of charges near the Collect Pond, where John Fitch experimented with his boat in 1796 and 1797.

The boiler was of copper, low pressure, 20 feet; height, 7 feet; width, 8 feet.

Wheels, 15 feet in diameter, 8 buckets to each wheel, 4 feet in length; dip, 2 feet.

Speed, nearly 5 miles an hour.

Stanton says the "Clermont" was overhauled and enlarged during the winter of 1807-8, and the name changed

to "North River"; but that after making trips as a passenger steamer for several years it was finally broken up. It is probable that the smaller dimensions as given herein are those of the original boat; the larger ones those of the enlarged boat.

There is a model of John Fitch's Ohio River boat built before 1798 in the collection of the Ohio Archæological and Historical Society in the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio.

At Stevens Institute, at Hoboken, are preserved the engine of the boat in which Commodore Stevens crossed from the Battery to Hoboken in 1804, which was tried forty years later and made eight miles an hour, and also a later vessel.

Hoping that this will aid you, believe me,

Truly yours,  
(Signed) WINCHESTER FITCH.

Referred to the Sub-Committee on Naval Parade.

*Report of Sub-Committee on Land Exercises.*

Gen. Grant presented a verbal report in behalf of his Sub-Committee on Land Exercises. He stated that, while the individual members had given the subject thought, he had been unable to assemble his committee, owing to the fact that he had been absent all summer in camp, and since then had been moving around on inspection duty. He would convene his committee at once. He said that the military parade could be arranged with comparative ease as soon as it was known what organizations would participate. The right of the line would be given to the United States troops; next would come the bluejackets; then the State troops and other organizations according to the well-established rules of seniority.

General Grant and Admiral Coghlan, representing the Army and Navy, indulged in an interchange of pleasantries, in which Admiral Coghlan said that it had been suggested to his committee that the military parade be arranged for the opening day of the celebration, so that the militia might be released to enjoy the rest of the celebration. The Navy was quite willing to take the last two days in order that the river demonstration might be the culmination of the festivities.

Report of progress received.

*Signal Fires Along the Hudson Proposed.*

Mr. Berri suggested that on the night most convenient and appropriate large signal fires all along the Hudson River, at points designated by the Commission between New York and Albany, be lighted simultaneously by electricity by the President of the United States. At nearly every important point the entire length of the river these signal fires could be arranged so as to be visible, one to the other, and the whole river would practically be ablaze in honor of the event. Salutes could also be fired. Each signal fire, he said, would interest and attract the entire population within a radius of at least ten miles. It could be made a great local demonstration. Each community in the vicinity of the officially designated signal fires would undoubtedly raise among themselves sufficient funds to cover expenses of the same, and there would probably be such a firework display at each point as to make the affair memorable and unique. The entire population of the Hudson River would thus practically be participants in our celebration, which would seem to be a most desirable thing to accomplish. It was also probable that in addition, the private firework displays along the river would greatly add to the brilliancy of the event. The illuminations of the homes and the vessels upon the river might safely be counted upon to do their share. Mr. Berri said that inquiries as to the practicability of the scheme indicated that it was entirely feasible, and would probably be comparatively inexpensive to the Commission if the matter should be approved and taken up in time to secure the co-operation of the Hudson River communities.

Referred to the Sub-Committee on Land Exercises.

*Memorial Lighthouse on Verplanck's Point.*

Mr. Bergen, from the Sub-Committee on the Dedication of Memorials, reported that the data before his committee concerning the memorials to be dedicated had not been sufficient yet to warrant definite recommendations. He said that he had been unable to convene his committee because one distinguished member (the Hon. Oscar Straus) had been chosen to the Cabinet of the President of the United States, one was absent and one was ill. With respect to the suggestion of Mr. Henry Clay Weeks, which

had been referred to his committee, for a memorial lighthouse on Stony Point, he thought that if it could be arranged tactfully without exciting jealousies between the two sides of the rivers it might be advisable to ask the Government to erect it on the Verplanck's Point side, where it was proposed to establish the memorial state park. Report of progress received.

*State Park at Verplanck's Point.*

Mr. Seward, by request of Chairman Pugsley, reported for the Sub-Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point that the Committee had visited the Point on Thursday, November 8, and gone over the ground, but pending the receipt of a survey, which was under way, the Committee could not make a definite report. The most important part of the proposed park was the tip end of the Point, called the Battery, which contained the ruins of the old revolutionary battery. This embraced two or three acres. Next came the steamboat landing, which was one of the termini of the old King's Ferry. On Washington Hill, about a quarter of a mile back, was the place where Washington pitched his marquee and received Rochambeau and the French troops on their return from the victory at Yorktown. This was connected with the Battery by a broad road, called Broadway, which could readily be converted into a parkway. These areas, 15 or 20 acres in all, could be obtained for a few thousand dollars. The Committee, however, thought that this was not enough for a park. About 100 acres of extremely picturesque land, belonging to the Hudson River Brick Co., which was going out of business, was available at a reasonable price and would receive the consideration of the Committee.

Mr. Seward said that there was already a lighthouse on the Federal reservation adjoining the State reservation on Stony Point. It stood on the site of the old magazine and was historically located and a conspicuous landmark. If the proposed memorial lighthouse were put on the bluff of Verplanck's Point, as at West Point, it would, in conjunction with its mate on Stony Point, identify the narrow passage between Verplanck's and Stony Points beyond mistake by navigators. He believed that a boat was wrecked at Stony Point a few years ago through a mistake as to its identity.



Mr. Seward moved that the Verplanck's Point Committee and the Committee on Memorials be requested to confer on this subject. Carried.

*Report of Sub-Committee on Inwood Hill.*

Mr. Parsons, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill, reported that since the last meeting his Committee had made substantial progress with the matters referred to them. He said that on the recommendation of the Plan and Scope Committee it had been determined that an effort be made to acquire Inwood Hill as a public park and the site for an important construction. Inwood Hill, he said, was the northern extremity of Manhattan Island. The portion which it seemed desirable to acquire comprised about 75 acres. It had an elevation of about 217 feet and was covered with primeval forests. Its appearance was almost the same as when Henry Hudson saw it. This Hill would be the southern abutment of the proposed Hudson Memorial Bridge across the Spuyten Duyvil Creek.

Mr. Parsons then described briefly the situation in regard to the bridge and park and the efforts of his committee to promote them, and expressed his hopefulness of a successful issue.

Report of progress received.

*Report of Sub-Committee on Date.*

Mr. McCarroll, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Date of Celebration, said that his committee had nothing further to recommend at present. They would take into consideration the report of Admiral Coghlan's committee and its recommendation that two days be devoted to the naval parade, and he had no doubt but that the views of the Committee on Date would accord with those of the Naval Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
**Trustees' Meeting**

November 28, 1906

The ninth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was duly called, according to the By-laws, to be held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, on Wednesday, November 28, 1906, at 3 P. M.

It being the day before Thanksgiving Day, no quorum was present, and the meeting was adjourned without the transaction of any business.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.

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To arrange for the "Commemoration of the Ter-Centenary of the Discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in the year 1609, and of the First Use of Steam in the Navigation of said river by Robert Fulton in the year 1807." ❧ ❧ ❧ ❧



Minutes of December 19 and 26, 1906.

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(REVISED TO DECEMBER 26, 1906.)

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[Names of Trustees in italics.]

## Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

December 19, 1906

The tenth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held pursuant to special call at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, December 19, 1906.

### *Roll Call*

Present: Mr. Herman Ridder, Acting President, presiding; and Mr. George V. Brower, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. Theodore Fitch, Major-Gen. Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. George A. Hearn, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, President J. G. Schurman and Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall.

### *Excused for Absence*

Regrets for non-attendance were received from Mr. William Berri, Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. George G. DeWitt, Mr. William J. McKay, Com. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. John E. Parsons, Gen. Horace Porter, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. Francis L. Stetson, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Col. John W. Vrooman, Hon. Andrew D. White and Hon. William R. Willcox, and they were excused.

### *Minutes Approved*

The minutes of the meetings of November 26 and November 28, 1906, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

### *Ratification of Former Proceedings*

Mr. Fitch offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The printed minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission held on July 25, August 22 and September 26, in

the year 1906, do not show the presence of a quorum ; therefore,

Resolved, That the action taken by the Trustees present at those meetings, as shown in the printed minutes, be and the same is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed, and the same is hereby adopted at this meeting as the action of the Board of Trustees *nunc pro tunc*.

Carried.

*Treasurer's Report*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, to the effect that there had been no disbursements since the last meeting, and that the balance in the treasury remained at \$3,391.30, was read and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Finance Committee :

J. B. McCarthy, stenographic services to	
Wm. W. Goodrich.....	\$14.40
C. S. Morrell, boxes.....	4.65
Polhemus Printing Co., printing.....	26.00
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$13.20
E. H. Hall, salary for December.....	208.33—221.53
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	\$266.58

*Greetings from President Woodford*

The Secretary stated that a letter received from Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, President of the Commission, dated Sorrento, Italy, November 26, 1906, expressed his continued interest in the preparations for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration and requested that his friendly greetings be extended to all his associates on the Commission. The Secretary was requested to reciprocate these sentiments in behalf of the Commission.

*Relations with Fulton Monument Association*

The Secretary stated that under date of December 4, 1906, he had received a letter from the secretary of Mayor McClellan, asking, for the Mayor's information, whether the plans of the Robert Fulton Monument Association conflicted in any way with the plans of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. His Honor especially desired to know whether the two organizations were working along the same lines.



The Secretary had replied under date of December 5, 1906, to the effect that the first President of the Fulton Monument Association, Major-Gen. Frederick D. Grant, and the present President of that Association, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, were both Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission; that from previous statements by Gen. Grant there appeared to be no conflict, but, on the contrary, entire harmony between their plans; but that an interview would be had with Mr. Vanderbilt, after which the Secretary would advise the Mayor further.

Gen. Grant confirmed Mr. Sackett's statement by saying that the purposes of the two organizations were complementary to each other. The Fulton Monument Association started out to build a monument to Robert Fulton, which, if the Fulton descendants acquiesced, might also be a tomb. Their primary purpose was not to arrange a celebration. He thought that their work in raising money and erecting the memorial and the celebration of this Commission would work in with each other in entire harmony.

Admiral Coghlan regretted that Mr. Olcott was not present to repeat what he had reported to the Fulton Monument Association, to the effect that there was a good prospect that the divergent views of the Art Commission of the City of New York and the engineers which were delaying work on the Hudson Memorial Bridge would be composed, and that the suggestion that the Fulton Memorial be erected on Inwood Hill, in close proximity to the bridge, might be adopted. Admiral Coghlan thought that the plans of the Fulton Monument Association and this Commission would blend very well.

#### *Trades Organizations in the Celebration*

The Secretary read a letter dated December 12, 1906, from Mr. Nathan Newman, of 344 St. Ann's Avenue, New York, and Mr. John McParland, enclosing the following communication:

To the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

GENTLEMEN: Fully realizing the importance of the work your honorable body has in hand and believing that your efforts can secure the fullest measure of success only when aided by the hearty co-operation of all classes of citizens, we deem it our duty to point out that the securing

of such co-operation has been seriously endangered by what was evidently an oversight. In the past, bodies similar to the Commission were usually so composed as to give representation to all important classes of citizens, and that this custom has been departed from in the selection of the members of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission is, we think, a grave error.

Apparently every class in the community except the wage-earning class is represented on the Commission, and we desire to call your attention to the fact that the success of the celebration, no matter what its form, lies largely in the hands of this class and without its co-operation success cannot well attend your efforts.

The members of your honorable body, of course, are well aware of the important position held by organized labor in our state and city, and its right to represent labor is too secure and its position too important to be ignored.

Inasmuch as the Commission possesses power to add to its number, we respectfully suggest that its impolitic and undemocratic make-up be so changed as to give organized labor the representation to which it is entitled.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

#### *Official Flag Proposed*

The Secretary read a letter dated November 26, 1906, from Mr. Louis Annin Ames, a member of this Commission and member of the firm of Annin & Co., flag makers, 99 Fulton Street, New York, suggesting the adoption of a distinctive flag for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration. He stated that special flags were designed for the Pan-American, Louisiana Purchase, Lewis and Clark and other celebrations, and he offered to exhibit these flags to the Commission and give any other information in possession of his house. Referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Acting President.

#### *Tribute to the Late Wm. W. Goodrich*

In the absence of Mr. John E. Parsons, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare a minute in memory of the late Hon. William W. Goodrich, Mr. Sackett, the other member of the committee, presented the following report :

On November 21, 1906, after a short illness, died Hon. William W. Goodrich, a Vice-President of the Commission and one of its members from the beginning.

Born in Havana, N. Y., in 1833, and a graduate of Amherst College and the Albany Law School, he moved in 1854 to New York, where, in the practice of admiralty law, he became one of the leading authorities in the country. He was twice a member of the Legislature, and subsequently a member of the Board of Education of Brooklyn. In 1888 he was appointed as one of the seven delegates from the United States to the International Marine Congress at the Hague; in 1896 was appointed to the Supreme Court of this State, and in 1897 was named as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division. With faculties unimpaired, he was retired because of the age limit, January 1, 1904, when he resumed the active practice of his profession.

Judge Goodrich was eminent in his profession, distinguished as a judge and useful in the community in which he lived as a public-spirited citizen. Action appropriate to these relations has been or will be taken in his honor. It is for us to bear testimony to the important part which he took in the proceedings of the Commission and to the loss which it has suffered by his unexpected and untimely death.

The interest which Judge Goodrich took in our work was active and earnest. To our discussions he contributed the benefit of his exceptional intelligence, his long and varied experience and his great familiarity with everything pertaining to the subject.

He was tenacious of his opinion, but he was always willing to listen to the views of others and to give to them deference and suitable consideration.

His kindly manners and uniform courtesy attached to him all who knew him and made friends of those of us who first became acquainted with him in the prosecution of our work. His death means a loss which the Commission will not find it easy to repair. The members mourn and will miss him as a friend whose place it will be difficult to fill.

Resolved, That we record this minute in our book of Minutes and that a copy be furnished to the family of Judge Goodrich.

The minute was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

*Report of Nominating Committee*

The Committee on Nominations reported through Mr. Fitch, chairman, recommending the election of Hon. Henry Hudson and Major-Gen. Charles F. Roe as Trustees, to fill vacancies;

Also the election of Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson as Vice-President, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Hon. William W. Goodrich;

Also the nomination of Mr. Frederick R. Cruikshank, of 50 Pine Street, New York City, for appointment by Mayor McClellan to be a member of the Commission.

The report was adopted.

*Election of Two Trustees*

It was voted that the Secretary be directed to cast a single ballot in behalf of those present for the Hon. Henry Hudson and Major-Gen. Charles F. Roe to be Trustees, to fill vacancies.

The ballot having been cast as directed, the gentlemen named were declared elected.

The President announced that the number of Trustees now lacked but one of the 100 allowed by the Charter.

*Election of a Vice-President*

It was voted that the Secretary be directed to cast a single ballot in behalf of those present for Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson to be Vice-President, in place of the late Hon. Wm. W. Goodrich.

The ballot having been cast as directed, Mr. Stetson was declared elected.

*Recommended for Appointment by the Mayor*

It was voted that Mr. Frederick R. Cruikshank be recommended to Mayor McClellan for appointment as a member of this Commission.

*Report of Committee on Land Exercises*

Gen. Grant, in behalf of the Sub-Committee on Land Parade and Literary Exercises, of which he was chairman, presented the following report :

Your Committee on Land Parade and Literary Exercises have the honor to submit the following report :

Your Committee met on December 3, 1906, and, after careful deliberation, came to the following conclusions :

1. They recommend that the parade should be purely military and naval and that the following organizations be asked to participate :

(a) The United States army.

(b) The United States navy.

(c) The organized militia of the States of New York and New Jersey.

(d) That the organized militia of the other States be requested to participate, especially that of the adjoining States of Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

2. Two plans of route were discussed :

(a) That the route should be so selected as to have the parade concentrate and terminate upon points where monuments or memorials of the events celebrated would be unveiled or dedicated.

(b) That a route should be selected over which the parade in passing would afford the greatest number of people an opportunity to see it, and which would be most convenient for them to come together and disperse.

The second plan is the one recommended by your Committee, and, unless something in the future should make a change desirable, your Committee would advise that the participants in the parade assemble in the vicinity of Washington Square and be dismissed at Grant's Tomb, passing over such route as the Grand Marshal may, at the time, find the most convenient for all concerned.

3. It is recommended that the Grand Marshal be selected at a later date by this Committee.

4. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of this Commission at once take the necessary steps to correspond with the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy and also the several Governors and State Legislatures to secure ample appropriations for the transportation, maintenance and all other expenses of the military organizations that participate in the parade.

For the literary entertainment your Committee would recommend the following :

(a) That the Metropolitan Opera House be secured and that an oration be delivered by some distinguished orator to be selected at a later date.

(b) That the President of the United States and the surviving ex-President or ex-Presidents be invited to be present and to participate in the evening's proceedings.

(c) That several of the most important musical organizations of this city be invited to furnish the necessary music for the occasion, and

(d) That the Governors and ex-Governors of New York and New Jersey and the Governors of the States which furnish troops to participate in the parade be invited to be present at the literary and musical entertainment, together with such other distinguished persons as may at that time be in or near the city.

Gen. Grant supplemented his written report with a verbal statement concerning the various features suggested and intimated that the report was susceptible to amplification as the details of the plan were developed.

An informal discussion of the report, in which ex-Mayor Low and others participated, followed, at the conclusion of which the report was unanimously adopted.

*Report of Committee on Inwood Park, etc.*

The Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill, Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman, reported that since their last report of progress they had proceeded further with the matters specially referred to them, but that nothing definite had as yet been reached and they merely reported progress.

The report was received.

*Report of Sub-Committee on Verplanck's Point*

Mr. Hall reported for the Sub-Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point that the Committee had secured estimates from a civil engineer for making a map of the property lines at Verplanck's Point to assist the Committee in forming its judgment, but the estimates were so high that no survey had been ordered. The Committee believed that it could get the necessary data in some other manner and hoped to make recommendations at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

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Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting  
December 26, 1906

The eleventh meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was duly called, according to the By-Laws, to be held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, on Wednesday, December 26, 1906, at 3 P. M.

It being the day after Christmas, no quorum was present, and the meeting was adjourned without the transaction of any business.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

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River by Henry Hudson in the  
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Use of Steam in the Navigation  
of said river by Robert Fulton  
in the year 1807." ❧ ❧ ❧ ❧



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 Hon. J. J. Fitzgerald.  
 Fredk. S. Flower.  
*Thomas Powell Fowler.*  
 Austen G. Fox.  
*Hon. Charles S. Francis.*  
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 Frank S. Gardner.  
 Hon. Garret J. Garretson.  
 Hon. Theodore P. Gilman.  
 Robert Walton Golet.  
*George J. Gould.*
- Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant.*  
 George F. Gregory.  
*Henry E. Gregory.*  
 Hon. Edward M. Grout.  
 W. L. Guillaudeau.  
 Abner S. Haight.  
*Edward Hagaman Hall.*  
 Benjamin F. Hamilton.  
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*Hon. Warren Higley.*  
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*Samuel Verplanck Hoffmann.*  
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 Colgate Hoyt.  
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*Morris K. Jesup.*  
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 Hon. John H. Ketcham.  
*Gen. Horatio C. King.*  
 Albert E. Kleinert.  
*Dr. George F. Kutz.*  
*John LaFarge.*  
*Charles R. Lamb.*  
 Frederick S. Lamb.  
 Homer Lee.  
 Charles W. Lefler.  
 Julius Lehrenkrauss.  
*Dr. Henry M. Leipzig.*  
 Hon. Clarence Lexow.  
 Hon. Gustav Lindenthal.  
 Herman Livingston.  
 Comdr. Charles H. Loring.  
 Hon. P. C. Lounsbury.  
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 R. Fulton Ludlow.  
 William A. Marble.  
 George E. Matthews.  
*William McCarroll.*  
 Donald McDonald.  
*William J. McKay.*  
 Hon. St. Clair McKelway.  
*Rear-Ad. Geo. W. Melville.*  
*Hon. John G. Milburn.*  
*Frank D. Millet.*  
*Jacob W. Miller.*  
 Hon. Warner Miller.  
 Brig.-Gen. A. L. Mills.  
*Ogden Mills.*  
*J. Pierpont Morgan.*  
 Hon. Fordham Morris.  
*Hon. Levi P. Morton.*  
*Wm. C. Muschenheim.*  
 C. H. Niehaus.  
*Ludwig Nissen.*  
 W. R. O'Donovan.  
*Eben E. Olcott.*  
 William Church O-born.  
 Percy B. O'Sullivan.  
*Hon. Alton B. Parker.*  
 Orrel A. Parker.  
*John E. Parsons.*  
*Hon. Samuel Parsons.*  
 Samuel H. Parsons.  
 Comdr. R. F. Peary.  
*Bayard L. Peck.*  
 Gordon H. Peck  
 Howland Pell.  
*Geo. W. Perkins.*  
*Hon. N. Taylor Phillips.*
- George A. Plimpton.  
*Dr. Eugene H. Porter.*  
*Gen. Horace Porter.*  
 Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter.  
*Thomas R. Proctor.*  
*Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley.*  
*Louis C. Raegenor.*  
*Herman Kidder.*  
*William Rockefeller.*  
*Maj.-Gen. Chas. F. Roe.*  
 Carl J. Roehr.  
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*Thomas F. Ryan.*  
*Henry W. Sackett.*  
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 George Henry Sargent.  
*Herbert L. Satterlee.*  
 Charles A. Schermerhorn.  
*Prest. Jacob G. Schurman.*  
*Gustav H. Schwab.*  
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 Hon. Theo. H. Silkman.  
*J. Edward Simmons.*  
 John W. Simpson.  
 E. V. Skinner.  
 Prof. John C. Smock.  
 William Sohmer.  
*Nelson S. Spencer.*  
*James Speyer.*  
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 Isaac Stern.  
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 Henry R. Towne.  
 Dr. Irving Townsend.  
*Spencer Trask.*  
 C. Y. Turner.  
 Albert Ulmann.  
*Avron Vanderbilt.*  
*Alfred G. Vanderbilt.*  
*Cornelius Vanderbilt.*  
*Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke.*  
 Warner Van Norden.  
 Wm. B. Van Kesselacker.  
 Miss A. T. Van Santvoord.  
 J. Leonard Varick.  
 Hon. E. B. Vreeland.  
*Col. John W. Vrooman.*  
 Hon. Chas. G. F. Wable.  
*Dr. Samuel B. Ward.*  
 Hon. W. L. Ward.  
 Edward Wells, Jr.  
 Charles W. Wetmore.  
*Edmund Wetmore.*  
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*Hon. Andrew D. White.*  
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*Hon. William R. Willcox.*  
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 Edward C. Wilson.  
*Gen. James Grant Wilson.*  
 Charles B. Wolffram.  
*Stewart L. Woodford.*  
*Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.*  
 W. E. Woolley.  
 James A. Wright.

[Names of Trustees in italics.]



## Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

January 23, 1907

The twelfth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, January 23, 1907.

### *Roll Call.*

Present: Mr. Herman Ridder, Acting President, presiding; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. George V. Brower, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. George A. Hearn, Hon. Warren Higley, Col. William Jay, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Mr. William McCarroll, Mr. William J. McKay, Com. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Ludwig Nissen, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Col. John W. Vrooman, Gen. James Grant Wilson and Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall.

### *Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. Henry Hudson, Dr. H. M. Leipziger, Mr. F. D. Millet, Hon. Seth Low, Rear Adm. Geo. W. Melville, U. S. N., Mr. E. E. Olcott, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Mr. Spencer Trask, Pres. J. G. Schurman, Hon. Andrew D. White, Hon. C. A. Pugsley and Hon. Wm. Berri, and they were excused.

### *Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved without reading.

### *Treasurer's Report, January 23, 1907.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, as given below, was read and ordered on file:

## Minutes of Trustees

## PREVIOUS BALANCE.

Balance on hand as per report of Dec. 19, 1906...\$3,391.30

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Voucher.

12.	E. H. Hall, Asst. Secy., salary for November and disbursements.....	\$221.92	
13.	T. G. Sellew, furniture.....	333.50	
14.	Arnold, Constable & Co., rug.....	58.15	
15.	Henry W. Sackett, paid for screen...	10.00	
16.	Clarence Bonyng, stenographic reports.....	34.00	
17.	Henry Romeike, Inc., press clippings	.24	
18.	Polhemus Printing Co., printing and stationery.....	24.75	
19.	J. B. McCarthy, stenographic services to Judge Goodrich.....	14.40	
20.	Cornelius S. Morrell, boxes.....	4.65	
21.	Polhemus Printing Co., printing....	26.00	
22.	E. H. Hall, salary for December and disbursements.....	221.53	\$949.14
	Balance on hand January 23, 1907.....		<u>\$2,442.16</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN, Treasurer.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment out of the State appropriation, subject to examination and approval by the Finance Committee:

Polhemus Printing Co., 1,150 manila envelopes....	\$6.75	
“ 500 copies 12-pp. minutes, Dec. 19-26....	19.00	
“ 1,000 letter heads.....	4.75	
“ 1,000 envelopes.....	3.25	
“ One box pens.....	.75	
“ One quart mucilage.....	.75	
T. G. Sellew, repairing chair.....	1.00	
E. H. Hall, salary for January.....	\$208.33	
“ Disbursements.....	8.60	216.93
		<u>\$253.18</u>

The Assistant Secretary stated that the bills of The Tribune Association for rent of headquarters, for which provision had been made by the City of New York, had not been paid because they had been presented to the Comp-

troller direct and not through the Commission. He therefore offered the following bill for approval, for payment by the City of New York, and it was approved :

The Tribune Association, for rent of room 605 from  
 June 13, 1906, to Dec. 31, 1906, at \$1,000 per  
 annum -----\$550.00

*Appointed to the Commission by the Mayor.*

A communication dated December 28, 1906, from the Secretary of Mayor McClellan, was read, appointing Mr. Frederick R. Cruikshank, of New York City, as a member of the Commission, upon recommendation of the Trustees.

*Communication from Mr. R. Fulton Ludlow.*

A communication dated Jan. 18, 1907, from the secretary of Mayor McClellan, transmitting a letter dated January 11, 1907, from Mr. R. Fulton Ludlow, of Claverack (a member of the Commission), was received and both were read. Mr. Ludlow's letter said in part:

LUDLOW HOMESTEAD,  
 CLAVERACK, NEW YORK.

January 11, 1907.

HON. GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN,  
 City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:

On account of being the grandson of Robert Fulton, you can readily understand how grateful I am, and not only this, but my three cousins as well, to the citizens of the world who are doing so much to perpetuate the memory of Robert Fulton's achievements.

I appreciate exceedingly that the French Government is to have an International Exposition next year on these lines, as well as the fact that the President of the Jamestown Exposition is to reserve a day agreeable to the Robert Fulton Monument Association, to honor our grandfather, but the thing that has touched our hearts most is the work that has been done by the Robert Fulton Monument Association in its efforts to build a lasting memorial to the memory of Robert Fulton.

It has been the wish of this Association in connection with the Monument to remove Robert Fulton's remains from Trinity Churchyard and place them in the Memorial Tomb when completed. This has met with our approval, and some time ago Robert Fulton's four grandchildren ad-

dressed a letter to Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt and the Association, giving their consent to the removal of the body.

The letter then refers to the decision of the Fulton Monument Association to lay the cornerstone of their memorial on Nov. 14, 1907, and to newspaper reports stating that the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission had proposed a Fulton parade on August 11, 1907, and Mr. Ludlow asked that this parade be postponed to Nov. 14, the anniversary of Fulton's birth.

The communication was referred to the Secretary with the request to inform Mr. Ludlow that the reports that this Commission was planning a Fulton parade for August 11 were erroneous.

*Trades Organizations in the Celebration.*

A communication, dated January 21, 1907, from Mr. Nathan Newman to the Secretary was read as follows (see page 207 of Minutes of December 19, 1906) :

INTERNATIONAL TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION CONVENTION  
SOUVENIR COMMITTEE, 1907.  
NATHAN NEWMAN,  
Eastern Representative,  
344 St. Ann's Avenue.

New York, January 21, 1907.

Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Secretary, etc.

Dear Mr. Sackett: Referring to our conversation anent the suggestion of desirable men connected with trades organizations as representatives on the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, I believe Mr. Alfred J. Boulton, Register of King's County, would creditably fulfill any mission he may be assigned to in making the celebration a pronounced success. Mr. Boulton is an active member of the Stereotypers' Union and many times has been honored by that organization.

I am suggesting Mr. Boulton's name without his knowledge.

Yours truly,

NATHAN NEWMAN.

Mr. Newman's communication was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

*Report of Sub-Committee on Memorials.*

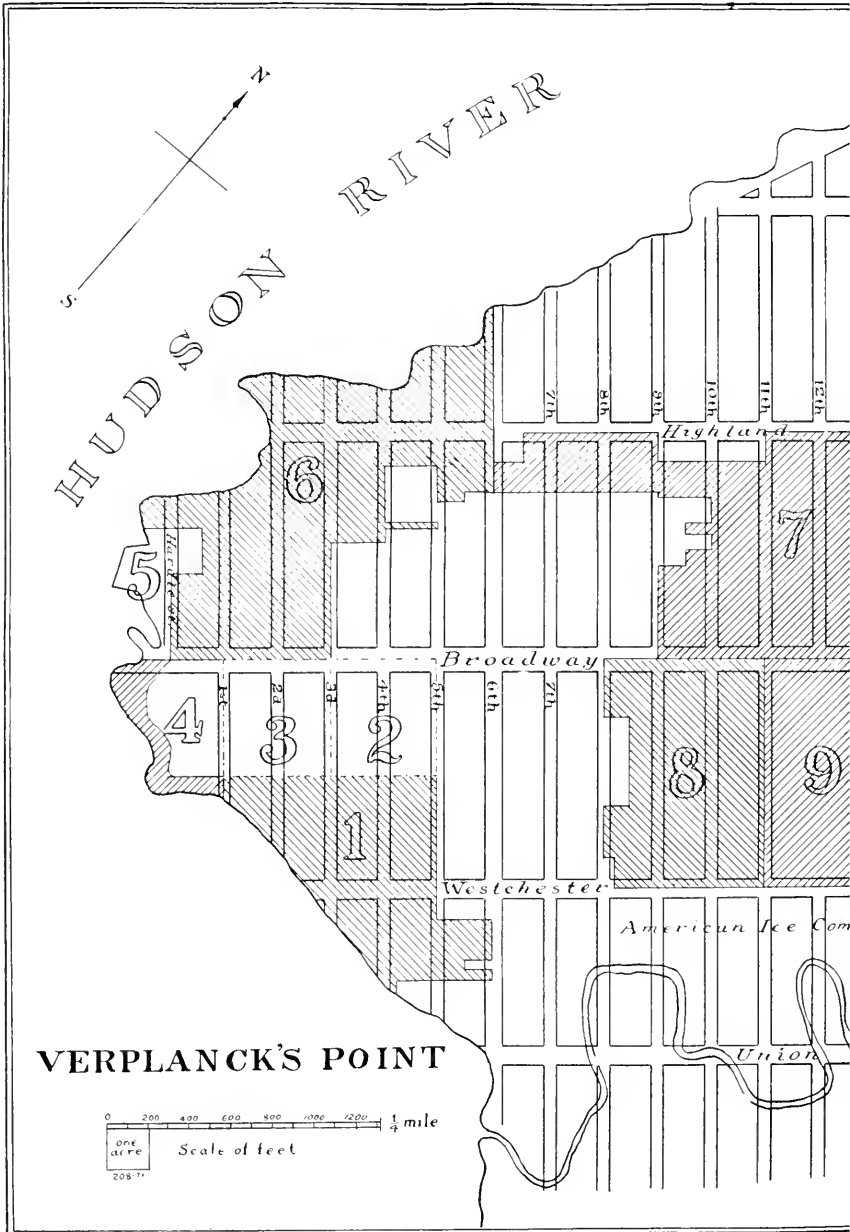
Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Dedication of Memorials, reported that Mr. Henry

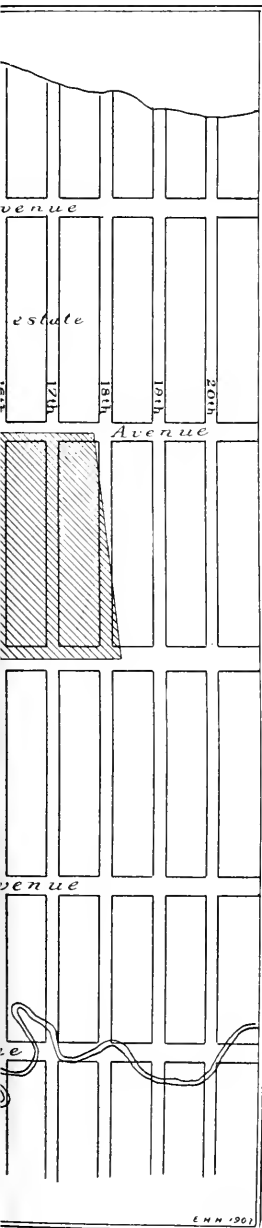
Clay Weeks, of Bayside, L. I., who had proposed a new lighthouse at Stony Point as a memorial of Gen. Anthony Wayne (see pages 184 and 197 of Minutes), had presented maps and photographs relating to the subject. Mr. Weeks had stated that he desired no conflict with those in charge of the Stony Point State Reservation, but still thought his plan was desirable. Mr. Bergen said that his committee would meet soon and present documents. Report of progress received.

*Water Gate on Riverside Park.*

Admiral Coghlan, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Naval Parade, stated that his committee was still collecting data.

Apropos of this subject, Commander Miller referred to his suggestion, July 25, 1906 (page 152 of Minutes), concerning a ceremonial Water Gate on the margin of Riverside Park, near Columbia University. He said that the City had no suitable landing place for the use of Government vessels and no proper place for receiving ashore distinguished foreigners. The Battery, at the lower end of the island, would be the natural place for a ceremonial Water Gate, but on account of the dense traffic around the Battery there was no suitable anchorage there, while by law vessels were obliged to anchor off Riverside. In 1906 a law was passed (Chapter 304 of the Laws of 1906), authorizing the City of New York to fill in the waterfront between the lines of 116th street, 120th street, the Hudson River Railroad and the bulkhead line, and to enter into an agreement with the Trustees of Columbia University by the terms of which, if the University shall assume the expense of this extension of Riverside Park, "any portion or portions of Riverside Park lying west of said route or roadway of the Hudson River Railroad Co. may be inclosed or set apart as an athletic field or fields, and for boat landing or boat houses for use and occupation by the Trustees of said Columbia College," etc. Mr. Miller had made an effort to get into conference with the Columbia authorities to see if they would not modify their Stadium idea so as to embody in the plan a Water Gate, a naval museum, an armory, and provision for the nautical school





ship St. Mary's. The result was that on Saturday, January 19, a conference representing seven different interests was held at Columbia, and it was decided that the representatives would go back to their respective organizations and report, and see if they could be brought together. Two questions had come up: One was how large the joint committee should be, and the other was about getting a bill through the Legislature to authorize a modification of the Columbia plan. He said that plans were being prepared by Palmer & Hornbostle, architects, and would be presented as soon as completed. He asked authority for the expenditure of \$1,000 for obtaining legal advice, traveling expenses to Albany, etc., in connection with the matter.

Mr. Charles R. Lamb said that this same proposition concerning a Water Gate had been brought up in a slightly different form by President Butler of Columbia University at a meeting of the Fulton Monument Association, and Gen. Grant had spoken of the necessity of getting that Association and this Commission together. Mr. Lamb asked if it were not best to find out where our friends of the Fulton Association stood. He thought that Riverside was undoubtedly the best location for a Water Gate.

Deputy Comptroller Phillips asked why any new legislation was necessary. He thought that the Dock Department, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York had between them ample power in the matter. Part of the property desired is in the jurisdiction of the Dock Department and part in the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks. "The

difficulty," said Mr. Phillips, "is that if you go to Albany for mandatory legislation for something which the City authorities already have power to do you would encounter the objection of many."

Mr. Miller agreed with Mr. Phillips as to the power of the City authorities.

Mr. John E. Parsons was asked by the President for his views and replied that he had not examined the legislation in regard to the Stadium. In his mind arose the question whether the Legislature had not imposed such a trust as might require relief from some of its conditions to permit the modification proposed. He thought that the appropriate course would be to get the opinion of the Committee on Legislation as to the necessity of any new law.

Judge Higley moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Legislation, to which Commander Miller could explain the situation. Carried.

*A Committee of Co-operation.*

Mr. Lamb moved that a committee be appointed to secure the co operation of this Commission and the Fulton Monument Association.

Commander Miller suggested that the motion include the co-operation of any other bodies that think of acting with us.

Mr. Lamb accepted the suggestion and the motion as put was that a committee be appointed to confer with the Fulton Monument Association and other bodies on any subject of common interest with a view to securing their co operation.

The motion was carried and the Acting President appointed as such committee Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Commander Jacob W. Miller and Mr. Henry W. Sackett.

*Inwood Park—\$1,000 for Expense .*

Mr. John E. Parsons presented a report from the Sub-Committee on Inwood Park. The report, after stating the progress made by the Committee in its investigation and the advisability of proceeding with a full knowledge of all the requirements of the proposed park, concluded with the recommendation that the Sub-Committee be authorized to



incur an expense of not to exceed \$1,000 in obtaining the necessary plan and information

The report was discussed at some length. Mr. Parsons expressed the opinion that the project would be greatly facilitated by procuring precise information and laying before the Board of Estimate a concrete proposition, the proportions of which that Board could know exactly.

Deputy Comptroller Phillips emphatically approved of Mr. Parsons' suggestion.

Mr. Fitch moved that the report be adopted and that the Sub-Committee on Inwood Park be authorized to incur expense not to exceed \$1,000. Carried.

It was the general opinion of the Trustees that the consummation of the Park plan would be promoted by not giving publicity outside of the Commission to the text of the Sub-Committee's report at present; and, on motion of Mr. John E. Parsons, it was voted that the report be kept confidential by the Trustees until further instructions by the Board. Carried.

*Report of Sub-Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point.*

In the absence of the Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point, the Hon. Frederick W. Seward presented the report from that Committee. The opening paragraph of the report as read was as follows:

"Your sub-committee on the proposed State Park at Verplanck's Point has the honor to submit this preliminary report, with the request that it be permitted to perfect some of the details before publication in the minutes. Since the report was originally drafted, a more detailed map of the property lines has been obtained, which will enable the Committee to formulate its recommendations more specifically."

The report as revised is as follows:

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

Your Sub-Committee on the proposed State Park at Verplanck's Point has the honor to report that it has made personal examination of the Point, and with the help of such maps as were obtainable and such information as was

to be had from the residents and owners of property there it submits the accompanying map and recommendations.

Verplanck's Point lies on the eastern shore of the Hudson River, 25 miles north of the New York City line, and directly opposite Stony Point, the scene of Gen. Anthony Wayne's famous military exploit in 1779.

About the year 1830, with a view to real estate developments, Verplanck's Point was laid out as a city, to be called Verplanck, with streets and avenues somewhat like the city plan of New York. Most of the streets were laid out 60 feet wide, a few wider, and the avenues 80 feet wide, while Broadway is 110 feet in width. Of these streets and avenues, only one of importance, namely, Broadway, was ever constructed, but the plan is still used locally in the indication of property lines.

The principal owners of the land on Verplanck's Point are the Hudson River Brick Company and the Bleakley family. On the accompanying map, the property of the Hudson River Brick Co. is indicated by diagonal cross lines. (Map on pages 220 and 221.)

For convenience of description, we have arbitrarily divided the available property into ten parcels and computed the areas from the map.

Parcel No. 1 is that portion of the Brick Co.'s property lying between 1st and 6th streets along the shore on the southern side of the Point, and comprises approximately 17 acres.

Parcel No. 2 consists of the northwestern half of the two blocks bounded by 3rd and 5th streets, Westchester avenue and Broadway. It contains the residence and grounds of the King family, and comprises about  $6\frac{2}{3}$  acres.

Parcel No. 3 consists of the corresponding two half blocks between 1st and 3rd streets, containing about  $6\frac{2}{3}$  acres. It is a high bluff, overlooking parcels 1 and 4, and is the site of the Revolutionary Fort Fayette. It contains two residences, one a fine modern building and a barn, and belongs to the Bleakley family. It is one of the most sightly and attractive portions of the Point.

Parcel No. 4 is known as the Battery. It is a level tract of about 6 acres, lying on the waterfront at the foot of the hill on which Fort Fayette stood, and contains the ruins of old stone buildings with loopholes for guns. It is exactly at the head of Haverstraw Bay, with a view looking southward through Haverstraw Bay and the Tappan Zee, a distance of twenty-five miles. Directly across from it is Stony Point, distant about half a mile. Directly below this property is the spot where Henry Hudson cast anchor on his voyage up the River.

Parcel No. 5 comprises the Steamboat Landing and belongs to the Bleakley family. This was one of the landings of the old King's Ferry across which the armies of three nations and all the leading figures of the Revolutionary period passed during the war for Independence. A wharf on Stony Point occupies the site of the other terminal of the Ferry. This plot comprises about 4 acres.

Parcel No. 6 is composed of the Brick Company's property northwest of Broadway and extending along the river front as far as 6th street. It is high, bold land and commands a beautiful view up the river into the southern gate of the Highlands between the Dunderberg and Anthony's Nose. It contains about 30 acres.

In parcel No. 7 we have included the Brick Co.'s property lying northwest of Broadway between 6th and 13th streets, amounting to about  $27\frac{3}{4}$  acres.

Parcel No. 8 is the Brick Co.'s property between Westchester avenue, Broadway, 8th and 11th streets, including about 18 acres.

Parcel No. 9 is the adjacent area between Westchester avenue, Broadway, 11th and 13th streets, owned by the Brick Co. and embracing about 13 acres. This area was laid out on the plan of Verplanck as Washington Park. It is the highest land in the vicinity, with bold and picturesque outcroppings of rock. Here stood Washington's marquee when he received Rochambeau and the French army after the battle of Yorktown in 1781. The troops of the victorious allies were encamped round about. This land is now used for pasturage.

Parcel No. 10 is the remainder of the Brick Co.'s property lying between Westchester avenue, Broadway, 13th and 15th streets, and between Broadway, Highland avenue, 13th and 18th streets. It contains about  $45\frac{3}{4}$  acres.

The committee was informed by some of the owners of the property in question that the Bleakley property was held by that family at \$35,000 and that the Hudson River Brick Company was willing to sell the whole of its holdings at \$75,000, making a total of \$110,000 if all of these parcels except the King property (No. 2) were taken. If a part only were taken, it would be about on the basis of a thousand dollars for each acre on the waterfront and \$500 to \$700 per acre for portions further back. Presumably the King property could be obtained at about the same rates.

Your committee recommends the taking of parcels Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9, embracing a total area of about 105 acres. If, as is thought likely, the whole of the Brick Co.'s property can be obtained at the same price as for the parts we have indicated, then the whole might be taken; but your committee is of the opinion that the 105 acres

above suggested is the least that it is desirable to include in the Park. This, it will be seen by the map, is all contiguous territory. It includes all of the principal water front of the Point and a link (parcel No. 7) connecting the portion at the river side with Washington Hill (No. 9). This connection will permit of a drive connecting all parts of the reservation independently of Broadway. This area would also include not only the most salient topographic features of the Point, but also the localities of chief historic interest—the site of Fort Fayette, the Battery, the Ferry landing, Washington's Hill and the Camp Ground.

The scenery is unrivaled, since the Point commands a view up the Highlands as far as the Dunderberg and Anthony's Nose, as has already been stated, and down the River through Haverstraw Bay and Tappan Zee. A deep channel extends along the shore. And the land, containing, as it does, shore and bluff, level plain and rocky hill, is diversified in character and well adapted for treatment by the landscape architect.

The Park would be about 25 miles north of the New York City line and would be accessible both by steamboat and railway. A trolley line extends from the New York Central Railroad station at Peekskill through Montrose to Verplanck's Point, a distance of four miles, and it is stated that a spur of the New York Central Railroad is contemplated from Cruger's station to Verplanck's Point, a distance of two miles.

Your committee strongly recommends the purchase of this area as being in the interest of the State. It will give the State a property which will probably increase in value, and if not taken by the State, may be sold at even a greater price to manufacturing companies, some of whom are bidding for portions of it.

The project of this Park is not a novel experiment, but may be regarded as the rounding out and completion of the act of the State in making a reservation for a State Park on Stony Point which has proved so popular on the west side of the river. The two reservations, directly opposite each other and connected by the old King's Ferry, combine historical associations and scenic advantages in a way not duplicated elsewhere along the Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS A. PUGSLEY,  
Chairman.

Col. Jay asked if the Sub-Committee had visited Verplanck's Point in person.

Mr. Seward replied that it had.

Col. Jay said that according to his recollection it was not a very attractive spot and he had some doubt as to the advisability of the plan for a park there. There seemed to be a blight upon the river between Sing Sing and Peekskill. He thought it would be a mistake to have a park on the end of a point miles and miles from everything attractive. This point would be isolated and surrounded by brick-yards, etc., and it seemed to him as if many more beautiful places with attractive surroundings were available.

Hon. Samuel Parsons, former Commissioner of Parks of the City of New York and now Landscape Architect of the Parks, was asked by the President for his views on the recommendation of a park at Verplanck's Point. In reply he said he thought it was an excellent idea. There was no question in his mind as to the suitability of the area for a park. It was admirably adapted for landscape treatment and had sufficient diversity of topography to lend itself well to the purposes for which it was intended. He thought 100 acres none too much.

Mr. Seward said that Verplanck's Point was the ruin of an enterprise formed many years ago for a summer resort. Then the Point was laid out into streets and avenues as indicated on the accompanying map, but Broadway was the only street that had actually been constructed. Since then the brick industry had risen, flourished and gone to rack and ruin. It was true that it was a dilapidated and desolated tract, spoiled by a half century of gravel pits and clay yards: but this property could not have been bought during the past 50 years for five times the present price. The place had been selected not only because of its adaptability for landscape treatment but also because of its slightly location and its historic interest. It was half of the natural gateway which separated Haverstraw Bay on the south from Peekskill Bay on the north. Down the river it commanded a view for 25 miles through Haverstraw Bay and the Tappan Zee, and up the river the range of view extended into the entrance of the Highlands. As it was the complement of Stony Point topographically, so

it was historically. It was the site of Fort Fayette, whose fortunes were inseparably connected with the fort on Stony Point. It was the eastern terminus of the famous King's Ferry, one of the most important connecting links between the colonies during the Revolution. It was the site of Washington's headquarters after the surrender of Yorktown in 1781 and the place where the American and French armies met upon the return of the latter from the South. Off this point Henry Hudson's "Half Moon" anchored, and altogether the place was of very great interest. Related, as Verplanck Point was to Stony Point, by so many ties of nature and history, the two seemed but portions of one whole, and the State Park at Stony Point was but half a park without the other half on Verplanck's.

Col. Jay asked if the Commission were committed to a park at Verplanck's Point.

Mr. Ridder replied that it was not. This Sub-Committee, like the others, was appointed simply to investigate and report.

Mr. Brower thought the Commission should adopt the idea of a park. It should approve of anything which would beautify the river.

Upon motion of Mr. Seward, it was voted that the report be received and placed on file, and also that it be printed in the Minutes.

Upon motion of Mr. John E. Parsons, the Sub-Committee was requested to make a further report.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

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[Names of Trustees in italics.]

# Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

February 27, 1907.

The thirteenth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, February 27, 1907, at 3 p. m.

*Roll Call.*

Present: The President, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N.; Commander Jacob W. Miller, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Herman Ridder, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Col. John W. Vrooman, Gen. James Grant Wilson and Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall.

The President, who had been abroad since September, offered a brief word of greeting upon taking the chair, and invited the Presiding Vice-President, Mr. Ridder, who had acted as President during his absence, to a seat by his side.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. William Berri, Hon. J. Rider Cady, Mr. Wm. J. Curtis, Hon. Henry Hudson, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Mr. William McCarroll, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Col. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Herbert Satterlee, President J. G. Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Hon. Andrew D. White and Hon. Wm. R. Willcox, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved without reading.

## Minutes of Trustees

*Treasurer's Report, February 27, 1907.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, as given below, was read and ordered on file.

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission :

Gentlemen :

I have the honor to report the following condition of the treasury at noon, February 27, 1907.

## PREVIOUS BALANCE.

Balance on hand as per report of Jan. 23, 1907 ---- \$2,442.16

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Voucher.

23.	Polhemus Printing Company.....	\$35.25	
24.	T. G. Sellw.....	1.00	
25.	E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	8.60	
	E. H. Hall, salary for January.....	208.33	253.18
			<u>253.18</u>
			\$2,188.98

The foregoing is the balance of the first \$5,000 remitted by the State Treasurer from the \$25,000 appropriated by Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906 for the use of this Commission. Against this balance will be chargeable such part as may be used of the \$1,000 appropriated by the Trustees at their last meeting for the expenses of the Inwood Park Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,

Treasurer.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Finance Committee:

Polhemus Printing Company, thumb-tacks.....	\$0.36
Polhemus Printing Company, one pair shears.....	.90
Polhemus Printing Company, 500 copies minutes of January 23.....	26.80
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$9.95
E. H. Hall, salary for February.....	208.33
	<u>218.28</u>
	\$246.34

*Chairman of Law Committee Appointed.*

The President announced the appointment of Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson as member and Chairman of the Committee on Law, in place of the Hon. William W. Goodrich, deceased.

*Plan and Scope Committee Report.*

The Committee and Sub-Committees on Plan and Scope were then called in turn for reports.

Mr. Seward, Chairman of the general Committee on Plan and Scope, reported that the various sub-committees had been actively at work, as was evidenced by the printed minutes, and that all of them, except the recently appointed Committee on Motive Power, whose chairman had been ill, had made preliminary reports. Their recommendations were taking shape, and as soon as their final reports were made the general Committee on Plan and Scope would present final recommendations for adoption. Report of progress received.

*Proposed Water Gate.*

A letter was received from the Hon. James M. Beck, of the Law Committee, stating that he had called a meeting of the Committee to consider the question referred to it by the Trustees concerning the necessity of amending Chapter 304 of the Laws of 1906 if Columbia University should consent to modify its Stadium plan so as to embody a ceremonial Water Gate. (See page 222 of Minutes.) The Committee was not prepared to pass upon the question without seeing the agreement which Columbia University had made, and which was in the nature of a trust. He therefore asked that a copy of the trust agreement be procured and said that upon its receipt the Committee would give the matter further consideration. (See references to Water Gate under the following heading.)

*Conference with Fulton Monument Association.*

The President asked if the Committee appointed at the last meeting (page 222) to co-operate with the Robert Fulton Monument Association and other bodies on subjects of common interest had any report to make.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the Committee had arranged a conference meeting with a committee of the Robert Fulton Monument Association at 2.30 p. m., half an hour before the present meeting of the Trustees, and that Mr. Charles R. Lamb, the Chairman, expected to be present at the Trustees' meeting and make a report, but he had not yet arrived.

[Mr. Lamb and Commander Miller, of the Committee of Co-operation, arrived later, just as the motion to adjourn was being put. The statement which Mr. Lamb would have made to the Trustees is here inserted for information. Mr. Lamb and Commander Miller had met Mr. Hugh Gordon Miller and Mr. W. W. Dearborn (Assistant Secretary), representing the Robert Fulton Monument Association, at the headquarters of the latter, No. 3 Park Row, Wednesday, February 27, at 2.30 p. m., and they had conferred for about an hour. The Robert Fulton Monument Association had definitely decided upon a Water Gate and Monument in combination as a memorial to Robert Fulton, the report of their sub-committee to that effect having been adopted by their Association. The memorial is to be located at the riverside, on the south side of and adjacent to the grant made to Columbia University for a Stadium, etc., and a bill for a grant of land under water to the Monument Association, similar to the grant to Columbia University, had been drawn by Mr. Geo. L. Rives and sent to Albany. They expected to lay the corner stone on November 14, 1907, the anniversary of Fulton's birth. They were not sure whether their Fulton Memorial would be completed in 1909, but they hoped that it would be. The relatives of Fulton had consented to the removal of his remains from Trinity Churchyard to the monument, and had given the Robert Fulton Monument Association sole authority, so far as the family was concerned, to raise funds for this purpose. The representatives of the Fulton Association said that they had no information about our proceedings and would be glad to know what this Commission expected to do in honor of Fulton's memory. They also said that they would be pleased to co-operate with this Commission in honoring the memory of Hudson.]

*Report of Inwood Park Committee.*

Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the Inwood Park Committee, reported briefly that the committee was proceeding along the lines previously indicated to obtain authentic information and was making progress. Report of progress received.

*Report of Verplanck's Point Committee.*

In the absence of the Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Chairman of the Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point, the Hon. Frederick W. Seward stated that the report of that committee as printed in the last minutes embodied the latest information which they had been able to obtain, and that the recommendation contained in it was the unanimous sentiment of the Committee. The Committee was in correspondence with the owners of the property with a view to obtaining more definite figures to submit to the Trustees.

A communication dated No. 7 Pine Street, New York, Feb. 26, 1907, from Mr. Howland Pell, a member of the Commission, was read as follows:

HENRY W. SACKETT, Esq.,

Secretary, Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

Dear Sir:

Although a member of that Commission, I have not received a notice of a meeting for nearly a year. I have received the reports of the minutes, the last being dated Jan. 23, 1907. I observe many references to making a State Park of the brickyards and other premises at Verplanck's Point, and wish to hereby record my protest against any such action, as I consider the proposition foreign to the objects of the Commission.

I understand from the minutes that the affairs of the Commission are managed by Trustees whose names are in *italics*, but I beg to ask if their action can bind the whole Commission on such a question.

I ask that you read this letter at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Very respectfully,  
(Signed) HOWLAND PELL.

The communication was referred to the Sub-Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point.

*Preparation of Annual Report Authorized.*

Mr. Theodore Fitch stated that Section 6 of the Charter of this Commission (see page 83) required that "said Commission shall annually make to the Legislature a statement of its affairs." He therefore moved that the President and Secretary of the Commission be authorized to prepare the Annual Report to the Legislature as thus required. Carried.

*Exhibition of the Municipal Art Society.*

A communication, dated New York, Feb. 21, 1907, to the President of the Commission from Mr. Charles R. Lamb, President of the Municipal Art Society of New York, was read, inviting the Commission to make an exhibit of its plans at the Sixth Annual Exhibition of the Society, to be opened in the galleries of the National Arts Club, March 13, 1907.

The Assistant Secretary stated that he did not think that the plans of the Commission had crystallized sufficiently to enable it to make an exhibit.

In response to a question by the President, Mr. John E. Parsons said that so far as the plans for the Hudson Memorial Bridge were concerned, they were at a complete standstill. The Art Commission of the City of New York\* had disapproved of the design for the bridge as submitted by the engineers and the latter had not offered any modified plan. The attitude of the engineers was that of waiting for the Art Commission to suggest something more acceptable; and the position of the Art Commission was that it was not incumbent upon them to suggest plans, but only to pass upon those submitted. The question hung in that condition, with the tender of his committee to exercise its friendly offices in bringing them together.

With reference to the memorial to be erected at Inwood, Mr. Parsons said that his sub-committee had had communications from the National Sculpture Society and the Architectural League of New York, expressing a willingness to confer in accordance with the invitation from the Commission (see pages 120 and 150), but in order that such a conference might have something tangible to consider the sub-committee would like to have them offer their suggestions in advance. The conferees would thus be prepared to discuss the matter intelligently when they got together. Suggestions of different kinds had come from various sources. One was for something like the statue of Germania on the Rhine; another was for something like the tomb of Napoleon or Grant's tomb. Still another was for a modification of the Parthenon. The

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\*Not to be confused with the Municipal Art Society of New York.



thing for them to do was to suggest a general idea. He thought it would be of assistance if the Commission itself had some view on the subject.

Mr. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, thought that the first necessity was to get the site, and then the form of the memorial could be decided upon afterwards.

Mr. Phillips moved that the invitation of the Municipal Art Society be complied with as far as practicable. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the President.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.



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*Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood:*

John E. Parsons, Chairman, 52 William Street, New York City.  
 William J. Curtis, Eben E. Olcott,  
 Dr. George F. Kunz, George W. Perkins,  
 Henry W. Sackett.

*Sub-Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point:*

Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Chairman, Peekskill, N. Y.  
 Hon. James K. Apgar, Hon. Warren Higley,  
 Hon. J. Rider Cady, Hon. Frederick W. Seward,  
 Edward Hagaman Hall, Dr. Samuel B. Ward.

*Sub-Committee on Date of Celebration:*

William McCarroll, Chairman, 30 Ferry Street, New York City.  
 Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Louis C. Raegenar.

*Sub-Committee on Exhibition of Motive Power:*

Hon. James M. Beck, Chairman, 44 Wall Street, New York City.

*Committee on Co-operation:*

Charles R. Lamb, Chairman, 23 Sixth Avenue, New York City.  
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## Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

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[Names of Trustees in italics.]

## Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

March 27, 1907.

The fourteenth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters, in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, March 27, 1907, at 3 p. m.

### *Roll Call.*

President : Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, President, presiding ; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Mr. William J. McKay, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N. ; Mr. Ludwig Nissen, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson and Col. John W. Vrooman.

### *Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. James M. Beck, Hon. William Berri, Hon. J. Rider Cady, Mr. George A. Hearn, Col. William Jay, Dr. George F. Kunz, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. Wm. C. Muschenheim, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee, Pres. J. G. Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. Spencer Trask, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Hon. Andrew D. White and Hon. Wm. R. Willcox, and they were excused.

### *Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved without reading.

### *Treasurer's Report, March 27, 1907.*

Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Treasurer, reported that as the vouchers for the bills approved at the last meeting had not

yet reached him no checks had been drawn since his report of February 27, and that the balance on hand remained as then stated, \$2,188.98.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Finance Committee :

Polhemus Printing Company, tissue paper.....	\$2.00	
Polhemus Printing Company, Minutes of February 27.....		17.70
Polhemus Printing Company, 1,175 Manila envelopes.....		6.75
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$13.50	
E. H. Hall, salary for March.....	208.33	221.83
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		\$248.28

*Funds Available Until April 27, 1908.*

The Secretary read a letter from the Hon. Martin H. Glynn, Comptroller of the State of New York, dated March 16, 1907, stating that the fund appropriated for the use of this Commission by Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906 was available for two years from the passage of the act, namely, until April 27, 1908.

*Appointed by the Mayor.*

The Secretary read a letter from the Executive Secretary of the Mayor of the City of New York, dated March 14, 1907, communicating the Mayor's appointment of the following named gentlemen, representing the Central Federated Union, as members of this Commission : Hon. A. J. Boulton, 232 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn ; Mr. Nathan Newman, 344 St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx, and Mr. James P. Holland, 159 Meserole Avenue, Brooklyn.

*Trustees Nominated for Annual Election.*

Mr. Theodore Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented the following report :

To the Board of Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission :

The Committee on Nominations hereby nominates and recommends for election at the annual meeting of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, on May 8, 1907, the following, viz :



FOR TRUSTEES OF THE HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION  
COMMISSION.

Mr. John G. Agar,	Hon. John G. Milburn,
Hon. James K. Apgar,	Mr. Frank D. Millet,
Col. John Jacob Astor,	Mr. Jacob W. Miller,
Col. Franklin Bartlett,	Mr. Ogden Mills,
Hon. James M. Beck,	Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan,
Mr. August Belmont,	Hon. Levi P. Morton,
Mr. Tunis G. Bergen,	Mr. William C. Muschenheim,
Hon. William Berri,	Mr. Ludwig Nissen,
Hon. Frank S. Black,	Mr. Eben E. Olcott,
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Hon. J. Rider Cady,	Hon. Samuel Parsons,
Mr. Henry W. Cannon,	Mr. Bayard L. Peck,
Mr. Andrew Carnegie,	Mr. Geo. W. Perkins,
Hon. Joseph H. Choate,	Hon. N. Taylor Phillips,
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Mr. George G. DeWitt,	Maj.-Gen. Chas. F. Roe,
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Mr. Stuyvesant Fish,	Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee,
Mr. Theodore Fitch,	Pres. Jacob G. Schurman,
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Hon. Charles S. Francis,	Mr. Isaac N. Seligman,
Mr. George J. Gould,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant,	Mr. J. Edward Simmons,
Mr. Henry E. Gregory,	Mr. Nelson S. Spencer,
Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall,	Mr. James Speyer,
Mr. Geo. A. Hearn,	Hon. John H. Starin,
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Hon. David B. Hill,	Mr. James Stillman,
Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus,
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Hon. Henry Hudson,	Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt,
Mr. August F. Jaccaci,	Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt,
Col. William Jay,	Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt,
Mr. Morris K. Jesup,	Mr. Wm. B. Van Rensselaer,
Gen. Horatio C. King,	Col. John W. Vrooman,
Dr. George F. Kunz,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Mr. John LaFarge,	Mr. Edmund Wetmore,
Mr. Charles R. Lamb,	Hon. Andrew D. White,
Dr. Henry M. Leipziger,	Hon. William R. Willcox,

Hon. Seth Low,	Mr. Charles R. Wilson,
Mr. William McCarroll,	Gen. James Grant Wilson,
Mr. William J. McKay,	Gen. Stewart L. Woodford,
Rear-Ad. Geo. W. Melville,	Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.

Each member of the Committee on Nominations refrains from the nomination of himself, but concurs as to all other names except his own.

Dated March 25, 1907.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE FITCH, Chairman,  
HENRY W. SACKETT,  
W. J. CURTIS,  
STEWART L. WOODFORD,  
Committee on Nominations.

It was voted that the report be approved and entered in full in the minutes.

It was voted that the Secretary have printed a sufficient number of ballots bearing the foregoing nominations for use at the annual meeting.

*Recommended to the Mayor for Appointment to Commission.*

The Committee on Nominations also presented a report recommending to the Mayor the appointment of the following named gentlemen as members of this commission: Hon. Henry E. Howland, 35 Wall Street; Brigadier-General Henry S. Turrill, U. S. A., 2626 Broadway, and Mr. Edward P. Bryan, 13 Park Row, all of New York City.

It was voted that the report be adopted and that the recommendations be communicated to the Mayor.

*The Fulton Memorial.*

Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Chairman of the Law Committee, to which was referred the proposed legislation in regard to the Robert Fulton Memorial, reported that the Committee had taken the matter under consideration the preceding day. The proposed legislation included two bills, one already introduced on March 11 by Senator Alfred R. Page and one suggested for introduction by Commander Jacob W. Miller. Senator Page's bill (introductory No. 620, printed No. 736) proposed to permit the filling in and improvement of the land under water and the

upland fronting upon Riverside Park between 114th and 116th streets for the use of the Robert Fulton Monument Association. Commander Miller's proposed bill provided for the filling in and improvement of the land under water and the upland fronting upon Riverside Park between 110th and 116th streets and its use by the Robert Fulton Monument Association, the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, the New York Observatory and Nautical Museum or any other corporations or persons, the Armory Board for a Naval Militia Armory and the Board of Education for piers, etc., for the Nautical Schoolship of the City of New York. Mr. Stetson reported that after due consideration the Committee came to the conclusion that the Fulton Monument work was sufficiently under way in the competent hands of the Robert Fulton Monument Association and that it was inadvisable for this Commission to take any steps in regard to legislation on that subject. The Committee agreed very heartily with the suggestion of Mr. John E. Parsons that the Commission should avoid, if possible, giving the City any occasion for denying the Commission's request for a park at Inwood. The Committee therefore recommended that the Commission take no steps in regard to this legislation and that the Committee be discharged from its further consideration.

It was unanimously voted that the report be adopted and the Committee discharged.

*Co-operation with Fulton Monument Association.*

Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Chairman of the Committee on Co-operation, presented the following report :  
To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

Your Committee appointed to arrange for the co-operation of this Commission with the Robert Fulton Monument Association and any other bodies having mutual interests has the honor to report formally the facts already embodied informally in the minutes of February 27th, and printed on page 236.

Supplementing that statement concerning the conference between the representatives of this Commission and the representatives of the Robert Fulton Monument Association, we recommend that the hearty approval and moral

support of this Commission be accorded to the Robert Fulton Monument Association in its plan to construct a Water Gate and Monument on the Hudson shore of Manhattan Island, and that we relinquish to them, in the most cordial spirit, the work of carrying out that important undertaking. While a Water Gate has been mentioned in the hearings and deliberations of our Commission as one of the desirable forms of memorials, it has not entered so particularly into our arrangements as to warrant our retaining it as a feature of our plans, in view of the fact that another body of capable and responsible men of the highest standing in the community has both the willingness and the ability to carry the project to a successful issue.

As the year 1909 approaches it is probable that other valuable projects—perhaps not so elaborate as the Fulton Monument—will be suggested by other public-spirited and patriotic bodies, and it is our opinion that it would be wise for our Commission to adopt the policy of encouraging them, when, as in this case, it has unreserved confidence in the projectors. With their independent responsibility would go the corresponding credit for work well done, which we should not be backward to give them.

With reference to the Fulton Monument, we further recommend that assurance be given to the Fulton Association that if it desires us to participate in its inaugural ceremonies this year it will give us pleasure to do so, and that if, in our arrangements for 1909, we can, agreeably to them, make an important part of the celebration center around the Fulton Monument, we will gladly do it.

In this connection we desire to reiterate our opinion of the desirability of the Water Gate projected by the Fulton Monument Association and to commend it to the hearty favor of our citizens generally. New York is peculiarly a maritime city. Seated as it is upon a group of superb islands, and penetrated by great and small waterways connected directly with the ocean on the one hand and with the Great Lakes on the other, it is not a little remarkable that so many years have elapsed without the erection of some monument to emphasize this fundamental characteristic of our city. In a Water Gate, which will serve as a portal for the entrance of distinguished guests of the city and for the use of the Navy, we would have a monument which would combine many elements of beauty, sentiment and utility, and supply a conspicuous want in our municipal architecture.

It is the opinion of your Committee that this Commission, while centralizing its own work upon the memorial which is finally decided upon as the feature of the celebra-

tion, might still properly exercise its good offices in any way that will stimulate the work of other organizations, so that the combined effort of all might be centralized upon the days of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration in 1909.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. R. LAMB, Chairman,  
HENRY W. SACKETT,  
JACOB W. MILLER,

Committee.

Mr. John E. Parsons moved that the report be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

*Inwood Hill Park and Memorial.*

Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood Hill, presented a report embodying the latest information obtained by the Committee. The report concluded with the following paragraph :

“The Sub-Committee avails itself of the opportunity in presenting this report again to call attention to the importance of the Inwood Heights Park for a Hudson-Fulton Monument. Nature has provided the site. It is impossible to speak too highly of the natural advantages. Every effort must be made at the earliest possible moment to secure the approval and adoption by the City authorities of the scheme for the Park.”

Mr. Seward moved that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mr. Parsons offered the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the officers of the Commission, with as many of the members of the Sub-Committee on Inwood Park and of the members of the Commission generally as can arrange to do so, wait upon the Mayor and the other authorities of the City in aid of the Inwood Park scheme on the lines mentioned in the report this day submitted by the Sub-Committee.”

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Parsons reported further that his sub-committee had received a long communication from Mr. Karl Bitter, President of the National Sculpture Society, which society, with the Architectural League of New York, had been invited to make suggestions concerning the form of a memorial to be erected in Inwood Park. The communica-

tion was inconclusive, as it made no definite suggestion, but the sub-committee hoped that a personal conference might result in something more tangible and helpful.

In the course of the informal discussion which ensued and in which Mr. Phillips, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Hall and others participated, it was pointed out that the Art Commission of the City of New York, of which Mr. Robert W. DeForest was president; the Municipal Art Society of New York, of which Mr. Charles R. Lamb was president, and the National Sculpture Society, of which Mr. Bitter was president, were entirely different bodies. The Art Commission of the City of New York, it was explained, was an official body provided for by the Charter of the City. The Municipal Art Society and the National Sculpture Society were unofficial membership organizations. Mr. Lamb, in behalf of his society, tendered the Inwood Park Sub-Committee its co-operation.

In the further informal discussion of Inwood Park and the proposed Hudson Memorial Bridge across Spuyten Duyvil Creek, participated in by Mr. Parsons, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Stetson and others, it developed that the deadlock between the Art Commission of the City of New York and the bridge designers still existed and that no progress was being made toward the construction of the bridge.

*Verplanck's Point State Park Adopted.*

Mr. Pugsley, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point, stated that if anything were to be accomplished this year toward securing a park at Verplanck's Point it was necessary for the Trustees to come to some conclusion at this meeting and authorize action before the Legislature adjourned. He therefore offered a resolution which, after suggestions by various Trustees, took the following form:

“*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission approves of the recommendation for a State Park at Verplanck's Point to commemorate the discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson and the navigation of its waters by the first steamboat constructed by Robert Fulton, and that the Sub-

Committee on that subject be authorized to draft and submit to the Legislature, in behalf of this Commission, a bill appropriating \$125,000 for this purpose, and to take such steps as in its judgment may be wise and necessary to secure its passage."

Mr. Fitch said he favored the project of a State Park at Verplanck's Point and expressed the opinion that if the Commission could succeed in getting Inwood Hill Park created by the City and Verplanck's Point Park by the State it would have gone a long way in attaining the objects for which it was formed.

Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Seward and Mr. Hall, of the Sub-Committee, explained various features of the situation, and Mr. Parsons, Mr. Bergen, Mr. Seligman, Mr. Sackett and others participated in the discussion, at the conclusion of which the resolution was unanimously adopted.

*Hon. Warren Higley Aided to Verplanck's Point Committee.*

The President announced the appointment of the Hon. Warren Higley as a member of the Sub-Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point.

*Report on Motive Power Exhibit.*

The Secretary read a letter from the Hon. James M. Beck, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Motive Power Exhibit, dated March 16, 1907. Mr. Beck expected to be present at this meeting and present a report, but had unavoidably been detained. He stated in his letter that he had selected about fifteen prominent members of the Commission and had invited them to meet as a provisional committee to consider the advisability of a transportation exhibition. The gentlemen invited had been selected on account of their connection with transportation affairs, but their interest had not thus far been sufficiently manifest to warrant his forming any definite plans. He himself was a warm believer in the value of a transportation exhibition, to be devoted to all classes of motive power, provided there were sufficient public spirit to make it go.

The letter was received as a report and ordered on file.

*Change in Headquarters Room.*

Mr. Sackett moved that the officers of the Commission be authorized to move the headquarters of the Commission on May 1 from room 605 to room 805 of the Tribune Building. Room 805 is the corresponding room two floors higher than room 605. By the change the Commission's rooms would have an improved light and would be adjacent to the private offices of both the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

The motion was carried.

After the submission of some unimportant communications by the President and Secretary, the meeting adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.







# Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

Incorporated by  
Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906  
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State of New York



To arrange for the "Commemoration of the Ter-Centenary of the Discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in the year 1609, and of the First Use of Steam in the Navigation of said river by Robert Fulton in the year 1807." ❧ ❧ ❧ ❧



Minutes of April 24 and May 8, 1907.

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 Hon. Chauncey M. Depew.  
 Edward DeWitt.  
*George G. DeWitt.*  
 Hon. William Draper.  
 Charles A. DuBois  
*John C. Evans.*  
 George Ehret.  
 Hon. Smith Ely.  
 Arthur English.  
 Most Rev. John M. Farley.  
*Hon. J. Sloat Fassett.*  
 Barr Ferree.  
*Stuyvesant Fish.*  
*Theodore Fitch.*  
 Winchester Fitch.  
 Hon. J. J. Fitzgerald.  
 Fredk. S. Flower.  
*Thomas Powell Fowler.*  
 Austen G. Fox.  
*Hon. Charles S. Francis.*  
 Henry C. Frick.  
 Frank S. Gardner.  
 Hon. Garret J. Garretson.  
 Hon. Theodore P. Gilman.  
 Robert Walton Goelt.  
*George J. Gould.*  
*Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant.*  
 George F. Gregory.  
*Henry E. Gregory.*  
 Hon. Edward M. Groat.  
 W. L. Guillauden.  
 Abner S. Haight.  
*Edward Hagaman Hall.*  
 Benjamin F. Hamilton.  
*Geo. A. Hearn.*  
 James A. Hearn.  
 Peter Cooper Hewitt.  
*Hon. Warren Higley.*  
*Hon. David B. Hill.*  
 Hon. Michael H. Hirschberg.  
*Samuel Verplanck Hoffman*  
 James P. Holland.  
 Willis Holly.  
 H. M. Henry E. Howland.  
 Colgate Hoyt.  
 Dr. LeRoy Hubbard.  
*Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard.*  
*Hon. Henry Hudson.*  
 T. D. Hunting.  
*August F. Jacobi.*  
 Col. *William Jay.*  
*Morris K. Jesup.*  
 Hugh Kelly.  
 Hon. John H. Ketcham.  
*Gen. Horatio C. King.*  
 Albert E. Kleinert.  
*Dr. George F. Kunz.*  
*John La Forge.*  
*Charles R. Lamb.*  
 Frederick S. Lamb.  
 Homer Lee.  
 Charles W. Leifer.  
 Julius Lehrenkrauss.  
*Dr. Henry M. Leipziger.*  
 Hon. Clarence Loxow.  
 Hon. Gustav Lindenthal.  
 Hermann Livingston.  
 Comdr. Charles H. Loring.  
 Hon. P. C. Lounsbury.  
*Hon. Seth Low.*  
 R. Fulton Ludlow.  
 William A. Marble.  
 George E. Matthews.  
*William M. Carroll.*  
 Donald McDonald.  
*William J. McKay*  
 Hon. St. Clair McKelway.  
*Kear-Ad. Geo. W. Melville*  
*Hon. John G. Milburn.*  
*Frank D. Millet.*  
*Jacob W. Miller.*  
 Hon. Warner Miller.  
 Brig.-Gen. A. L. Mills.  
*Ogden Mills.*  
*J. Pierpont Morgan.*  
 Hon. Fordham Morton.  
*Hon. Levi P. Morris*  
*Wm. C. Muschenheim.*  
 Nathan Newman.  
 C. H. Niehaus.  
*Ludwig Nissen*  
 W. R. O'Donovan.  
*Eben E. Olcott.*  
 William Church O-born.  
 Percy B. O'Sullivan.  
*Hon. Alton B. Parker.*  
 Orrel A. Parker.  
*John E. Parsons.*  
*Hon. Samuel Parsons.*  
 Samuel H. Parsons.  
 Comdr. R. E. Peary.  
*Bayard L. Peck.*  
 Gordon H. Peck.  
 Howland Pell.  
*Geo. W. Perkins.*  
*Hon. N. Taylor Phillips.*  
 George A. Plimpton.  
 Dr. Eugene H. Porter.  
*Gen. Horace Porter.*  
 Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter.  
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*Louis C. Raegenes.*  
*Heyman Riddler.*  
*William Rockefeller.*  
*Maj. Gen. Chas. F. Roe.*  
 Carl J. Roehr.  
 Louis F. Romaine.  
*Thomas F. Ryan.*  
*Henry W. Sackett.*  
 Col. Wm. Cary Sanger.  
 George Henry Sargent.  
*Col. Herbert L. Sartwell.*  
 Charles A. Scherhorn.  
*Frest Jacob G. Schurman.*  
*Gustav H. Schwaab*  
*Isaac N. Seligman.*  
 Louis Seligsburg.  
 Hon. Joseph H. Senner.  
*Hon. Frederick W. Seward.*  
 Hon. William F. Sheehan.  
 Hon. Theo. H. Silkman.  
*J. Edward Simmons.*  
 John W. Simpson.  
 E. V. Skinner.  
 Prof. John C. Smock.  
 William Schorer.  
*Nelson S. Spencer.*  
*James Speyer.*  
*Hon. John H. Starin.*  
 Isaac Stern.  
 Hon. Louis Stern.  
*Francis Lynde Steverson.*  
 Louis Stewart.  
*James Stillman.*  
 Wm. L. Stone  
*Hon. Oscar S. Straus.*  
 George R. Sutherland.  
 Hon. Theodore Sutro.  
 Henry R. Towne.  
 Dr. Irving Townsend.  
*Spencer Trask.*  
 C. Y. Turner.  
 Brig.-Gen. Henry S. Turrill.  
 Albert Ulmann.  
*Aaron Vanderbilt*  
*Alfred G. Vanderbilt.*  
*Cornelius Vanderbilt.*  
 Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke.  
 Wainer Van Norden.  
*Wm. B. Van Rensselaer.*  
 J. Leonard Varick.  
 Hon. E. B. Vreeland.  
*Col. John W. Vrooman.*  
 Hon. Chas. G. F. Wahl.  
*Dr. Samuel B. Ward.*  
 Hon. W. J. Ward.  
 Edward Wells, Jr.  
 Charles W. Wetmore.  
*Edmund Wetmore.*  
 Henry W. Wetmore.  
*Hon. Andrew D. Whit.*  
 J. Du Pratt White.  
 Fred C. Whitney.  
*Hon. William R. Willcox.*  
*Charles K. Wilson.*  
 Edward C. Wilson.  
*Gen. James Grant Wilson.*  
 Charles B. Wolfgram.  
*Stewart L. Woodford.*  
*Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.*  
 W. F. Woolley.  
 James A. Wright.

[Names of Trustees in italics.]

Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

April 24, 1907

The fifteenth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters, in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, April 24, 1907, at 3 p. m.

*Roll Call.*

Present : Mr. Herman Ridder, Vice-President, presiding ; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. George V. Brower, Rear-Admiral J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N ; Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Hon. Henry Hudson, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. John E. Parsons, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Mr. Louis C. Raegener, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt, Mr. Wm. B. Van Rensselaer and Mr. Edmund Wetmore.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. William Berri, Mr. George A. Hearn, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee, President J. G. Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Spencer Trask, Dr. Samuel B. Ward and Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved without reading.

*Treasurer's Report, April 24, 1907.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, was read by the Assistant-Secretary as follows:

## PREVIOUS BALANCE.

Balance on hand as per report of March 27, 1907 \$2,188.98

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Voucher.

26.	Polhemus Printing Company . . . .	\$28.06	
27.	E. H. Hall, disbursements. . . .	\$9.95	
	E. H. Hall, salary, February . . . .	208.33	
			218.28
28.	E. H. Hall, disbursements. . . .	\$13.50	
	E. H. Hall, salary, March. . . .	208.33	
			221.83
29.	Polhemus Printing Company . . . .	26.45	494.62
	Balance on hand April 24, 1907 . . . .		\$1,694.36

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,  
Treasurer.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Finance Committee:

Polhemus Printing Company, Minutes of March 27 . . . .	\$ 22.50
Polhemus Printing Company, 1 dozen note books. . . .	.50
Polhemus Printing Company, 250 notices of Annual Meeting . . . . .	2.75
Polhemus Printing Company, 100 slips of names of Trustees . . . . .	1.50
Henry Romeike, Press clippings, Jan.-March . . . . .	1.35
E. H. Hall, disbursements . . . . .	\$ 6.66
E. H. Hall, salary for April . . . . .	208.33
	<u>214.99</u>
	\$243.59

*Appointments by the Mayor.*

The Assistant-Secretary read a letter from the Executive Secretary of the Mayor of the City of New York,

dated April 9, 1907, communicating the Mayor's appointment of the following named gentlemen as members of this Commission :

Mr. Edward P. Bryan, 13 Park Row, New York City.

The Hon. Henry E. Howland, 15 Broad Street, New York City.

Brig.-Gen. Henry S. Turrill, U. S. A., 2626 Broadway, New York City.

*Resignation of Miss Van Santvoord.*

The following communication from Miss Van Santvoord was read:

38 West 39th Street,

April 11th, 1907.

Miss Van Santvoord regrets the necessity of resigning from the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, but wishes to express her interest in the successful accomplishment of the Tri-Centennial project.

It was voted that Miss Van Santvoord's resignation be accepted with regret.

*Report of Committee on Plan and Scope.*

Mr. Seward, Chairman of the general committee on plan and scope, reported that the general committee was awaiting action by the sub-committees before making a further report. He could simply report progress.

Report of progress received.

*Report of Sub-Committee on Naval Parade.*

Admiral Coghlan, Chairman of the sub-committee on Naval Parade, reported that his committee was accumulating data in regard to the Naval Parade and would soon be able to submit its final report.

Report of progress received.

*Report of Sub-Committee on Inwood Park.*

Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the sub-committee on Inwood Park, reported that an effort had been made to secure an interview with the Mayor, but that it had been unsuccessful owing in part to the confinement of General Woodford and partly for other reasons. Mr.

Parsons was of the opinion that it was very desirable to have this interview with the Mayor as soon as General Woodford's health would permit, and to have as many members of this Commission participate in the interview as possible.

Report of progress received.

*Bill for Verplanck's Point Park Introduced.*

In the absence of Mr. Pugsley, Chairman of the Subcommittee on State Park at Verplanck's Point, Mr. Seward reported that on April 16th the Hon. James K. Apzar had introduced in the Assembly, by unanimous consent, a bill to provide for acquiring land on Verplanck's Point for a Hudson-Fulton Memorial Park, and it had been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Following is the text of the bill :

AN ACT

To provide for acquiring land on Verplanck's Point in Westchester County for a Hudson-Fulton Memorial Park, and making an appropriation therefor.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The commissioners of the land office shall, on the recommendation of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, a corporation duly incorporated by chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six, acquire on behalf and in the name of the people of the State, at such price and upon such terms as said commissioners of the land office may deem just, not exceeding the amount hereinafter appropriated, title to such portion of the land lying on Verplanck's Point, in the town of Cortlandt and in the county of Westchester, and bounded on the northwest and southwest by the Hudson River and on the northeast and southeast respectively by Twentieth street and Union avenue, as said street and avenue are laid out on a map of Verplanck, entitled "map of Verplanck, formerly known as Verplanck's Point, Westchester County, State of New York, Cyrus Latham, surveyor, Poughkeepsie, July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six," as in the judgment of said commissioners of the land office shall be most suitable for a public park or reservation, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the exploration of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in



sixteen hundred and nine, and the one hundredth anniversary of the first use of steam in the navigation of said river by Robert Fulton, in eighteen hundred and seven, and to preserve the scenic beauty and historic landmarks of said Verplanck's Point. The area to be acquired by said commissioners of the land office shall include particularly the site of Fort Fayette of the revolutionary period, the site and remains of the shore battery, the terminal of the old King's Ferry leading to the Stony Point battlefield state reservation, the site of Washington's headquarters, and the camping ground of the allied American and French troops in seventeen hundred and eighty-two, and as much of the shore fronting Henry Hudson's anchorage in sixteen hundred and nine as practicable.

SEC. 2. After title to said land shall have been acquired as aforesaid, the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission shall, during the existence of said commission, have control and jurisdiction of said park or reservation for the purposes stated in this act and in section two of chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six. Upon the dissolution of said Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission and unless otherwise provided by the Legislature, the control and jurisdiction of said park or reservation shall be given to such custodian as the commissioners of the land office may determine.

SEC. 3. The sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, payable by the treasurer out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, is hereby appropriated subject to the audit of the comptroller to carry out the provisions of this act, and the same shall be payable by the treasurer upon the warrant of the comptroller on requisition of the said commissioners of the land office, or of such officer or officers as they may designate for such purposes.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Seward added that the only opposition to this plan which had thus far been manifested had come from the saloon keepers at Verplanck's Point who feared that their business would be swept away if the brick-making industry were removed.

Report of progress received.

*Report of Sub-Committee on Date.*

A letter from Mr. McCarroll, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Date, to the Secretary, was read as follows:

“ It was my expectation to call together the Committee on Date previous to to-day’s meeting, but, was unable to do so. At any rate, however, have not felt that it was necessary to make a further report of that Committee until the general plan had been pretty well formulated, with details before us, when we could then determine more exactly the time required for the celebration and be prepared to make more conclusive recommendation; and for that there is ample time, though I shall probably call another meeting before long.”

Report received and ordered on file.

The meeting then adjourned.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
The Commission

May 8, 1907

The second meeting of the entire Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, being the Annual Meeting, was held pursuant to call duly given, at its headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, May 8, 1907, at 3 P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: The President, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Hon. James M. Beck, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. Reginald P. Bolton, Dr. E. Parmly Brown, Mr. Frederick R. Cruikshank, Mr. James de la Montanye, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Abner S. Haight, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Hon. Michael H. Hirschberg, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Mr. James P. Holland, Mr. Albert E. Kleinert, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Mr. Charles W. Lefler, Mr. Julius Lehrenkrauss, Mr. Wm J. McKay, Mr. Nathan Newman, Mr. Ludwig Nissen, Mr. John E. Parsons, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Louis T. Romaine, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Hon. Theodore Sutro, Gen. Henry S. Turrill, Hon. William R. Willcox and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Mr. John La Farge, Dr. H. M. Leipziger, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. R. Fulton Ludlow, Mr. F. D. Millet, Com. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Rt. Rev. H. C. Potter, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Chas. A. Schermerhorn, Pres. J. G. Schurman, Mr. Francis L. Stetson, Mr. C. Y. Turner, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Mr. Edmund Wetmore and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of June 27, 1906, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved without reading.

*President's Annual Report.*

President Woodford made his annual report as follows:  
Gentlemen of the Commission :

I have the honor to lay before you The First Annual Report of this Commission as prepared by the President with the aid of the Secretary, in accordance with resolutions of the Board of Trustees, and transmitted to the Legislature in pursuance of law one month ago to-day.

With much of the matter embodied in this report you have been made familiar by the printed minutes which have been sent to you every month, and as you are men with many pressing affairs and your time is valuable, I will summarize the first eight pages of this Report unless you request me to read it verbatim.

The report begins by citing the origin of this Commission in the desire to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Hudson's famous voyage in 1609; the earliest move toward the celebration of the event by the Hudson Tri-Centennial Association; then the formation of the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee; the graceful relinquishment by the Hudson Tri-Centennial Association to the Hudson Ter-Centenary Joint Committee; the public hearings which were held by the latter for the purpose of eliciting suggestions concerning the proposed celebration; the appointment of the Fulton Centennial Celebration Committee; the merging of the Hudson and the Fulton movements; the incorporation of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, and its organization; the formation of the Robert Fulton Monument Association and the cordial relations existing between it and this Commission.

The report then continues :

## FORM OF THE CELEBRATION.

The first question which arose in the deliberations of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was as to the form of the Celebration. At the public hearings held in December, 1905, and January, 1906, earnest advocates of a World's Fair appeared and argued in favor of an exposition after the usual plan. This suggestion, however, elicited no public enthusiasm in the City of New York, in or near which the Exposition would naturally be held. In

the deliberations of this Commission, the predominating sentiment has been that however excellent have been the reasons for holding the long series of notable expositions by which the great historical anniversaries of the country have been commemorated in other cities since 1876, and however valuable those expositions have been to the communities in which they were held and to the country at large, the form of a celebration in or near New York must be shaped by powerful local considerations. In the first place, the Metropolis of the country is a vast Exposition in itself. In it is concentrated the best of everything that the world can produce; and these products can be seen to better advantage and in greater quantities in the shops of the manufacturers and dealers than in the conventional Exposition. In the next place, the transportation facilities of the city are so inadequate to accommodate even the local population that it would be little less than a crime, both to the inhabitants of the city and to the visitors, to draw hither a vast concourse of people which could not be decently accommodated and which would aggravate the dangerous conditions which already exist.

For these reasons chiefly, an Exposition has not thus far entered into the plans of the commission, and from present indications will not.

An Exposition being practically out of the question, the discussions of the Trustees have indicated their strong desire to shape the celebration in such a way that its results will not be transient or ephemeral, but, on the contrary, will be of lasting benefit to the people, and serve for generations as memorials worthy of the great events commemorated and the great people commemorating them. The recommendations of the Plan and Scope Committee, which indicate the general trend of the Commission's ideas, suggest enough of the spectacular element to give a large measure of popular enjoyment combined with several great public improvements which will confer a lasting benefit on the people of the City and State and constitute the perpetual memorials of the anniversaries. Briefly stated, they are as follows:

1. A Naval Parade, occupying two days; to be participated in by the United States Navy and naval vessels of foreign nations, merchant vessels and pleasure craft, and to contain models of the Half Moon and Clermont, together with types of vessels showing the progress in the art of navigation since 1609. The naval procession to start from New York City and as much of it as practicable to go to Newburgh Bay; there to be met by a counter naval procession from Albany. The Upper Hudson Division to take

the Half Moon and Clermont and return to Albany the following day; the Lower Hudson Division at the same time returning to New York and having an illumination at night.

2. Land exercises, consisting of a military and civic parade and literary exercises in public halls, schools and churches in New York, with corresponding demonstrations in other communities along the Hudson.

3. The dedication of memorials. The two principal memorials now under consideration by this Commission are a Municipal Park on Inwood Hill at the northern end of Manhattan Island, and a State Park at Verplanck's Point. Of these we shall speak more at length hereafter. The Hudson Memorial Bridge, which has been planned to span Spuyten Duyvil Creek from Inwood Hill to Spuyten Duyvil Hill, has been so delayed by the deadlock between the designing engineers and the Art Commission of the City of New York that there is now no prospect of its construction by 1909. It is probable that the monument to Robert Fulton erected by the Robert Fulton Monument Association will then be completed and finally dedicated. This Commission is discussing the possibility of securing the erection of a building or monument on Inwood Hill as a further memorial to Hudson and Fulton. We are informed that the Holland Society is planning the erection of a monument in recognition of the Dutch founders of New York with a view to dedicating it in 1909. The dedication of these and other possible memorials, and the opening of the Palisades Drive, if ready, will be provided for in the programme if they prove practicable.

#### INWOOD HILL MUNICIPAL PARK.

One of the most important recommendations of the Plan and Scope Committee is that for a municipal park of about 75 acres embracing the northern portion of Inwood Hill on Manhattan Island. There are many strong reasons moving to this suggestion. This park, which has already been recommended by influential civic societies and by the city's own engineers, would secure the last portion of Manhattan Island remaining in almost its primeval condition. From this beautiful wooded knoll, appearing to us to-day almost as it did to Henry Hudson nearly three hundred years ago, a more extended view up Hudson River can be obtained than from any other part of the island. Besides its landscape beauty, it has many historical associations. At the base of the cliffs near Cold Spring is a rock habitation in which the aborigines dwelt, as was proven by the

implements and utensils excavated therefrom and now preserved in the American Museum of Natural History. Around it are scattered extensive shell heaps left by the Indians belonging to the tribe which attacked Hudson on his return down the river. On the summit of the hill during the Revolution stood the Cock Hill Fort. This park would not only provide another lasting and useful work for the benefit of the people, but it would also afford a site for such other memorial, architectural or sculptural, as may be found practicable. The northern head of the hill, surrounded on three sides by water, cannot be obscured by private structures on those sides, and presents an unequaled site for the erection of a municipal museum, a statue or group of statuary, or other suitable monument.

#### VERPLANCK'S POINT STATE PARK.

For the State's contribution to the permanent memorials of the celebration, the Commission recommends a state park at Verplanck's Point.

Hudson sailed between Stony Point and Verplanck's Point on his northward voyage September 14, 1609, according to an easily recognized passage in his journal, and anchored here on his return trip, October 1st. These two headlands form the natural gateway to the Highlands and have been likened by Irving to the Pillars of Hercules, of which Stony Point is the Gibraltar. The State already has a reservation of 34 acres on the Stony Point battlefield, which has been improved under the care of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society and is now visited by nearly 20,000 persons a year.

On Verplanck's Point, the military complement of Stony Point, stood Fort Fayette, which shared the vicissitudes of the post across the river, and the remains of which are still extant. Here in 1782 Washington and the American army received Count Rochambeau and the French auxiliaries en route from Virginia to Boston. The hill on which Washington's marquee stood is one of the conspicuous eminences in that region. Between the two points was the famous King's Ferry, which was the principal trans-Hudson thoroughfare between New England and the West and South during the War for Independence, and across which all the great commanders and conspicuous figures of that period and troops of all the armies passed at one time or another.

This point, while not lacking diversity of elevation, is not so rugged as Stony Point, and is readily adaptable to the purposes of a great recreation ground for wholesome

popular enjoyment such as does not exist either in the City of New York or elsewhere in the State. The rapid growth of the metropolis and the increasing difficulty of providing adequate recreation grounds within the city limits; the justice of reserving from private ownership suitable places where the people at large, in city and country, can have access to and free enjoyment of the beauties of the world-famous Hudson; and the material shortening of time distances by improved transit facilities, are added reasons for giving to the people on this occasion this eligible and interesting reservation on the east bank of the river.

The Commission strongly recommends the purchase of this Park as being in the interest of the State. It will give the State a property which will probably increase in value, and if not taken by the State, may be sold at even a greater price to manufacturing companies, some of whom are bidding for portions of it.

The project of this Park is not a novel experiment, but may be regarded as the rounding out and completion of the act of the State in making a reservation for a State Park on Stony Point, which has proved so popular on the west side of the river. The two reservations, directly opposite each other and connected by the old King's Ferry, combine historical associations and scenic advantages in a way not duplicated elsewhere along the Hudson.

#### DATE OF THE CELEBRATION.

It is probable that the Celebration will take place during the secular week beginning Monday, September 20, 1909. Hudson's first discovery of land within the limits of the present City of New York was made on September 2, 1609. His ascent of the Hudson River proper began September 12. On September 19 he reached his northernmost anchorage at or near the site of Albany. On September 23 he began to descend the river, and on October 4 he passed out to sea. As the anniversary of Hudson's first arrival, September 2nd, comes before a large portion of the population have returned from their summer resorts, the week of September 20th has been tentatively selected as most convenient for the public and equally appropriate historically, as at that time the explorer had reached his "farthest north" on the river.

#### NEW JERSEY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

On June 27, 1906, the Commission adopted a resolution respectfully requesting the Governor of New York to invite the Governor of New Jersey to nominate not to



exceed ten citizens of the latter State for appointment as additional members of this Commission.

In a letter dated November 8, 1906, to the President of the Commission, Governor Higgins wrote as follows :

"In relation to the communication from the Hon. Stewart L. Woodford of June 29th, permit me to state that Governor Stokes informed me on July 7th that he would take the matter up and act upon it in the near future. I have since that time seen Governor Stokes and again called the matter to his attention, and received a similar reply. I will again write to him to-day and will advise you as soon as I receive any further information on the subject."

Thus far the Commission has not been advised that the Governor of New Jersey has responded to this invitation.

#### HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMISSION.

The headquarters of the Commission are a commodious office in the Tribune Building, New York City, provided for by resolutions of the Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City, adopted June 20 and October 10, 1906. The rental, which is paid by the City, is \$1,000 a year.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT, ETC.

The report closes with a financial statement showing the balance on hand of \$1,942.64. This is the balance of the first \$5,000 drawn from the fund of \$25,000 appropriated by the Legislature.

Appended to the report are a List of the Members, Officers and Committees of the Commission, and a copy of its By-Laws.

This comprises our Annual Report as presented to the Legislature. I will supplement it by a verbal report on two interesting and important features of our work, namely, the proposed State Park at Verplanck's Point and the proposed City Park at Inwood Hill.

#### *Interview with Governor Hughes and Others in Regard to Verplanck's Point Park.*

The President then stated that on Tuesday, May 7, the Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee; the Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point; Assemblyman James K. Apgar, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley and Dr. Samuel B. Ward, members of the Sub-Committee, and the President of the Com-

mission had gone to Albany and had had interviews on the subject of the proposed State Park with Governor Hughes; Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the Assembly; and Hon. Sherman Moreland, Republican leader in the Assembly. They had sought an interview with the Hon. Wm. W. Armstrong, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate, but without success. Gov. Hughes had expressed his warm sympathy with and approval of the plan of the Commission for the proposed park and said that the only question in his mind was the ability of the State to meet the financial requirements. Messrs. Wadsworth and Moreland had also expressed their interest in the project, and the Committee felt hopeful for the success of Mr. Apgar's bill.

*Interview with Mayor McClellan in Regard to  
Inwood Hill Park.*

The president stated further that on May 8 the following named members of the Commission had called on Mayor McClellan at the City Hall in regard to the proposed municipal park at Inwood Hill: Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Inwood Hill Park, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. Wm. J. Curtis, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Geo. A. Hearn, Mr. S. V. Hoffman, Dr. Geo. F. Kunz, Mr. Wm. J. McKay, Rear Admiral Geo. W. Melville, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Hon. Levi P. Morton, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Fred'k W. Seward, Mr. Aaron Vanderbilt and the President of the Commission. The Commission's recommendation was laid before the Mayor by Mr. Parsons. "I have been associated with Mr. Parsons at the bar many years," said Mr. Woodford, "and have heard him make many speeches, but I never heard him make as effective a speech as he made in five minutes before the mayor on the subject of this proposed park on Inwood Hill."

The Mayor, at the conclusion of Mr. Parson's remarks, had requested him to forward a formal communication on the subject which could be laid before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The Mayor expressed himself

as sanguine about the erection of the proposed Hudson Memorial Bridge.

Referring further to the plans for the State Park at Verplanck's Point and the Municipal Park at Inwood Hill, the President said that he believed the Commission was on the way to a worthy, permanent celebration. What had occurred at the Jamestown Exposition was a demonstration of the wisdom of this Commission in deciding not to have a fair here. If we could have the spectacular features previously outlined, the people would be gratified. At the same time, if we could plant a State Park at Verplanck's Point, we would be establishing something useful for the ages. "The Coliseum, the Arch of Constantine, and the Column of Trajan are crumbling to dust," he continued; "but the seven hills of Rome stand eternal. If we can get Inwood Hill for a park, we will have a memorial for all time to come."

Apropos of the subject of Inwood Park, the Secretary read a letter dated May 7th, from Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and a member of this Commission, in which he said: "I greatly regret that as I am leaving for Cleveland this afternoon, I will be unable to attend with the Hudson-Fulton Trustees at the Mayor's office to-morrow. I have every sympathy with the movement and it is only that I have been engaged for some time past to speak at a public meeting at Cleveland that prevents me from coming."

He also read a letter dated May 6th, from Hon. Samuel Parsons, Landscape Architect of the Park Department and a member of this Commission, in which Mr. Parsons said: "I profoundly sympathize with the idea of securing a public park at the northern portion of Inwood Hill, Manhattan, and would, without question, appear at the meeting before the Mayor on the 8th; but unfortunately I shall be obliged to be out of town that day. . . . I will, however, say or do anything I can to advance this most worthy object."

#### *Election of Trustees.*

The election of 100 Trustees for the ensuing year being in order, the report of the Nominating Committee, as printed

on pages 247 and 248 of the minutes and sent to every member of the Commission, was presented by Mr. Theodore Fitch, Chairman.

The President then invited nominations from the floor, and there were none.

The President appointed Mr. R. P. Bolton and Mr. James de la Montanye tellers to receive and count the ballots.

Mr. De la Montanye moved that as there were no nominations other than those presented by the Nominating Committee, the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in behalf of the meeting for those named. Carried by unanimous vote.

The Secretary having cast the ballot as directed, the President declared the following named gentlemen elected as Trustees for the ensuing year :

Mr. John G. Agar,	Hon. John G. Milburn,
Hon. James K. Apgar,	Mr. Frank D. Millet,
Col. John Jacob Astor,	Mr. Jacob W. Miller,
Col. Franklin Bartlett,	Mr. Ogden Mills,
Hon. James M. Beck,	Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan,
Mr. August Belmont,	Hon. Levi P. Morton,
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Mr. Paul D. Cravath,	Mr. Herman Ridder,
Mr. Robert Fulton Cutting,	Mr. William Rockefeller,
Mr. George G. DeWitt,	Maj.-Gen. Chas. F. Roe,
Mr. John C. Eames,	Mr. Thomas F. Ryan,
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Mr. Stuyvesant Fish,	Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee,
Mr. Theodore Fitch,	Pres. Jacob G. Schurman,
Mr. Thomas Powell Fowler,	Mr. Gustav H. Schwab,
Hon. Charles S. Francis,	Mr. Isaac N. Seligman,
Mr. George J. Gould,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,

Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant,	Mr. J. Edward Simmons,
Mr. Henry E. Gregory,	Mr. Nelson S. Spencer,
Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall,	Mr. James Speyer,
Mr. Geo. A. Hearn,	Hon. John H. Starin,
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Hon. David B. Hill,	Mr. James Stillman,
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Mr. Charles R. Lamb,	Hon. Andrew D. White,
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Mr. William K. McCarroll,	Gen. James Grant Wilson,
Mr. William J. McKay,	Gen. Stewart L. Woodford,
Rear-Adm. Geo. W. Melville,	Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.

*Rental of Headquarters.*

A communication dated May 3, 1907, from Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Deputy Controller and Secretary of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, was read, transmitting a certified copy of the following resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund May 1, 1907:

*Resolved,* That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City, from the Tribune Association, of Room No. 805 on the 8th floor of the Tribune Building on the northeasterly corner of Nassau and Spruce Streets in the Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, for a period of one year from May 1, 1907, at an annual rental of One thousand dollars (\$1,000), payable monthly, the lessor to furnish light, heat, elevator and janitor service; the lease to be on condition that the lessors cancel the lease of room No. 605 occupied by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission which expires on June 13, 1907, as of May 1, 1907; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be

made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same, when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.”

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

# Hudson - Fulton Celebration Commission

Incorporated by  
Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906  
of the  
State of New York



To arrange for the "Commemoration of the Ter-Centenary of the Discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in the year 1609, and of the First Use of Steam in the Navigation of said river by Robert Fulton in the year 1807." ❖ ❖ ❖



Minutes of May 22 and June 26, 1907

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(REVISED TO JULY 30, 1907.)

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## Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

May 22, 1907.

The sixteenth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters, in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, May 22, 1907, at 3 p. m.

### *Roll Call.*

Present: Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, President, presiding; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Hon. Seth Low, Rear-Admiral George W. Melville, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.

### *Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. James K. Apgar, Hon. William Berri, Mr. James M. Beck, Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Hon. Warren Higley, Hon. Henry Hudson, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Gen. Horatio C. King, Dr. George F. Kunz, Dr. H. M. Leipziger, Mr. William McCarroll, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. John E. Parsons, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Louis C. Raegenar, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, President J. G. Schurman, Mr. Francis L. Stetson, and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

### *Minutes Approved.*

The President invited the Hon. Seth Low to the chair and retired from the room.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved without reading.

*Treasurer's Report, May 22, 1907.*

Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Treasurer, reported that the bills approved for payment at the last meeting of the Trustees had not yet reached him and that there had been no disbursements during the past month. The balance in the treasury remained as last stated, \$1,694.36.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment subject to examination and approval by the Finance Committee:

Polhemus, bottle of red ink.....	\$1.20	
Polhemus, Minutes of April 24 and May 8.....	36.80	
Law Journal, advertisement of Annual Meeting...	2.50	
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$30.16	
E. H. Hall, salary for May.....	208.33	238.49
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		\$278.99

*Election of Officers.*

The election of officers for the ensuing year being in order, Mr. Theodore Fitch moved that the present President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer be re-elected; and that if no other nominations were made, the Secretary be directed to cast a ballot for the re-election of the present officers.

Mr. Fitch's nomination was seconded, and, there being no other nominations, was unanimously carried.

The Secretary reported that he had cast the ballot as directed, and the Chairman therefore declared the following officers elected for the ensuing year:

## PRESIDENT.

Mr. Stewart L. Woodford.

## VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,	Hon. Levi P. Morton,
Hon. Joseph H. Choate,	Gen. Horace Porter,
Hon. Grover Cleveland,	Mr. Herman Ridder,
Gen. Frederick D. Grant,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Mr. Morris K. Jesup,	Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson,
Hon. Seth Low,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus,
Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan,	Mr. W. B. Van Rensselaer,
	Hon. Andrew D. White.

## TREASURER.

Mr. Isaac N. Seligman.

## SECRETARY.

Mr. Henry W. Sackett.

The chairman appointed Mr. Ridder and Mr. Seligman a committee to escort the President to the Chair.

Mr. Woodford, resuming the Chair, said: "I thank you heartily for this expression of your confidence and I deeply appreciate being associated with you in this interesting work. I accept the office to which you have so generously elected me, and I will do the best I can to discharge its duties."

*Appointment of Assistant Secretary.*

Mr. Fitch moved that Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, the present Assistant Secretary, be re-appointed for the following year at the same salary, at the rate of \$2,500 a year, payable in monthly instalments. Unanimously carried.

*Communication to the Mayor Concerning Inwood Hill.*

The Secretary made a brief statement of the facts concerning the call by members of the Commission upon Mayor McClellan May 8th, in regard to Inwood Hill Park, as reported on pages 270 and 271 of the Minutes, and stated that in compliance with the suggestion of the Mayor, the following communication signed by the President and Secretary of the Commission had been sent to the Mayor under date of May 20th, 1907:

May 20th, 1907.

HON. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN,

Mayor,

City Hall, New York,

Dear Sir:

The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission avails itself of your kind proposal to put before you in writing the purport of the application made by the Commission to you at the interview which you were so good as to accord to it on May 8th.

Under date of August 15th, 1906, the Commission caused to be sent to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment an appeal for a Park at Inwood Hill for the double purpose of preserving the Hill as a Hudson-Fulton memorial and of using it for such erection, architectural or sculptural, as would indicate and establish its memorial character.

A copy of the appeal, for convenience of reference, is sent herewith. (See pages 160 and 161 of the printed Minutes.)

In support of our application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and for submission by you to the Board, permit me to add this:

The Park has already been recommended by influential civic societies and by the city's own engineers. It would secure almost in its primeval condition the last portion of Manhattan Island in respect of which this is possible. From this beautiful wooded knoll, appearing to us to-day almost as it did to Henry Hudson nearly three hundred years ago, a more extended view up Hudson River can be obtained than from any other part of the Island. Besides its landscape beauty, it has many historical associations. At the base of the cliffs near Cold Spring is a rock habitation in which the aborigines dwelt, as was proven by implements and utensils excavated therefrom, and now preserved in the Museum of Natural History. Around it are scattered extensive shell heaps left by the Indians who belonged to the tribe which attacked Hudson on his return from his voyage up the river. On the summit of the hill during the Revolution stood the Cock Hill Fort.

We are proud to think that New York has already taken its place as a metropolitan city. We point with satisfaction to the mammoth strides with which its population grows. We anticipate in the near future the time when every available part of the Island will be used to meet the needs for residence and business of those who wish to make New York their home. The tendency has been and will continue to be in the direction of density of population. What our people need at the present time, what as time goes on will become more and more necessary, will be open spaces which can be used for health and diversion. Nature provided two such places of exceptional suitability at the two ends of the Island, one at the Battery and the other at Inwood. The lower end has lost its original character. It has lost everything which associates it with the early his-



tory of the settlement. The Government House disappeared years ago. What is left to us is the Hill at Inwood.

There has always been a close association between seas or rivers and the important cities which have been built upon their banks. There will at once occur to our minds Thebes and the Nile, Rome and the Tiber, Constantinople and the Bosphorus, Vienna and the Danube, Paris and the Seine, London and the Thames. Every mile of the Rhine from its source to its mouth is impressed with the history of the continental nations of Europe. New York has been more bountifully endowed than is the case with any of the great capitals, whether of the past or of the present, in the fact of the magnificent stream which makes its harbor, which brings it into touch with all the rest of the world, and which from the first settlement appealed alike to our Dutch, our English, and our Colonial ancestors. Its value to us is always more and more apparent. The question presented by our application is whether there shall be lost to us the one historical possibility which goes back to the beginning, and which may continue to the end. The difference, in respect of which pre-eminence may be claimed for other great rivers, is in the history with which they are associated. Pardon us if we make too strong an appeal to sentiment and civic pride. The work of man's hands is perishable. The Coliseum may fall to the ground, the arch of Constantine crumble into dust. The seven hills of Rome will endure forever.

Permit us to submit that the interest of the City now and hereafter, the well-being of the large population which is to crowd the upper part of the Island, and suitable regard for historical association, for the past, and for patriotic feeling, and the urgency which requires that New York shall be rounded out in every direction which is consistent with its importance, require the preservation of this Hill.

When the matter was first considered by the Commission it was thought that its application should be for the entire Hill from Dyckman Street on the south to its easterly limit, embracing an area of about seventy-five acres. The Commission is most anxious to yield to every consideration of economy which is consistent with the accomplishment of its purpose. It has come to the conclusion that in large measure the purpose which it and many others have at heart will be accomplished by reducing the area so as to omit the part of the Hill which bounds on the upper side of Dyckman Street, and to omit the lower part of the Hill to the eastward, thus reducing the area to not very much more

than sixty acres. The Commission has caused inquiry to be made about values and is satisfied that the acquisition of this property ought not to involve an outlay beyond \$2,000,000. And it must be kept in mind that if any scheme for roads, over or around the Hill, is to prevail, and if the Bridge shall be built, with its necessary approaches, this will involve a material expenditure which will be saved to the City when the City becomes the owner of the Hill.

Yours respectfully,

STEWART L. WOODFORD,  
President.

Henry W. Sackett,  
Secretary.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Appointment of Committees Authorized.*

Mr. Fitch offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the President be authorized to appoint, from time to time, from the Board of Trustees and from the general membership of the Commission itself, such committees and sub-committees and consisting of such numbers of members respectively as he shall deem necessary or advisable; provided, however, that the Committees on Law, on Nominations, on Finance, and on Plan and Scope shall be made up exclusively from the Board of Trustees. Such Committees and Sub-Committees shall have such powers and perform such duties as have been heretofore or hereafter may be conferred or imposed upon them respectively by the Board of Trustees or the President."

After a brief explanation by the Secretary, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

*Local Celebrations Along the Hudson River.*

The Secretary read the following letter from Mr. Bayard L. Peck:

HENRY W. SACKETT, Esq.,  
Secretary, Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,  
Tribune Building, New York City.

Dear Mr. Sackett:

I had expected to attend the meeting of the Trustees to-day, but I now find that it will be impossible to do so.

I wish to say a word with reference to the part that the City of Hudson shall have in the Celebration in 1909.

As a former resident of Hudson, and one much interested in its affairs, I am desirous that the City should have some proper share in the "Up-River Celebration," so called, and because of the name of the City, its location at or near the termination of Hudson's voyage of discovery, and its ancient and honorable history, I think it is deserving of especial recognition in the plans for that part of such celebration.

The present Mayor, the Hon. Henry Hudson, is, as you know, one of our Trustees, and if he be present to-day, will, no doubt, be glad to add his words to mine on this subject.

The Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Hudson is a very active body of patriotic women, who are contemplating, I am told, the erection of some memorial to Hudson or Fulton. The dedication of that memorial might very well be a part of the celebration, the vessels stopping at Hudson for that purpose on their return from Newburgh to Albany.

My object in calling your attention to this matter now is that the claims of Hudson may not be overlooked and to ask that when the proper Committee takes up the details of the celebration for the Upper-Hudson, those of us who are interested in the City of Hudson may have an opportunity to be heard.

Very truly yours,

BAYARD L. PECK.

The Secretary stated that in conversation with Mr. Peck the latter had expressed the idea that committees be appointed to make local arrangements in the City of Hudson and other municipalities along the river for suitable celebrations in 1909, and thus enable all the communities along the river to participate in the commemoration.

Mr. Peck's communication was referred to the Special Committee on the Dedication of Memorials in conference with the Sub-Committee on Naval Parade.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

June 26, 1907

The seventeenth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held in the headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, June 26, 1907, at 3 p. m.

*Roll Call.*

Present: President Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. A. J. Boulton, Mr. George V. Brower, Rear Adm. Joseph B. Coghlan, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward H. Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. William McCarroll, Mr. William J. McKay, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Col. John W. Vrooman, and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. William Berri, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. George A. Hearn, Gen. Horatio C. King, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Hon. Seth Low, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, Pres. J. G. Schurman, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Lt. Com. Aaron Vanderbilt, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Hon. Andrew D. White, Hon. William R. Willcox, and Mr. Charles R. Wilson, and they were excused.

*Approval of Minutes Deferred.*

The Secretary stated that since the last meeting a communication had been received from the Comptroller which

indicated that it might be necessary to have the printing of the Commission done by the State printer at Albany instead of by an unofficial printer in New York City as heretofore; and that the minutes of the last meeting had not been printed pending a decision of the question. As the minutes were somewhat lengthy, it was voted to postpone their approval until the next meeting of the Trustees, by which time it was expected they would have been printed and sent to the members.

*Treasurer's Report, June 26, 1907.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, was read as follows:

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to report the state of the Treasury, June 26, 1907, as follows:

PREVIOUS BALANCE.

Balance on hand as per report of April 24, 1907... \$1,694.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Voucher.

30.	Polhemus Printing Co., printing....	\$27.25	
31.	Henry Romeike, Inc., clippings....	1.35	
32.	E. H. Hall, disbursements....	\$6.66	
	E. H. Hall, salary for April..	208.33	
			214.99
33.	Polhemus Printing Co., printing....	38.00	
34.	New York Law Journal, advertising.	2.50	
			<u>284.09</u>

Balance on hand June 26, 1907.....\$1,410.27

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,  
Treasurer.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment subject to examination and approval by the Finance Committee:

Polhemus Printing Co., 1,000 envelopes.....	\$3.25
Polhemus Printing Co., 1 doz. pads writing paper..	1.10
Polhemus Printing Co., 3 lots labels for file cases..	1.00
Polhemus Printing Co., 4 letter-files.....	1.00
Polhemus Printing Co., 500 letter-heads for President's office .....	3.50
Miss J. A. Cooke, duplicating 60 copies, 8 pp., report of Plan and Scope Committee for the Press.	6.00
John Wanamaker, 7 cuspidors.....	9.45
John Wanamaker, 2 door-mats.....	6.53
J. Jos. Conlon, lettering office doors.....	18.85
E. H. Hall, disbursements .....	\$43.25
E. H. Hall, salary for June.....	208.33
	251.58
	\$302.26

*Death of Mr. W. L. Guillaudeau and Brig. Gen. Henry S. Turrill.*

The Secretary announced with great regret the death of Mr. W. L. Guillaudeau which occurred on March 22d, and the death of Brig. Gen. Henry S. Turrill, U. S. A., retired, which occurred on May 24th.

It was voted that the decease of these members of the Commission be recorded in the printed minutes, together with an expression of the sincere sorrow of the Trustees and of their sense of loss which the Commission has sustained.

*Appointment of Mr. Walter G. Hudson.*

The Secretary read a communication from the Secretary of the Mayor, dated June 18, 1907, communicating the appointment of Mr. Walter G. Hudson of No. 63 Wall street, New York City, as a member of the Commission.

It was voted that the communication be received and placed on file and that the name of Mr. Hudson be added to the list of members of the Commission.

*The Holland Society's Proposed Statue of William The Silent.*

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. D. B. St. John Roosa, Chairman of the Holland Society's Committee on Statue of William the Silent, as follows:

HON. STEWART L. WOODFORD,  
Chairman,  
Ter-Centennial Commission, &c.

My Dear Sir:

As Chairman of the Committee of the Holland Society, to erect a Statue of William the Silent to commemorate the discovery and colonization of New York by the Dutch, I desire officially to respectfully call the attention of your Ter-Centenary Committee to this effort of our Society, in order, if matters so shape themselves, that the inauguration of this Statue may form a part of the exercises of the great Celebration of the Settlement of our City and State.

It may be proper and pertinent to the subject to state that William the Silent, although himself not a native of Holland, was chosen by the Society after mature deliberation, because, as the leader of the Dutch nation to freedom, he seemed the proper subject to embody the principles of the Dutch people, which, under his guidance, came to the promulgation and establishment of religious toleration and political freedom, not only in Holland and her colonies, but also in the major part of the civilized world. The ideals of William the Silent, in these respects, have been realized here on the banks of the river which Dutch ships discovered and where descendants of men who fought and died for their convictions made their homes and still form a goodly and influential part of the population.

I send herewith a photograph of the model of the Statue, the work of which is being done by Mr. Henry M. Shrady, whose statues of Gen. Grant and of George Washington may be known by your Committee. The model is nearly completed, and, no doubt, the statue will be ready by the time the celebration, under the auspices of your Committee, will take place.

The total cost is to be forty thousand dollars, a large part of which has been raised, and is in our Treasury, in part, with written promises for the remainder.

Our Committee respectfully requests that you will give due consideration to the placing of this Statue, in accordance with the general scheme of the Ter-Centenary Cele-

bration, as determined, or to be determined by your Committee.

In behalf of the Committee on Statue to William the Silent of the Holland Society, I am, my dear sir, with great regard,

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) D. B. ST. JOHN ROOSA,  
Chairman.

Committee:

George M. Van Hoesen,	Tunis G. Bergen,
Samuel D. Coykendall,	John R. Van Wormer,
Warner Van Norden,	Albert Van der Veer.

The Secretary also read the acknowledgment of the foregoing by the President of the Commission, dated June 1st.

Dr. Roosa's letter was referred to Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials.

*Nominations for Appointment to the Commission.*

Mr. Theodore Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented a report recommending as members of the Commission, to be appointed by the Mayor, the following named gentlemen:

Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, U. S. N., Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Mr. Charles R. Norman, 11 Broadway, New York.

Gen. Anson G. McCook, 310 Broadway, New York.

Col. John J. McCook, 1 West 54th Street, New York.

Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, 965 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Mr. Elias S. A. de Lima, 24 State Street, New York.

Hon. Lewis Nixon, 43 Cedar Street, New York.

Hon. John Sergeant Wise, 20 Broad Street, New York.

Mr. George Clinton Batcheller, 696 Broadway, New York.

Capt. Richard Henry Greene, 235 Central Park West, New York.

Mr. Clarence E. Leonard, 44 East 23rd Street, New York.

Mr. John Claflin, 15 Washington Square North, New York.

Hon. Elbridge T. Gerry, 258 Broadway, New York.



Mr. Fitch moved that the report be adopted and that the names mentioned therein be recommended to the Mayor. The motion was carried.

Admiral Coghlan moved that the Hon. Paul Morton, ex-Secretary of the Navy, be recommended to the Mayor for appointment as a member of the Commission. The nomination was seconded and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

*Report of the Committee on Plan and Scope.*

Mr. Seward, Chairman of the Committee on Plan and Scope, presented the following report and moved that the report be accepted and spread upon the minutes; and that copies be sent to every member of the Commission with the request that each one study the report carefully during the summer and make any suggestion in regard to it that may occur to him; and that final action on the report be deferred until the meeting of the Trustees in October. The motion was carried.

The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLAN AND SCOPE.

New York, June 26, 1907.

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

During the year which has elapsed since the presentation of the Preliminary Report of the Plan and Scope Committee on June 13, 1906, this Committee has had the valuable advice and cooperation of the sub-committees to which its various recommendations were submitted and has greatly been aided by the intelligent discussion of the subject by the public press. Thus assisted, it feels prepared now to submit a more definite plan of celebration.

We therefore respectfully recommend that the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson together with the 100th anniversary of the first practical application of steam to navigation by Robert Fulton, be commemorated by an eight-day celebration commencing on Saturday, September 18, 1909, and ending on the following Saturday, September 25, as follows:

## RELIGIOUS SERVICE DAYS.

(Saturday, Sept. 18th and Sunday, September 19th, 1909.)  
Services in places of public worship.

## RECEPTION DAY.

(Monday, September 20th.)

General decoration of public and private buildings for the week, from New York to the head of the river.

Rendezvous of American and foreign naval vessels at New York.

"Half Moon" enters river, formally received and takes her place in line.

"Clermont" starts from original slip amid appropriate exercises and takes position.

Visiting guests disembark and are received at the Robert Fulton Memorial Water Gate at Riverside Park.

Dedication of Robert Fulton Memorial Gate.

Typical Indian Village at Inwood established by American Museum of Natural History.

Official Banquet in evening to guests, Governor of State and Mayors of Hudson River Cities at some suitable place.

## HISTORICAL DAY.

(Tuesday, September 21st.)

Visiting guests shown about City, making circuit of island by boat, and land excursions by automobiles.

Commemorative exercises by day in Columbia University, New York University, College of City of New York, Cooper Union, University of St. John at Fordham, Hebrew University, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Public Schools, Historical Societies, and all the universities, colleges and institutions of learning throughout the State of New York.

Exhibits of paintings, prints, books, models, relics, etc., by Metropolitan Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, Hispano-American Museum, New York Public Library, New York Historical Society, Webb's School for Shipbuilders, New York Yacht Club, etc.

Free lectures in 150 centers under auspices of Board of Education (Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Supervisor).

Official literary exercises in evening in every borough: Manhattan, in Metropolitan Opera House; Brooklyn, in Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences; Queens, in place to be determined; Richmond, in place to be determined; Bronx, in place to be determined.

LAND PARADE DAY.

(Wednesday, September 22nd.)

Land Parade, participated in by United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps; National Guard; Naval Militia; Historical Society floats; Labor, Industrial and Manufacturing floats; various other civic organizations. In evening, reception to guests on Governor's Island.

DEDICATION DAY.

(Thursday, September 23rd.)

Dedication of Parks and Memorials along the river: Inwood Hill Park, Hudson-Memorial Bridge, Palisades Drive, Verplanck's Point Park, Statue of William the Silent erected by the Holland Society, and other parks or memorials along the river.

Tablets in New York, Albany and other cities.

Reception to visiting guests at West Point during the day.

Aquatic sports on Hudson River.

Musical festival in evening, in place to be selected.

HUDSON RIVER DAY.

(Friday, September 24th.)

Naval parades start from New York and Albany and meet at Newburgh: American naval vessels, foreign naval vessels, "Half Moon," "Clermont," merchant marine, pleasure craft.

Salutes to "Half Moon" and "Clermont" from West Point and other places where cannon can be fired as procession passes.

Fetes of townspeople along the river from New York to Newburgh.

Exercises at Newburgh: Reception on land; formal delivery of "Half Moon" and "Clermont" to North Hudson division.

ILLUMINATION DAY.

(Saturday, September 25th.)

Naval parades return to Albany and New York.

Salutes from upper Hudson cities to "Half Moon" and "Clermont" as they pass.

Fetes of townspeople from Newburgh to Albany.

Children's fetes in parks and playgrounds.

Illumination of fleet and public and private buildings in New York, and pyrotechnical displays.

Illumination, pyrotechnics and special local exercises in Albany.

Chain of signal fires at 9 p. m. from Coney Island to Albany.

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It is believed by your committee that the propriety of the various features suggested in the foregoing outline will be sufficiently apparent without extended explanations. The following brief observations concerning certain features, however, may be added.

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#### THE DATE.

The date selected combines historical propriety and popular convenience. Hudson reached his "farthest north" in the exploration of the river with the "Half Moon" on September 10th, 1609, and started down stream on his return voyage on September 23rd. The days selected for the celebration therefore embrace the 300th anniversary of the culmination of his great voyage. They will also occur at a convenient season of the year for those returning from their summer's outings. While the epoch marking first trip of Fulton's "Clermont" was made in August, 1807, propriety is lent to its commemoration in 1909, not only by the fact that Hudson's and Fulton's achievements are indissolubly welded to the same great water course, but also by the fact that in 1809 the Legislature of the State of New York was so convinced of the practicability and value of Fulton's invention, that it granted him a monopoly of the navigation of the river. This act led to the famous suit of Gibbons versus Ogden, the decision of which established the principle of freedom of navigation.

With respect to the probability of fair weather during the week selected, we are assured by the United States Meteorological authorities that the popular superstition about the so-called "equinoctial storm" is without warrant in fact, and the view that there is no greater likelihood of a storm on September 21 than on any other day a week before or after is held throughout the Weather Bureau. As to New York City in particular, Forecaster Emery informs us, after an examination of the records for a number of years, that rain has been less frequent during the week in question than in the preceding one, while the week following, be-

ginning September 27 has had still fewer rainy days. We therefore feel reasonably assured as to the probable condition of the weather for the week chosen.

#### RELIGIOUS SERVICE DAYS.

We are of the opinion that in arranging for the celebration we should not overlook the Divine guidance in the two great events to be commemorated, one of which opened up our State to modern civilization and led to the founding of the City of New York, and the other of which laid the foundation for the vast commerce upon which the prosperity of the City and State so largely depends. We have therefore set apart the first two days for religious observance by those who are accustomed to worship on Saturday and Sunday.

#### RECEPTION DAY.

The secular observances are planned to begin on Monday, the 20th, with the rendezvous of naval vessels, and the official reception of guests of honor. Formalities in connection with reproductions of the historic vessels "Half Moon" and "Clermont" will be picturesque and instructive features of the aquatic portion of the programme.

The recommendation concerning the dedication of the Robert Fulton Memorial Water Gate is subject, of course, to the concurrence of the Robert Fulton Memorial Association which has undertaken its erection and with whom it is our cordial desire to cooperate in every practical way. It is placed thus early in the programme both as a matter of propriety and as a deference to the public spirited men who have generously assumed the responsibility of erecting this memorial.

The cooperation of the ethnological department of the American Museum of Natural History is invited in the recreation of a typical Indian village on the site of the aboriginal shell heaps at the Indian rock habitation at Inwood Hill. It is thought that this can be done with Indians from the New York State reservations and will prove of high educational value.

This day will close with an official banquet in New York City in the evening.

#### HISTORICAL DAY.

Tuesday, the 21st, is essentially an educational day, designed to be participated in by the Universities, colleges, schools, museums and learned societies throughout the

whole state. While the commemoration of 1909 must, from geographical considerations, largely center around the Hudson river, the glory and the material benefits of Hudson's and Fulton's achievements are the heritage of the people of the entire State, and the programme for Historical Day affords a practical means for a general observance of the occasion from one end of the State to the other.

The day will culminate in New York City with official literary meetings in the evening in each of the five Boroughs, at which provision will be made for orations by men of national reputation.

#### LAND PARADE DAY.

The programme for Wednesday, the 22nd, is arranged with a view to giving in addition to military pageantry, ample scope for the exhibition of the arts of peace. With historical and allegorical floats illustrating the past history of the City and State, and similar exhibits illustrating the contemporary genius of labor and industry, as expressed in the various arts and crafts of our people, we believe that New York can produce a pageant which for beauty and instructiveness will excel any of the famous spectacles of the European carnivals.

An evening reception to the official guests at the headquarters of the Department of the East on Governor's Island is suggested as the closing event of the day if it proves agreeable to the authorities.

#### DEDICATION DAY.

Soon after the Commission was formed, a World's Fair at or near New York City was suggested. After giving several public hearings the subject was referred to the Plan and Scope Committee, who, in their preliminary report (page 115 of the printed Minutes), expressed the belief that the country had been surfeited with such temporary celebrations and voiced the hope that the celebration of 1909 would be conducted on a plan which would leave monumental works of lasting benefit to the people. During the past year the ideas thus expressed appear to have become the policy of the Commission, and the recent unequivocal expressions of approval by the leading newspapers of this and other States tend to confirm the wisdom of such a course.

We therefore recommend that Thursday in Celebration Week be devoted to the dedication of parks and memorials along the Hudson river; and that between now and then,

the most earnest efforts be made to secure not only the great memorials like Inwood Hill Park, the Hudson Memorial Bridge, the Verplanck's Point Park, the completion of the Palisades Drive, etc., but also that the civic pride of various communities along the river be invoked to participate in like manner according to their means. We also recommend that the interest of the numerous historical and patriotic societies be enlisted for the erection of monuments and tablets, so that the history of the Hudson Valley may be written in stone and bronze from the site of old Fort Amsterdam to the site of old Fort Orange.

The aquatic sports mentioned in the programme for Dedication Day are designed in the first instance for friendly competitions between the crews of the naval vessels, but may embrace motor boat races and such other amusements as may seem practicable and desirable.

A music festival in some large auditorium is proposed for the evening event of this day.

#### HUDSON RIVER DAY.

Friday, the 24th, is devoted to the Naval Parade and incidental ceremonies. It appears to be practicable for some of our naval vessels to proceed as far north as Newburgh Bay. We have therefore planned to have as many vessels of the navy, merchant marine, excursion boats, and pleasure craft as possible go from New York to Newburgh, taking with them the fac-similes of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont." In order that the inhabitants of the country on either side of the river may see the parade and the reproductions of the historic vessels, we recommend that the day be devoted by them to fetes champetres along the riversides from New York to Newburgh. As the procession passes up the river, salutes may be fired from eligible points.

Simultaneously with the advance of the Southern Hudson Division, we recommend a counter-procession from Albany to Newburgh, the two divisions meeting and holding appropriate ceremonies at Newburgh. The delivery of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" to the North Hudson Division would form a feature of these exercises.

#### ILLUMINATION DAY.

Saturday, the two divisions of the Naval Parade will return to their respective starting points, the people residing north of Newburgh holding open air fetes at convenient

places along the river, which will enable them to see and salute the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" as they pass.

In all the cities this will be peculiarly the Children's Day, devoted to fetes in public and private parks and playgrounds. The fertility of the youthful minds as displayed in their May Party and Thanksgiving Day observances suggests that these Children's Festivals may develop into one of the most interesting and picturesque features of the celebration.

The whole celebration will culminate in New York with an illumination of the fleet and public and private buildings, and pyrotechnic display, and in Albany with similar illuminations and special local exercises; while the whole river will be connected by a chain of signal fires from mountaintops and other eligible points, lighted at a given hour. Displays of fireworks at various points, notably on the great bridges as in the fetes of the 14th of July in Paris, can be seen by hundreds of thousands of people and will give great pleasure to the masses. For the signal fires, the cooperation of the inhabitants and authorities of different localities is confidently expected and relied upon. It is believed that each one will select suitable points where such bonfires may be conspicuous and yet compatible with safety to property; and that the public spirit of the community will inspire its members with zeal for collecting the materials, and firing the piles at the same hour, on receipt of an electric signal flashed at 9 p. m. along both shores of the river.

#### THESE RECOMMENDATIONS NOT EXCLUSIVE.

In making the foregoing recommendations, your Committee does not regard them as excluding any other appropriate and practicable features which may be recommended from time to time, for doubtless many very excellent new ideas will be suggested before the anniversary year arrives. But we believe that the plan is sufficiently definite and comprehensive to serve as a working basis for the beginning of practical preparations. With a view to the reception and consideration of further recommendations from any source, the Trustees may deem it advisable to continue the Plan and Scope Committee as a standing Committee of the Commission.

We recommend that the various sub-committees of the Plan and Scope Committee, which have so ably co-operated in the preparation of the foregoing programme, be discharged as sub-committees, and be reappointed as full work-



ing committees, together with such other committees as may be necessary for the practical working out and execution of the details of the celebration.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

FREDERICK W. SEWARD, Chairman.

Committee:

Frederick W. Seward,	E. E. Olcott,
James M. Beck,	John E. Parsons,
Frederick D. Grant,	Aaron Vanderbilt,
George F. Kunz,	Samuel B. Ward,
Seth Low,	Stewart L. Woodford.

By unanimous consent the Secretary was authorized to give the report to press.

*Report of Sub-Committee on Date.*

Mr. McCarroll, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Date of Celebration, presented the following report. In doing so, he explained that it had been prepared after a conference held June 13th with the Chairman of the Committee on Plan and Scope and the Chairman of the other sub-committees. The Sub-Committee on Date did not consider it a part of its duties to make recommendations concerning the various features of the celebration, and the brief references to such features in his report, merely followed the recommendations of the Plan and Scope Report, and were for the purpose of showing the requirements for the eight days recommended at the close of his report. The report reads as follows:

To the Commission:

Following a preliminary report rendered at a previous meeting of the Commission your Committee has now to submit a more complete one.

Our recommendation is that the time of the celebration be fixed as the week commencing Saturday, September eighteenth, nineteen hundred and nine, and that upon that day and the next — Sunday, the nineteenth — there should be held appropriate services in places of public worship. On

Monday there should be the rendezvous of vessels, reception of the distinguished visitors and guests and appro-

priate ceremonies, and in the evening an official banquet at such place as may be later determined to be best. On

Tuesday the visiting guests should be conveyed about the City. Memorial exercises should be held in universities and schools in the City and State, and by historical societies, with exhibitions in museums; also lectures in a number of centers and official literary exercises in the several boroughs. On

Wednesday the land parade, military and civic, should take place and in the evening a reception to guests at Governor's Island. On

Thursday dedication of parks and memorials. On

Friday naval parades, starting simultaneously from New York and Albany to meet at Newburgh. There should be public gatherings and fetes at different points along the river and a reception and exercises at Newburgh in the evening.

Saturday, the final day, should conclude the naval parade. In the evening the fleet should be illuminated at New York and at Albany, with special exercises at the latter point, and signal fires at local intervening points along the river, the day to be of a holiday character.

Your Committee in thus alluding to the features of each day does so simply by way of indication, the date being the only matter for consideration by this Committee. The other sub-Committees in whose charge are the several arrangements will doubtless report specifically with detail and the whole be merged in the final complete program. Your Committee, therefore, submits this outline in recognition of the appropriateness of the order of celebration on the days mentioned, and for your action submits the following resolution:

Resolved, That the celebration be arranged to commence on Saturday, September eighteenth, and, continuing in its several features, daily during the ensuing week, conclude on Saturday evening, September twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and nine.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MCCARROLL, Chairman.

LOUIS C. RAEGENER.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS.

Mr. Seward stated that the Committee on Plan and Scope adopted the dates recommended and their order of proceedings was the same.

Mr. Ridder moved that the report be received and its consideration postponed until the October meeting, to be taken up then in conjunction with the Plan and Scope report. Carried.

*Proposed Amendment to City Charter.*

The Secretary laid before the Commission a copy of the Mayor's veto of Senate Bill No. 964 (Int. No. 786) entitled "An Act to amend the Greater New York Charter relative to the protection of the grounds and properties of educational institutions." He stated that the object of the bill was to prevent the City of New York from extending Riverside Drive or opening any other streets through the grounds of the Mt. St. Vincent Academy which are located within and adjacent to the northern boundary of the City of New York and bordering on the Hudson river. He explained that if the Charter were amended as proposed and the extension of Riverside Drive prevented it might interfere with the great system of riverside drives which it is proposed to build from New York to Verplanck's Point on one side of the river and from Stony Point to the Palisades Park on the opposite side. He made no motion upon the subject, however.

The President of the Commission read letters which he had written upon the subject as a citizen, in which, while expressing accord with the Mayor's veto, he seriously questioned the propriety of action by this Commission upon any such question.

Mr. Bayard L. Peck stated that as counsel for the Mt. St. Vincent Academy, he had drawn up the bill and believed that it would do no harm to any public interests.

Upon motion of Mr. Brower and seconded by Mr. Seward, the papers in regard to the case were laid upon the table.

*Six Months Art Exhibition Recommended.*

At the request of Dr. George F. Kunz, who was unavoidably absent, the Assistant Secretary communicated the former's recommendation that as a feature of the cele-

bration, there be opened in the Metropolitan Museum of Art an exhibition of paintings of the Dutch school on general subjects, and paintings by other artists on subjects relating to Henry Hudson, Robert Fulton and their times. He believed that such an exhibition of works owned by and loaned to the Museum, and continued for six months, would bring together the most remarkable collection of pictures of its kind in this country and would be a notable event in the world of American art. Dr. Kunz tendered his cooperation in arranging for such an exhibition. Referred to the Committee on Plan and Scope.

*Adjourned Until October 23, 1907.*

Judge Higley moved that the regular meetings of the Trustees in the months of July, August and September be omitted, and that when the meeting should adjourn, it be until Wednesday, October 23, 1907, unless previously called together by the President. Carried.

The President thanked the Trustees for their support and cooperation during the past year. He said he believed that an interest is being aroused in New York that will give us a great celebration, worthy of the City and State and creditable to the Commission. He wished the Trustees a pleasant summer, and expressed the hope that all would be spared to meet and resume their duties in the fall.

Admiral Coghlan moved that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Adjourned until Wednesday, October 23, 1907.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.





# Hudson - Fulton Celebration Commission

Incorporated by  
Chapter 325 Of the Laws of 1906  
of the  
State of New York



To arrange for the "Commemo-  
ration of the Ter-Centenary of  
the Discovery of the Hudson  
River by Henry Hudson in the  
year 1609, and of the First  
Use of Steam in the Navigation  
of said river by Robert Fulton  
in the year 1807." ❁ ❁ ❁



Minutes of October 23, 1907

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Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

October 23, 1907.

The eighteenth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held in the headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, October 23, 1907, at 3 P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: President Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Gen. Horatio C. King, Hon. William McCarroll, Mr. William J. McKay, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, and Gen. James Grant Wilson; and also Mr. Nathan Newman, representing Hon. A. J. Boulton.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Major-Gen. Fredk. D. Grant, U. S. A., Mr. S. V. Hoffman, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. E. E. Olcott, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. N. T. Phillips, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Louis C. Raegener, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee, President J. G. Schurman, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Spencer Trask, and Hon. Andrew D. White and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of May 22d and June 26th, having been printed and sent to all the members of the Commission, were approved as printed.

## Minutes of Trustees

*Treasurer's Report, October 23, 1907*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, was read as follows:

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report the state of the treasury Oct. 23, 1907, as follows:

## DEBIT.

To balance on hand as per report of June 26, 1907 . . . . .	\$1,410 27
To cash received from the State Treasurer on July 3, 1907 . . . . .	7,500 00
To amounts disallowed by Comptroller on accounts Nos. 2, 7, 10, 21, 23, 26, 29, 30. . . . .	148 73
To amount disallowed by Comptroller on account No. 33 . . . . .	17 95
Total. . . . .	<u>\$9,076 95</u>

## CREDIT.

35. By paid E. H. Hall, disbursements. \$30 16 Salary for May, 1907. . . . . 208 33	<u>\$238 49</u>
36. By transfer from Subscription Fund Account to State Fund Account of payment to E. H. Hall on account of salary from April 28 to Aug. 31, 1906, paid Oct. 20, 1906 . . . . .	76 91
37. John Wanamaker, cuspidors and door mats. . . . .	15 98
38. J. J. Conlon, lettering office doors. . . . .	18 85
39. E. H. Hall, disbursements. . . . . \$43 25 Salary for June . . . . . 208 33	<u>251 58</u>
40. Polhemus Printing Co., stationery. . . . .	6 32
41. Miss J. A. Cooke, duplicating letters. . . . .	6 00
Total credit . . . . .	\$614 13
Total debit . . . . .	<u>9,076 95</u>
Balance Oct. 23, 1907. . . . .	<u>\$8,462 82</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,

Treasurer.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment out of the State Fund, subject to examination and approval by the Finance Committee:

Edwin J. Kerr, letter copy book.....	\$1 50
Miss J. A. Cooke, mimeographing letters to editors . . . . .	1 55
Henry Romeike, Inc., press clippings, April-Sept.	3 69
Polhemus Printing Co., stationery . . . . .	9 14
J. B. Lyon Co., 500 copies of Minutes of May 22 and June 26 . . . . .	27 62
J. B. Lyon Co., circulars and stationery.....	14 62
E. H. Hall: Disbursements since May. \$48 67	
Salary for July, Aug., Sept., and Oct. 833 33	
	882 00
	\$940 12

*Subscriptions Requested to Pay Certain Printing Bills.*

The President stated that when the Commission was organized, and until recently, the Assistant Secretary, upon what appeared to be good advice and in order to expedite the work of the Commission, had had the printing of the Commission done by printers in New York City. When the first lot of vouchers was sent to the Comptroller, the latter, under date of June 4, 1907, informed the Commission that in his opinion the printing of this Commission was "departmental printing" under the State Printing Law and should have been done by the State Printer at Albany. The Comptroller further stated that if the Commission secured from the State Printers waivers of their claims for printing thus far done by unofficial printers, he would allow the vouchers at the contract rates, and this has been done. The total amount disallowed was \$148.73. The sum of \$76.91, formerly paid out of the Subscription Fund on account of Assistant Secretary's salary had been charged to the State, thus reducing to \$71.82 the amount due the State Fund. There was also due to the New York printers the sum of \$25.34, being the balance due on three bills (Nos. 33,

40 and 45) previously contracted but not included in the vouchers before alluded to, and which had been subsequently allowed in part by the Comptroller. This made a total of \$97.16 which it was necessary to raise by subscription.

It was voted that the 100 Trustees of the Commission each be requested to contribute the sum of \$1 to pay the foregoing accounts.

*Appointments by the Mayor.*

A letter from the mayor of New York, dated July 24, 1907, was read, communicating the appointment of the following named gentlemen as members of the Commission, in accordance with the recommendation of the last meeting (see page 292 of the printed minutes): Real Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, U. S. N., Mr. Charles R. Norman, Gen. Anson G. McCook, Col. John J. McCook, Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, Mr. Elias S. A. de Lima, Hon. Lewis Nixon, Hon. John Sergeant Wise, Mr. George Clinton Batcheller, Capt. Richard Henry Greene, Mr. Clarence E. Leonard, Mr. John Claflin and Hon. Elbridge T. Gerry.

It was voted that the communication be received and placed on file, and that the names of those who had not declined be placed upon the list of members of the Commission.

*Declination of Hon. Elbridge T. Gerry.*

A communication dated July 31, 1907, from Hon. Elbridge T. Gerry, was read as follows:

Newport, Rhode Island, July 31, 1907.

Henry W. Sackett, Esq.,

Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,

Tribune Building, New York City.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of July 26, 1907, advising me of my appointment a member of your Commission, I beg you will convey to His Honor the Mayor and also your Board of Trustees my deep regret that for personal reasons I shall be unable to accept the position indicated,



while deeply appreciating the compliment implied by my selection.

I have the honor to remain with great respect,  
ELBRIDGE T. GERRY.

The letter was received with regret and ordered on file.

*Interest of the Ambassador from the Netherlands.*

A letter from His Excellency Jonkheer R. de Marees van Swinderen, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of The Netherlands to the United States, dated Washington, D. C., Oct. 20, 1907, and addressed to the Secretary, was read as follows:

LEGATION DES PAYS-BAS.

Washington, D. C., October 20, 1907.

Dear Sir: Mr. Cunliffe Owen had given me an introduction to you when I called at your office last Saturday. It would have given me much pleasure to have a talk with you about the coming Hudson-Fulton Celebration, in the first part of which my country no doubt will feel highly interested. I regretted not to find you, but at my next visit to New York I will take liberty to write you beforehand in order to secure an appointment. In the meantime I would feel much obliged if you would kindly send me a few copies of the little pamphlet issued by the H. F. Celebration Commission, one copy of which I got last Saturday at the Commission's office.

Looking forward to the honor of meeting you in the near future

Sincerely yours,  
VAN SWINDEREN,  
Minister of the Netherlands to the U. S.

The President expressed the Commission's high appreciation of the Ambassador's interest in its work and it was voted that the Secretary be requested to make suitable acknowledgment to His Excellency.

*Plan and Scope Report Adopted.*

The President announced the special order of business to be the consideration of the report of the Plan and Scope

Committee as presented at the last meeting and printed on pages 293 to 301 of the minutes.

Secretary Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, stated that since the last meeting wide circulation had been given to the report, and comments and suggestions had been invited. Special editorial copies had been sent to the editors of all the daily and the principal weekly papers of the State with a personal letter, asking suggestions from the papers and their readers. The comments on the report appeared to be universally favorable and it was believed to afford a satisfactory basis for practical work. Certain valuable suggestions concerning details had been received and were under consideration, and in moving the adoption of the report, he did so in the light of the statement near the close of the report that the recommendations contained therein were not to be regarded as precluding such others as might appear to be desirable in the future.

He therefore moved that the report of the Plan and Scope Committee be adopted as the working basis for future action, subject to such amendments and changes as the Commission may desire hereafter to make. Carried.

#### *Auxiliary Committees in Cities and Villages.*

Mr. Fitch moved "That the mayors of cities and presidents of villages along the Hudson and the Mohawk and westward to Buffalo, be invited to appoint auxiliary committees of their citizens to arrange for celebrating in their respective localities in September, 1909, the discovery of the Hudson by Henry Hudson and the successful steam navigation thereof by Robert Fulton, and to co-operate with the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission therein, such committees to include themselves respectively, and to consist of such number as they may deem advisable."

Mr. McKay of Newburgh said that he thought the plan suggested was an excellent one. There was already such a committee in Newburgh composed of representative citizens, ready to co-operate with the Commission at any time. The Newburgh Committee was already considering plans for a

local celebration on the occasion of the visit of the fleet in 1909.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Fitch moved that the Secretary be directed to send a copy of the foregoing resolution, together with a copy of the report of the Plan and Scope Committee, to the mayors and presidents of the localities designated, with a letter expressing the cordial wish of the Commission that their local committees co-operate heartily in securing a successful celebration. Carried.

*Constructor William J. Baxter, U. S. N., Nominated.*

Admiral Coghlan, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Naval Parade, nominated Constructor William J. Baxter, U. S. N., for appointment by the mayor as a member of the Commission. He stated that his committee had been gathering data since the last meeting for guidance in constructing the facsimiles of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont." The Committee included among its members a distinguished engineer in the person of Admiral Melville, and he said that they would be greatly aided by having also a naval constructor.

The nomination was seconded and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee, reported favorably on the nomination of Constructor Baxter and it was voted that the appointment be recommended to the mayor.

*Loan of Painting from His Majesty, the King of England, Requested.*

Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and a member of the Executive Committee of this Commission, moved that a respectful request be made to King Edward VII through the American Ambassador to Great Britain, for the loan of John Collier's remarkable painting entitled "The Last Voyage of Henry Hudson." He stated that this picture belonged to the British Government and was among the paintings of the Chantrey Bequest

in the Tate Gallery, Chelsea, London, of which he had charge for many years. The canvas was about 6x8 feet in size, and it made a deep impression upon him by its weird and startling character. It represented Hudson and his grandson, as they were set adrift in Hudson's Bay and abandoned to their unknown fate by their heartless companions. It was a picture which would attract attention and, once seen, would be remembered. He recommended that the application be made through the American Ambassador, the Hon. Whitelaw Reid, directly to the King, and had no doubt but that His Majesty would readily consent, as he had loaned to the St. Louis Exposition several things which had never before been out of the Kingdom. It would take a year at least, he said, for the request to go through under the necessary procedure.

Gen. Wilson very heartily endorsed Sir Purdon's motion. When in London recently, he had visited the Tate Gallery, and had been so deeply impressed with Collier's painting that he had secured a photograph of it. The picture was a striking and powerful work of art, and would be of very great interest.

The motion was adopted, and the President appointed Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, the Hon. Frederick W. Seward, and the Secretary of the Commission, as a special committee to take up the matter at once with Ambassador Reid.

Upon motion by Mr. Fitch, the President of the Commission was added as a member of the Committee.

#### *Art Exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum.*

The President read from pages 303 and 304 of the printed minutes the recommendation of Dr. George Frederick Kunz in regard to a six-months art exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1909, and he asked Sir Purdon if he had exchanged views with Dr. Kunz on the subject.

Sir Purdon replied that he had had one conference on the subject and he expressed the opinion that such an exhibition of Dutch paintings and other works of art relating to the Colonial period would prove of great public interest. It

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would become possible at the Metropolitan Museum, however, only in case the new wing were ready, as the present Museum was fully occupied; but he believed that the wing would be ready in time for such use. The glass roof was expected to be finished by Christmas, 1907, and twelve months would be required for plastering. One purpose of the new wing was temporary exhibitions of this sort, and he thought that this would be a very good way to inaugurate it.

The meeting then adjourned.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

### Report of Plan and Scope Committee.

Owing to the exhaustion of the edition of the printed minutes of June 26, 1907, the Report of the Plan and Scope Committee, reported on that date and adopted October 23, 1907, is reprinted herewith from page 293 to page 301:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLAN AND SCOPE.

New York, June 26, 1907.

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

During the year which has elapsed since the presentation of the Preliminary Report of the Plan and Scope Committee on June 13, 1906, this Committee has had the valuable advice and co-operation of the subcommittees to which its various recommendations were submitted and has greatly been aided by the intelligent discussion of the subject by the public press. Thus assisted, it feels prepared now to submit a more definite plan of celebration.

We therefore respectfully recommend that the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson, together with the 100th anniversary of the first practical application of steam to navigation by Robert Fulton, be commemorated by an eight-day celebration commencing on Saturday, September 18, 1909, and ending on the following Saturday, September 25, as follows:

#### RELIGIOUS SERVICE DAYS.

(Saturday, Sept. 18th and Sunday, September 19th, 1909.)  
Services in places of public worship.

#### RECEPTION DAY.

(Monday, September 20th.)

General decoration of public and private buildings for the week, from New York to the head of the river.

Rendezvous of American and foreign naval vessels at New York.

"Half Moon" enters river, formally received and takes her place in line.

"Clermont" starts from original slip amid appropriate exercises and takes position.

Visiting guests disembark and are received at the Robert Fulton Memorial Water Gate at Riverside Park.

Dedication of Robert Fulton Memorial Gate.

Typical Indian Village at Inwood established by American Museum of Natural History.

Official Banquet in evening to guests, Governor of State and Mayors of Hudson River Cities at some suitable place.

HISTORICAL DAY.

(Tuesday, September 21st.)

Visiting guests shown about City, making circuit of island by boat, and land excursions by automobiles.

Commemorative exercises by day in Columbia University, New York University, College of City of New York, Cooper Union, University of St. John at Fordham, Hebrew University, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Public Schools, Historical Societies, and all the universities, colleges and institutions of learning throughout the State of New York.

Exhibits of paintings, prints, books, models, relics, etc., by Metropolitan Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, Hispano-American Museum, New York Public Library, New York Historical Society, Webb's School for Shipbuilders, New York Yacht Club, etc.

Free lectures in 150 centers under auspices of Board of Education (Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Supervisor).

Official literary exercises in evening in every borough: Manhattan, in Metropolitan Opera House; Brooklyn, in Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences; Queens, in place to be determined; Richmond, in place to be determined; Bronx, in place to be determined.

LAND PARADE DAY.

(Wednesday, September 22d.)

Land Parade, participated in by United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps; National Guard; Naval Militia; Historical Society floats; Labor, Industrial and Manufacturing floats; various other civic organizations.

In evening, reception to guests on Governor's Island.

DEDICATION DAY.

(Thursday, September 23rd.)

Dedication of Parks and Memorials along the river: Inwood Hill Park, Hudson-Memorial Bridge, Palisades Drive, Verplanck's Point Park, Statue of William the

Silent erected by the Holland Society, and other parks and memorials along the river.

Tablets in New York, Albany and other cities.

Reception to visiting guests at West Point during the day.

Aquatic sports on Hudson River.

Musical festival in evening, in place to be selected.

#### HUDSON RIVER DAY.

(Friday, September 24th.)

Naval parades start from New York and Albany and meet at Newburgh: American naval vessels, foreign naval vessels, "Half Moon," "Clermont," merchant marine, pleasure craft.

Salutes to "Half Moon" and "Clermont" from West Point and other places where cannon can be fired as procession passes.

Fetes of townspeople along the river from New York to Newburgh.

Exercises at Newburgh: Reception on land; formal delivery of "Half Moon" and "Clermont" to North Hudson division.

#### ILLUMINATION DAY.

(Saturday, September 25th.)

Naval parades return to Albany and New York.

Salutes from upper Hudson cities to "Half Moon" and "Clermont" as they pass.

Fetes of townspeople from Newburgh to Albany.

Children's fetes in parks and playgrounds.

Illumination of fleet and public and private buildings in New York, and pyrotechnical displays.

Illumination, pyrotechnics and special local exercises in Albany.

Chain of signal fires at 9 P. M. from Coney Island to Albany.

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It is believed by your committee that the propriety of the various features suggested in the foregoing outline will be sufficiently apparent without extended explanations. The following brief observations concerning certain features, however, may be added.



## THE DATE.

The date selected combines historical propriety and popular convenience. Hudson reached his "farthest north" in the exploration of the river with the "Half Moon" on September 19, 1609, and started down stream on his return voyage on September 23rd. The days selected for the celebration therefore embrace the 300th anniversary of the culmination of his great voyage. They will also occur at a convenient season of the year for those returning from their summer's outings. While the epoch marking first trip of Fulton's "Clermont" was made in August, 1807, propriety is lent to its commemoration in 1909, not only by the fact that Hudson's and Fulton's achievements are indissolubly wedded to the same great water course, but also by the fact that in 1809 the Legislature of the State of New York was so convinced of the practicability and value of Fulton's invention, that it granted him a monopoly of the navigation of the river. This act led to the famous suit of Gibbons versus Ogden, the decision of which established the principal of freedom of navigation.

With respect to the probability of fair weather during the week selected, we are assured by the United States Meteorological authorities that the popular superstition about the so-called "equinoctial storm" is without warrant in fact, and the view that there is no greater likelihood of a storm on September 21 than on any other day a week before or after is held throughout the Weather Bureau. As to New York City in particular, Forecaster Emery informs us after an examination of the records for a number of years, that rain has been less frequent during the week in question than in the preceding one, while the week following, beginning September 27 has had still fewer rainy days. We therefore feel reasonably assured as to the probable condition of the weather for the week chosen.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICE DAYS.

We are of the opinion that in arranging for the celebration we should not overlook the Divine guidance in the two great events to be commemorated, one of which opened up our State to modern civilization and led to the founding of the City of New York, and the other of which laid the foundation for the vast commerce upon which the prosperity of the City and State so largely depends. We have therefore set apart the first two days for religious

observance by those who are accustomed to worship on Saturday and Sunday.

#### RECEPTION DAY.

The secular observances are planned to begin on Monday, the 20th, with the rendezvous of naval vessels, and the official reception of guests of honor. Formalities in connection with reproduction of the historic vessels "Half Moon" and "Clermont" will be picturesque and instructive features of the aquatic portion of the programme.

The recommendation concerning the dedication of the Robert Fulton Memorial Water Gate is subject, of course, to the concurrence of the Robert Fulton Memorial Association which has undertaken its erection and with whom it is our cordial desire to co-operate in every practical way. It is placed thus early in the programme both as a matter of propriety and as a deference to the public spirited men who have generously assumed the responsibility of erecting this memorial.

The co-operation of the ethnological department of the American Museum of Natural History is invited in the recreation of a typical Indian village on the site of the aboriginal shell heaps at the Indian rock habitation at Inwood Hill. It is thought that this can be done with Indians from the New York State reservations and will prove of high educational value.

This day will close with an official banquet in New York City in the evening.

#### HISTORICAL DAY.

Tuesday, the 21st, is essentially an educational day, designed to be participated in by the universities, colleges, schools, museums and learned societies throughout the whole State. While the commemoration of 1909 must, from geographical considerations, largely center around the Hudson River, the glory and the material benefits of Hudson's and Fulton's achievements are the heritage of the people of the entire State, and the programme for Historical Day affords a practical means for a general observance of the occasion from one end of the State to the other.

The day will culminate in New York City with official literary meetings in the evening in each of the five Boroughs, at which provision will be made for orations by men of national reputation.

## LAND PARADE DAY.

The programme for Wednesday, the 22d, is arranged with a view to giving, in addition to military pageantry, ample scope for the exhibition of the arts of peace. With historical allegorical floats illustrating the past history of the City and State, and similar exhibits illustrating the contemporary genius of labor and industry, as expressed in the various arts and crafts of our people, we believe that New York can produce a pageant which for beauty and instructiveness will excel any of the famous spectacles of the European carnivals.

An evening reception to the official guests at the headquarters of the Department of the East on Governor's Island is suggested as the closing event of the day if it proves agreeable to the authorities.

## DEDICATION DAY.

Soon after the Commission was formed, a World's Fair at or near New York City was suggested. After giving several public hearings the subject was referred to the Plan and Scope Committee, who, in their preliminary report (page 115 of the printed Minutes), expressed the belief that the country had been surfeited with such temporary celebrations and voiced the hope that the celebration of 1909 would be conducted on a plan which would leave monumental works of lasting benefit to the people. During the past year the ideas thus expressed appear to have become the policy of the Commission, and the recent unequivocal expressions of approval by the leading newspapers of this and other States tend to confirm the wisdom of such a course.

We therefore recommend that Thursday in Celebration Week be devoted to the dedication of parks and memorials along the Hudson River; and that, between now and then, the most earnest efforts be made to secure not only the great memorials like Inwood Hill Park, the Hudson Memorial Bridge, the Verplanck's Point Park, the completion of the Palisades Drive, etc., but also that the civic pride of various communities along the river be invoked to participate in like manner according to their means. We also recommend that the interest of the numerous historical and patriotic societies be enlisted for the erection of monuments and tablets, so that the history of the Hudson Valley may be written in stone and bronze from the site of old Fort Amsterdam to the site of old Fort Orange.

The aquatic sports mentioned in the programme for Dedication Day are designed in the first instance for friendly competition between the crews of the naval vessels, but may embrace motor boat races and such other amusements as may seem practicable and desirable.

A music festival in some large auditorium is proposed for the evening event of this day.

#### HUDSON RIVER DAY.

Friday, the 24th, is devoted to the Naval Parade and incidental ceremonies. It appears to be practicable for some of our naval vessels to proceed as far north as Newburgh Bay. We have therefore planned to have as many vessels of the navy, merchant marine, excursion boats, and pleasure craft as possible go from New York to Newburgh, taking with them the facsimiles of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont." In order that the inhabitants of the country on either side of the river may see the parade and the reproductions of the historic vessels, we recommend that the day be devoted by them to fetes champetres along the river-sides from New York to Newburgh. As the procession passes up the river, salutes may be fired from eligible points.

Simultaneously with the advance of the Southern Hudson Division, we recommend a counter-procession from Albany to Newburgh, the two divisions meeting and holding appropriate ceremonies at Newburgh. The delivery of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" to the North Hudson Division would form a feature of these exercises.

#### ILLUMINATION DAY.

Saturday, the two divisions of the Naval Parade will return to their respective starting points, the people residing north of Newburgh holding open air fetes at convenient places along the river, which will enable them to see and salute the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" as they pass.

In all the cities this will be peculiarly the Children's Day, devoted to fetes in public and private parks and playgrounds. The fertility of the youthful mind as displayed in their May Party and Thanksgiving Day observances suggests that these Children's Festivals may develop into one of the most interesting and picturesque features of the celebration.

The whole celebration will culminate in New York with an illumination of the fleet and public and private buildings, and pyrotechnic display, and in Albany with similar

illuminations and special local exercises; while the whole river will be connected by a chain of signal fires from mountain-tops and other eligible points, lighted at a given hour. Displays of fireworks at various points, notably on the great bridges as in the fetes of the 14th of July in Paris, can be seen by hundreds of thousands of people and will give great pleasure to the masses. For the signal fires, the co-operation of the inhabitants and authorities of different localities is confidently expected and relied upon. It is believed that each one will select suitable points where such bonfires may be conspicuous and yet compatible with safety to property; and that the public spirit of the community will inspire its members with zeal for collecting the materials, and firing the piles at the same hour, on receipt of an electric signal flashed at 9 P. M. along both shores of the river.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS NOT EXCLUSIVE.

In making the foregoing recommendations, your Committee does not regard them as excluding any other appropriate and practicable features which may be recommended from time to time, for doubtless many very excellent new ideas will be suggested before the anniversary year arrives. But we believe that the plan is sufficiently definite and comprehensive to serve as a working basis for the beginning of practical preparations. With a view to the reception and consideration of further recommendations from any source, the Trustees may deem it advisable to continue the Plan and Scope Committee as a standing Committee of the Commission.

We recommend that the various subcommittees of the Plan and Scope Committee, which have so ably co-operated in the preparation of the foregoing programme, be discharged as subcommittees, and be reappointed as full working committees, together with such other committees as may be necessary for the practical working out and execution of the details of the celebration.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

FREDERICK W. SEWARD, Chairman.

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## Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

November 27, 1907.

The nineteenth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held in the headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, November 27, 1907, at 3 P. M.

### *Roll Call.*

Present: President Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Hon. James K. Apgar, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Henry Hudson, Gen. Horatio C. King, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. George W. Perkins, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Gen. James Grant Wilson, and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.

### *Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. William Berri, Hon. Alfred J. Boulton, Mr. H. W. Cannon, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Seth Low, Com. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, President Jacob G. Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Spencer Trask, and Dr. Samuel B. Ward, and they were excused.

### *Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of October 23, 1907, having been printed and sent to all the members of the Commission, were approved as printed.

### *Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, stated that there had been no disbursements since the last meeting and the balance on hand remained as then stated.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment out of the State Fund, subject to examination and approval by the Finance Committee:

De-Fi Manufacturing Co., 1 box of carbon paper . . . . .	\$3 50
Polhemus Printing Co., 1 scrap book . . . . .	1 00
Polhemus Printing Co., 1 ream blank paper . .	2 75
J. B. Lyon Co., 800 cards, notices of meeting . .	4 13
E. H. Hall, disbursements . . . . .	\$18 54
Salary for November . . . . .	208 33
	226 87
	\$238 25

*Auxiliary Committees in Cities and Villages.*

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution adopted October 23d, he had sent a letter to the Mayors of 18 cities and the Presidents of 27 villages, inviting them to appoint auxiliary committees to cooperate in arranging for the celebration in 1909. The names of those addressed were as follows:

## MAYORS OF CITIES.

Albany . . . . .	Hon. Charles H. Gaus.
Amsterdam . . . . .	Hon. Jacob H. Dealey.
Auburn . . . . .	Hon. E. C. Aiken.
Buffalo . . . . .	His Honor, the Mayor.
Cohoes . . . . .	Hon. John Archibold.
Hudson . . . . .	Hon. Henry Hudson.
Kingston . . . . .	Hon. Walter P. Crane.
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Utica . . . . .	Hon. Richard W. Sherman.
Youkers . . . . .	Hon. John H. Coyne.

## PRESIDENTS OF VILLAGES.

Canajoharie.....	President of the Village.
Canastota.....	Hon. F. F. Hubbard.
Catskill.....	Hon. Charles A. Elliott.
Cold Spring.....	Hon. Vincent Murray.
Cornwall.....	President of the Village.
Coxsackie.....	Hon. F. H. Sutherland.
Dobbs Ferry.....	Hon. Chas. E. Storms.
Fishkill.....	Hon. Howell White.
Fonda.....	Hon. Elmer E. Follonsbee.
Fort Plain.....	Hon. Thomas Temple.
Frankfort.....	Hon. Charles T. Pratt.
Fultonville.....	Hon. Robert Wemple.
Hastings.....	Hon. F. G. Zinsser.
Haverstraw.....	Hon. Charles H. Zundel.
Herkimer.....	Hon. William Witherstine.
Highland Falls.....	Hon. Christian A. Müller.
Ilion.....	Hon. Edward Whitmore.
Mohawk.....	Hon. Wm. M. Lamb.
Nyack.....	Dr. H. W. Boyd.
Peekskill.....	Hon. Isaac H. Smith.
Saratoga Springs.....	Hon. James D. McNulty.
Saugerties.....	Hon. Albert Rowe.
South Nyack.....	Hon. Charles McElroy.
Stony Point (town).....	Hon. Alex. Rose (Supervisor).
Tarrytown.....	Hon. John Gross.
Upper Nyack.....	Hon. A. C. Tucker.
West Haverstraw.....	Hon. Edward L. Wemple.

Replies had already been received from the Mayors of Albany, Rochester, Schenectady, Troy and Utica indicating that they would take favorable action as soon as possible.

*Appointment by the Mayor of New York.*

A letter from the Hon. Geo. B. McClellan, Mayor of New York, dated November 2, 1907, was read communicating the appointment of Constructor William J. Baxter, U. S. N., as a member of this Commission, in accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees at their last meeting.

It was voted that the communication be received and placed on file, and that the name of Constructor Baxter be placed upon the list of members of the Commission.

*Correspondence with Governor Hughes Concerning Verplanck's Point Park.*

A communication dated November 22, 1907, was received from the Hon. Frederick W. Seward, enclosing copies of correspondence with Governor Hughes concerning the proposed State Park at Verplanck's Point Park as follows:

Montrose, N. Y., November 4, 1907.

The Honorable Charles E. Hughes,  
Governor of New York,

Albany, N. Y.

My dear Sir: The Honorable Stewart L. Woodford tells me that you desire some further information in regard to the project of a State Park at Ver Planck's Point. I take pleasure in complying with his request that I should write you.

The Hudson-Fulton Commission has adopted an elaborate plan for an eight days' celebration of the events it was designed to commemorate—a plan including land and naval parades and other public exercises and demonstrations. But as all these would have only temporary importance it was thought best to also devise some permanent memorials that might be of lasting public benefit. Accordingly, the Commission has decided to recommend several such memorials. They include a park within the city limits at Inwood Heights; a park outside of those limits at Ver Planck's Point; the Hudson Memorial Bridge across Spuyten Duyvil creek; the Fulton Water-Gate in Riverside Park; the Palisade Drive; the Statue of William the Silent; and various tablets commemorating important events.

The Ver Planck's Point Park is the one of these that is distinctively a State enterprise requiring State legislation. The others are to be provided for by the city authorities or by private or popular subscription.

Ver Planck's Point marks a spot where Henry Hudson came to anchor on his first voyage of discovery in 1609. It is one of the two head lands at the northern end of Haverstraw Bay. Stony Point lies directly opposite. Between the two was the old King's Ferry of Revolutionary fame—the chief line of communication between New England and the other colonies, and the thoroughfare of the American and French armies. Washington, with



masterly strategy, fortified and defended both points, thereby saving the ferry to the American Colonies and preventing the junction of the British armies under Burgoyne and Sir Henry Clinton. The capture of Stony Point by Anthony Wayne was the chief incident in that heroic defense.

A few years ago the State of New York purchased Stony Point and made it a State Park, thus saving it from irreparable devastation. If the State should now round out and complete that action by in like manner converting Ver Planck's Point to public uses, the twin parks united by the ancient ferry would constitute a fitting and enduring memorial of Hudson's voyage in 1609, the Revolutionary struggle of 1775-83, and Robert Fulton's achievements in steam navigation in 1807, besides furnishing a popular recreation ground of unrivaled scenic beauty.

The bill submitted to the Legislature last winter seemed to carry its own argument. It specifically enumerated the historic points to be acquired—the shore fronting the anchorage of Hudson; the ruins of the old Revolutionary battery; the site of Fort Fayette; the landing place of the King's Ferry; the hill where Washington planted his Marquee; and the camp-ground of the American and French armies. The bill carefully guarded the interest of the State by providing that the purchase should be made by the Commissioners of the Land Office having the right of condemnation and only on such terms as they should find just and it limited the amount to \$125,000 "or so much thereof as may be necessary," thus preventing any unreasonable or extravagant expenditure. The Commission are still of the opinion that the coming session offers a favorable opportunity for the enactment of this or some similar measure.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,  
(Signed)      FREDERICK W. SEWARD.

State of New York  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

Albany, November 11, 1907.

Hon. Frederick W. Seward,

Montrose, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Seward. Your letter of the 4th instant was received during my absence from Albany. I thank

you for your statement of the plans of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. I am much interested in the project and shall be glad to take the matter under careful consideration.

I remain,

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) CHARLES E. HUGHES.

*Nominated for Appointment on Commission.*

Mr. Fitch, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, reported the name of Hon. Edward M. Shepard, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York, for membership in the Commission, and it was voted that the appointment be recommended to the Mayor.

*Inwood Hill Park and Hudson Memorial Bridge.*

The Secretary laid before the Board the report of Chief Engineer Nelson P. Lewis to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated September 26, 1907, containing the engineer's views upon various recommendations made by the City Improvement Commission. The engineer's report begins as follows:

"Hon. George B. McClellan, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Sir: At the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held on April 5, 1907, the plans and drawings accompanying the report of the New York City Improvement Commission to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen were ordered to be filed in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Board, who was instructed to report as to which of the recommendations of the Commission it would be practicable to carry out by proceedings involving assessments for all or a portion of the expense, which could be carried out at the expense of the city at large, and also which of the said plans could advantageously be officially approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at the present time."

The report then proceeds to review the various recommendations of the City Improvement Commission, and

refers to the communications addressed to the Board of Estimate by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, the Washington Heights Taxpayers' Association, and the Sons of the American Revolution in favor of the park at Inwood Hill. Concerning the proposed improvements in the Borough of Manhattan the engineer's conclusion is stated as follows:

"The improvements which are, in my judgment, most important at present, are as follows: Borough of Manhattan — 1, the provision of outlets for Sixth and Seventh avenues; 2, the extension of Madison avenue from 23rd street southwardly to the intersection of Fourth avenue at 17th street; 3, the laying out and acquisition of a park west of Riverside Drive and at Inwood Hill. \* \* \* The third improvement suggested, namely, the laying out of a park west of Riverside Drive and at Inwood Hill, is selected for the reason that delay in taking this action will enormously increase the expense."

Mr. John E. Parsons expressed satisfaction at the recommendation of Chief Engineer Lewis; for Mr. Parsons' attention had been called to the fact that action had recently been taken to provide for the Hudson Memorial Bridge and approaches, and he had felt some alarm lest that action would militate against the park plan. As between the closely connected projects for the bridge and the park, he felt that that of the park was of more immediate importance, and that if either had to wait, the bridge could wait with the less disadvantage. He had recently learned from an important property owner of that section that the plans for the extension of Riverside Drive included a viaduct across Dyckman street; and the effect of this was to augment enormously the real estate values of the hill. This, in turn, meant increased expense and difficulty for our plan for the park. A short time ago he had spoken to the Mayor about the proposed park, and all he said, and all he could say in view of the condition of the city's finances, was that the park could not be considered at present. Mr. Parsons, therefore, did not see how we could proceed just now.

Deputy Comptroller Phillips said that he did not feel alarmed concerning the effect on the park plans of the action in reference to the bridge. The bridge matter had been referred to the Corporation Counsel as a matter of form, and it was not likely that anything would be done that would affect unfavorably the park plan. Mr. Phillips agreed very heartily with Mr. Parsons as to the precedent importance of the park plan.

The Secretary also laid before the Board a copy of an illustrated article in the Engineering News for Nov. 21, 1907, describing the new plans for the Henry Hudson Memorial Bridge prepared by the Department of Bridges and recently submitted to the Art Commission of the City of New York for approval. The plans provide for a concrete rib arch with a span of 703 feet, and approaches.

The documents relating to the discussion were ordered on file.

*The Great Hall of the College of the City of New York.*

The President read a communication dated November 8, 1907, addressed to him by President John H. Finley of the College of the City of New York, calling attention to the great hall in the new college buildings at St. Nicholas Terrace and 139th street, and its availability for exercises during the celebration of 1909. President Finley said that the programme for 1909 as set forth in the report of the Plan and Scope Committee and in a recent after-dinner address by President Woodford was a very appealing one, and he wished to assure the Commission of his personal readiness to co-operate. "I hope," he continued, "that if you are thinking of a general service Monday you will consider the advisability of holding such a service in our great hall, which, I am sure, would be put by our trustees at your disposal. It has a platform which will accommodate two or three hundred; the hall itself will accommodate between two and three thousand; and it is soon to have a great organ." Writing of the whole group of college buildings, Dr. Finley referred

to the "splendid provision the city has made for the higher education of its youth," and added: "The crowning feature is the hall of which I spoke, designed not merely for our use, but for the use of the city on just such occasions, among others, as your celebration presents."

President Woodford said that Dr. Finley's letter would be placed on file and his kind suggestion borne in mind.

*The Netherlands' Interest in the Celebration.*

Mr. Bergen stated that he had recently been in correspondence with His Excellency, Jonkheer R. de Marees van Swinderen, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands to the United States, and he was able to state that great interest was being taken in The Netherlands in the approaching celebration.

*Committee on Legislation Requested to Report.*

It was voted that the Committee on Legislation be requested to report at the next meeting such legislation as in its judgment it might be desirable to have introduced in the coming session of the Legislature.

*Palisades Park and Hook Mountain.*

Mr. Perkins, president of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, was asked what progress that Commission had made with its plans. He replied that with respect to their original task of saving the Palisades from destruction, their work was practically completed. They had secured all the land along the Palisades proper on which blasting had been going on and were still within the limits of their appropriation. All property thus far had been obtained by amicable negotiation. Last month they had begun their first condemnation proceedings, to acquire a few parcels where the owners were unknown or where the owners sought what seemed to be excessive compensation. Their acquisitions had consisted of the face of the cliffs and riparian rights. No improvements had been undertaken yet.

With reference to the saving of the Hook Mountain, he said that the Legislature of 1906 had extended their jurisdiction so as to permit them to acquire mountain lands between Piermont and Stony Point, but the Hook Mountain proposition appeared impossible to handle. The owners had developed a valuable trap-rock property there, and the State was not likely to pay any such price as the quarry owners demanded.

*Old Home Week Along the Hudson in 1909.*

The Hon. Henry Hudson, Mayor of the city of Hudson, was invited to tell what preparation his city was making for the celebration in 1909. He replied that on account of its age, its location and its name, his city had been interested in the celebration from the very beginning. It was the third chartered city in the State, and although the smallest in number of inhabitants, it was as enthusiastic as some of its larger neighbors. The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was planning to dedicate a tablet or a park, and was to have a meeting the following week to confer with him. He also said that a committee of which he was Secretary had invited the mayors and presidents of a number of cities and villages to confer for united action, and the official representatives of several communities expected to meet with Mayor Gaus of Albany on Saturday, November 30th, to consider the subject. This might lead to the formation of an up-river association to help in the celebration.

Mayor Hudson suggested that the eight-day celebration as already outlined might desirably be followed by another week for the particular benefit of the river communities. During the first week of the celebration, many of the up-state residents would want to visit New York. The following week might be devoted to "old home days" on which old residents and others could visit the towns up the river. It might be arranged to have a celebration in Poughkeepsie on Monday, for instance, in Kingston Tuesday, in Catskill Wednesday, in Hudson

Thursday, in Albany Friday, and Troy Saturday. He asked the Board if there would be any objection to such a plan.

The President assured Mayor Hudson that whatever the people up the river or along the Mohawk might do to augment interest in the celebration would be approved by this Commission.

*Assistant Secretary in Exempt Class of the Civil Service.*

The Secretary laid before the Board letters dated Nov. 18 and Nov. 27, 1907, from the State Civil Service Commission, communicating the following resolution adopted by that Commission November 15 and approved by Governor Hughes November 26:

"Whereas, the Attorney-General has furnished this Commission with his written opinion that the employees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission are in the State service, and that their accounts for salary or compensation are subject to certification of the State Civil Service Commission under section 19 of the Civil Service Law,

"Therefore be it

"Resolved, That, subject to the approval of the Governor, the classification of positions in the exempt class in the State service be and hereby is amended by adding thereto the following: 'Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission: The Assistant Secretary,' for the reason that competitive or non-competitive examination is hereby found to be impracticable for filling said position."

Ordered on file.

*Collier's Painting of Henry Hudson.*

Gen. Wilson stated that in accordance with a request, he had brought with him a photograph of John Collier's painting of "The Last Voyage of Henry Hudson" in the Tate Gallery, London, referred to at the last meeting. (See page 317 of the Minutes.)

The photograph was examined with great interest by the Trustees.

The President thanked Gen. Wilson for bringing the photograph. He added that Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke

was of the opinion that His Majesty King Edward VII would, without doubt, send the original for exhibition at the time of the celebration.

*Adjourned Until Wednesday, December 18, 1907.*

The Secretary called attention to the fact that the next regular meeting day, the fourth Wednesday of the month, would fall on Christmas day; and that according to the by-laws, the meeting was required to be on the following day.

He therefore moved that when this meeting should adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, December 18th, at 3 P. M., with the understanding that no business would be transacted on the 26th. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday, December 18th, at 3 P. M.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.







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ration of the Ter-Centenary of  
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year 1609, and of the First  
Use of Steam in the Navigation  
of said river by Robert Fulton  
in the year 1807." ❀ ❀ ❀



Minutes of December 9, 18 and 26, 1907

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Minutes of  
 Executive Committee

December 9, 1907.

The fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held, pursuant to call of the Chairman at the Hotel Manhattan, Monday evening, December 9, 1907.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Chairman Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, Commandant Jacob W. Miller, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, and Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Mr. William J. Curtis, Col. Wm. Jay, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. Frank D. Millett, Hon. George W. Perkins, Mr. Louis C. Raegener, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Mr. Spencer Trask, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Lt. Com. Aaron Vanderbilt, and Commissioner William R. Willcox, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the meeting of June 27, 1906, having been printed and sent to all the members were approved as printed.

*Mr. John E. Parsons Elected Vice Chairman.*

In accordance with Article IV of the By-Laws, relating to the Executive Committee, Mr. Fitch nominated Mr. John E. Parsons for Vice Chairman. The nomination was seconded.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Fitch moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in behalf of the meeting for Mr. Parsons. The motion was seconded, and, there being no objection, was put and carried unanimously. The secretary cast the ballot as directed and Mr. Parsons was declared elected.

*Naval Participation Invited.*

The Chairman stated that the plans for the proposed celebration in 1909 had been so far matured and approved that it was now incumbent upon the Executive Committee to initiate the active work of carrying them out. Some things had to be done, and done promptly. Time was passing rapidly; and soon, when asked when the celebration would take place, the reply would be "next year." He therefore invited the attention of the Committee to the proposed programme and their action upon some of its most pressing requirements.

After a general discussion of the subject, Mr. Stetson offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the President and Secretary of this Commission be and hereby are authorized and requested to address a communication to the President of the United States asking him to invite the foreign governments to take part in the Hudson-Fulton Celebration by participating in the naval rendezvous at that time."

The resolution was adopted.

Commandant Miller moved that the President and Secretary of the Commission be authorized and requested also to address a letter to the President of the United States inviting the participation of the United States Navy in the celebration. Carried.

*Ways and Means Committee Appointed.*

Mr. Parsons moved that the Chairman appoint a Committee on Ways and Means to consider and report from time to time upon the subject of methods and resources for meeting the financial requirements of the celebration. Carried.

The Chairman invited Vice Chairman Parsons to the chair while he considered the personnel of the new committee. Later, upon resuming the chair, he announced the following appointments:

Ways and Means Committee: Mr. Herman Ridder, Chairman; Mr. John E. Parsons, Mr. George W. Perkins, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. J. Edward Simmons, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, and Mr. Spencer Trask.

*Other Committees Authorized.*

Mr. Stetson moved that the President of the Commission be requested to appoint a small Committee on Invitations and a large Committee on Reception. Carried.

Mr. Parsons moved that the President be requested to appoint the committees necessary to carry out the other features of the programme and that the various subjects be referred to them. Carried.

*Mr. Stevenson Taylor Nominated to the Commission.*

Commandant Miller proposed Mr. Stevenson Taylor, President of Webb's Academy and Home for Shipbuilders, for appointment to this commission, and moved that the name be recommended to the Nominating Committee for report to the Trustees. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

December 18, 1907.

The twentieth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held in the headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, December 18, 1907, at 3 P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: President Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U.S.N., Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Hon. Henry Hudson, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Gen. Horatio C. King, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. William J. McKay, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, and Gen. James Grant Wilson. Constructor William J. Baxter, U.S.N., a member of the Commission, was also present by invitation.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. James A. Hearn, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Hon. William McCarroll, Mr. Ludwig Nissen, Mr. Herman Ridder, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Hon. William R. Willcox, Mr. Charles R. Wilson, and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the meeting of November 27, 1907, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

*Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, was read, stating that there had been no disbursements made

since the last meeting and that the balance of the State Fund remained as last reported. In response to the resolution of October 23d, (page 313-314) the Treasurer had received one dollar contributions toward the subscription fund from 79 Trustees, making the amount in the subscription fund \$79. The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Finance Committee:

L. R. Hamersly & Co., 1 copy Men of America. . . . .		\$5 00
T. G. Sellew, repairing chair. . . . .		1 00
J. B. Lyon Co., 100 copies extract from minutes. . . . .		1 13
E. H. Hall, Disbursements. . . . .	\$20 39	
Salary for December. . . . .	208 33	
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*Appointment by the Mayor of New York.*

The Secretary read a communication dated December 2, 1907, from the Hon. George B. McClellan, Mayor of the City of New York, appointing Mr. Edward M. Shepard a member of this Commission as recommended by the Trustees at their last meeting.

It was voted that the communication be received and placed on file, and that the name of Mr. Shepard be placed upon the list of members of the Commission.

*Communication from the Mayor of Newburgh.*

The Secretary read a communication dated December 4, 1907, from the Hon. Charles D. Robinson, Mayor of Newburgh, stating that the Business Men's Association of Newburgh had appointed a committee of which Mr. Frederick W. Wilson was chairman, to arrange the celebration ceremonies at Newburgh, and that the committee would

render such assistance as this Commission might desire. Received and ordered on file.

*Communication from the Mayor of Hudson.*

The Secretary read a communication dated December 4, 1907, from the Hon. Henry Hudson, Mayor of the City of Hudson, proposing the names of Hon. Charles H. Gaus, Mayor of Albany; Hon. Elias P. Mann, Mayor of Troy; Mr. Charles H. Armatage of Albany, Hon. Arthur McArthur of Troy, Mr. Frederick J. Collier of Hudson, Mr. William Homan of New York and Hon. Townsend Scudder of New York as members of this Commission. Received and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

*Air Ships Suggested for the Celebration.*

The Secretary read a communication dated December 9, 1907, from the Hon. William Berri, in which he says:

“ In all probability, the navigation of the air will before our celebration be so perfected and recognized by various governments that an official invitation to them to send representative navigable air ships for patrol or observation purposes between New York and Albany would probably be met with acceptance and add to the interest of the occasion. Air ships are becoming very important. They have ceased to be a plaything. Every strong government is building them for business purposes. They have earned their position on merit and are constantly being brought to greater perfection. As it is necessary to have uncommon features to properly signalize the commemoration, why is it not proper at this time to show to the world the progress in transportation as exemplified upon the water by steamboats, on the land on either side of the Hudson by the railroads and in the air by the newest air ships? ”

The communication was referred to the Committee on Plan and Scope.

*Nominated for Appointment on Commission.*

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented a report recommending the appointment of the following named gentlemen as members of this Commission:

To be appointed by the Governor: Hon. Arthur MacArthur of Troy, County Treasurer and proprietor of the Troy Budget; Mr. Charles H. Armatage of Albany, Superintendent of the traction department of the Albany and Northern Electric railroads; and Mr. Fredk. J. Collier of Hudson, attorney-at-law and active in patriotic affairs.

To be appointed by the Mayor of New York: Mr. Stevenson Taylor of No. 123 West 85th street, New York, President of Webb's Academy and Home for Shipbuilders; Hon. Townsend Scudder, of No. 10 Wall street, New York, attorney-at-law and ex-Congressman; and Mr. William Homan, of No. 1 West 97th street, New York, an active scholar in historical matters.

The Chairman stated that the names of Mayor Gaus of Albany and Mayor Mann of Troy, who had been proposed by Mayor Hudson, were not included in the report, as provision for their appointment would be made in the proposed amendment to the Commission's charter. (See page 361 following).

The report was received and the recommendations adopted.

#### *Report of Executive Committee.*

The President of the Commission, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented his report in the form of the minutes of the meeting held on December 9, 1907. (See pages 353-355, ante. The report was received and ordered on file.

The President stated that he was carefully considering the composition of the committees which the Executive Committee had requested him to appoint, and he hoped to have them completed so that he could announce them at or before the meeting on January 22d.

#### *Report of Ways and Means Committee.*

In the absence of Mr. Herman Ridder, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the Secretary, by his request, presented his report in the form of the minutes of a meeting held December 13, 1907. At that meeting, Mr. John E. Parsons had presented a tentative estimate of the finan-

cial needs of the celebration, which, after a general discussion, had been adopted as follows:

RELIGIOUS SERVICE DAYS, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

No expense to the Commission.

RECEPTION DAY, MONDAY.

Naval rendezvous. . . . .	\$10,000 00
Half Moon and Clermont construction. . . . .	50,000 00
Entertainment of official guests. . . . .	50,000 00
Indian Village at Inwood. . . . .	10,000 00
Official banquet. . . . .	10,000 00

HISTORICAL DAY, TUESDAY.

Showing guests about town. . . . .	5,000 00
Literary exercises in evening. . . . .	5,000 00

LAND PARADE DAY, WEDNESDAY.

Land parade. . . . .	15,000 00
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DEDICATION DAY, THURSDAY.

Dedication of parks and memorials. . . . .	10,000 00
Tablets in New York, Albany and other cities. . . . .	10,000 00
Reception to visiting guests at West Point. . . . .	5,000 00
Music festival in evening. . . . .	5,000 00

HUDSON RIVER DAY, FRIDAY.

Naval parade and various items relating thereto on Friday and Saturday. . . . .	50,000 00
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ILLUMINATION DAY, SATURDAY.

Illuminations and pyrotechnics. . . . .	10,000 00
Signal fires. . . . .	10,000 00

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\$255,000 00

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The Ways and Means Committee therefore recommended that the State be asked for the sum of \$300,000 for the general expenses of the celebration.



Dr. Low moved that the report be received and that the Commission approve of the committee's recommendation. Carried.

*Report of Committee on Law.*

Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law, presented the following report:

December 17, 1907.

To the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

Your Committee on Law respectfully recommends:

1. That there be presented to the Legislature of 1908, (a) A statement of the affairs of the Commission, and a report of recommendations, as contemplated and authorized by Section 6 of the Act, Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906, establishing this Commission. (b) A bill increasing by \$300,000 the State appropriation for the objects of this Commission, and increasing the number of members of the Commission by adding thereto, ex-officio the mayors of all the cities of the State, who shall be members and Trustees of the Commission, and the presidents of villages upon the Hudson River, who shall be members of the Commission.

2. That the member of Assembly from the Westchester District including Verplanck's Point be requested to introduce, and in all proper ways to press for passage, the bill for the acquisition of land on Verplanck's Point as a Hudson-Fulton Memorial Park, which was introduced in the session of 1907.

3. That the Governor of the State of New York be requested to communicate with the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the Governor of Vermont, asking those states also to appoint Commissions to act jointly or otherwise as hereafter may be determined for purposes similar to those intended to be accomplished by the Act establishing this Commission.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee on Law.

FRANCIS LYNDE STETSON,  
Chairman.

The bill proposed by the Committee reads as follows:

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to establish the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof, and making an appropriation therefor," which became a law April 27, 1906, being the act chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1. Section nine of the act entitled "An act to establish the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof, and making an appropriation therefor," being chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 9. The sum of [twenty-five thousand dollars]\* *three hundred thousand dollars (in addition to the unexpended balance of twenty-five thousand dollars heretofore appropriated, which is hereby re-appropriated)*, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes of this act. Such money shall be paid by the treasurer on the warrant of the comptroller, issued upon a requisition signed by the president and the secretary of the Commission, accompanied by an estimate of the expenses, for the payment of which money so drawn is to be applied. No indebtedness or obligation shall be incurred under this act in excess of the appropriations herein or hereinafter made, and such sums as may be provided for said Commission by the City of New York for the purposes of this Act. The Commission shall as requested by the Governor from time to time render to him reports of its proceedings.

§ 2. The members and trustees of said Commission hereby are increased in number by adding to and including by virtue of their office the persons, severally and respectively, who from time to time and for the time being shall hold municipal office as follows in the following cities of the State and villages upon the Hudson River, to-wit: The mayors of the cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Auburn, Binghamton, Buffalo, Cohoes, Corning, Cortland, Dunkirk, Elmira, Fulton, Geneva, Gloversville, Hornellsville, Hudson, Ithaca, Jamestown, Johnstown, Kingston, Little Falls, Lockport, Middletown, Mount Vernon, Newburgh, New Rochelle, New York, Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda, Ogdensburg, Olean, Oneida, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Poughkeepsie, Rensselaer, Rochester, Rome, Schenectady, Syracuse, Tonawanda, Troy, Utica, Watertown, Watervliet, and Yonkers, all of whom shall be members and Trustees of the Commission; and also the presidents of the villages of Athens, Castleton, Catskill, Cold Spring, Corinth, Cornwall, Coxsackie, Croton-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Fishkill, Fishkill Landing, Fort Edward, Glens Falls, Green Island, Hastings-

\* Words in brackets to be omitted. Substitute words italicized.

on-Hudson, Haverstraw, Irvington, Matteawan, Mechanicville, North Tarrytown, Nyack, Ossining, Peekskill, Piermont, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Sandy Hill, Saugerties, Schuylerville, South Glens Falls, South Nyack, Stillwater, Tarrytown, Tivoli, Upper Nyack, Victory Mills, Wappingers Falls, Waterford, and West Haverstraw, who shall be members of the Commission.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Stetson said that this report covered three essential points:

In the first place, it provided for the re-appropriation of the unexpended balance of the appropriation of \$25,000 made by chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906, which would otherwise revert to the State treasury at the end of two years from the date of the act; and for an appropriation for carrying out the various plans recommended by the Committee on Plan and Scope. Under the wise leadership of Mr. Parsons, the estimates called for at least \$255,000 without provision for unforeseen contingencies, and it had been decided to recommend the sum of \$300,000.

Secondly, it was thought that it would be unfortunate to have the cost of the proposed permanent park at Verplanck's Point charged against the request for an appropriation for the expenses of celebration week. The Commission required so much for the celebration that if the cost of Verplanck's Point Park were added to it, the Legislature might think that the Commission was asking too much. It had therefore been decided, after conference with Hon. James K. Apgar of Peekskill, to recommend that Mr. Apgar's successor as Assemblyman, the Hon. Isaac H. Smith of Peekskill, reintroduce and push the Verplanck's Point bill at the next session as a Westchester County measure, but with the endorsement of this Commission.

Thirdly, in order to avoid the danger that the commemoration in 1909 might be assumed by the Legislature to be a New York City affair, with corresponding financial responsibility, and in order to promote the real desire of the Commission to give it a state-wide interest, it had been

decided to recommend the enlargement of the Commission by the addition, ex officio of the mayors of all the cities of the State as members and trustees of the Commission and the presidents of all incorporated villages on the Hudson River as members of the Commission.

It was voted that the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted; and that the bill be referred back to the committee with power to secure its introduction in the Legislature.

*Separation of Military and Civic Parades Recommended.*

Gen. Wilson, from the sub-committee on land parade and literary exercises, reported that it was the opinion of his committee that the military and civic features of the land parade should be separated and if necessary occupy two separate days. He estimated that the United States Army and Marine Corps, the National Guard and Naval Militia, would muster fully 25,000 men on that occasion. It would be the largest military parade of its kind in the country and would require three hours to pass a given point. This, he thought, was as long as the President of the United States could reasonably be asked to review a parade. The military and industrial parades were of such diverse characters that it would seem to be advisable to have them at different times.

Concerning the official literary exercises in the evening, he was of the opinion that the allowance of \$5,000 for exercises in the five boroughs would be inadequate. He recalled that in 1898, preparations were begun for a great celebration of municipal consolidation, but were interrupted by the outbreak of the war with Spain. At that time he was chairman of the Committee on Historical Entertainment and he had prepared an estimate of the cost of exercises in the Metropolitan Opera House and the Brooklyn Academy of Music. This estimate, prepared March 18, 1898, he submitted as follows:

Metropolitan Opera House.....	\$800 00
Brooklyn Academy of Music.....	600 00
Transportation for guests.....	1,000 00
Carriages for both meetings.....	100 00
Hotel charges for guests.....	500 00
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	\$3,000 00
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It was designed then to have the President and all ex-Presidents of the United States present on the same platform, and it was hoped that the same plan might be carried out in 1909.

He said that in 1898 the Committee ordered made, as souvenirs of the proposed celebration, 50,000 buttons, of which he handed samples to the Secretary.

Dr. Low moved that the report of the Sub-Committee on Land Parade and Literary Exercises be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Carried.

#### *Report of Committee on Naval Parade.*

Admiral Coghlan, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Naval Parade, reported progress. With respect to the reproduction of the Half Moon and Clermont, he said that the committee had great difficulty in getting authentic designs, particularly of the Clermont. The more it hunted for the designs, the more it was at sea. Although there was no contemporaneous painting or model of the Half Moon, they would probably have comparatively little difficulty with that vessel; for her rigging could be learned from allusions in the journal of Hudson's voyage, and the hull could follow the type of the period. But the Clermont, being the first of her kind, was not typical, and the committee could derive little assistance from types. There were so many different descriptions and so many varying pictorial representations that the search was beset with many difficulties. The committee wanted to find something definite and accurate to lay before the Commission before making its final report.

Naval Constructor Baxter, speaking at the invitation of the President, said that the rebuilding of the Clermont was a matter which appealed to everyone interested in American shipping. It possessed a double interest, for it was not only a matter of pleasure and sentiment, but also one of great technical interest to men connected with shipping. It would require a great deal of patient research, and appeals by letters and through the newspapers for information, before a confident plan or scheme could be put forward as to what the two ships were. In the few months following the first trip of the Clermont in August, 1807, the steamboat underwent considerable changes, which added difficulty to the search for the original appearance of the boat. The committee wanted to see if it could present a reliable reproduction of the Clermont as well as the Half Moon. When he considered how much study and probing into the lost and forgotten was required, he was doubtful if \$50,000 would cover the expense of the two reproductions.

General King asked if it were intended to reproduce the machinery.

Mr. Baxter replied that that was one of the questions under consideration. It might not be feasible or really desirable to reproduce actual working machinery. Part of the Clermont's machinery was made in England, and she had a copper boiler. Even if she had fac-simile machinery she could not keep up with the procession by her own power. It had been suggested that instead of going to the great expense of actually duplicating the Clermont in every detail, a full sized model of hull and engine be made of wood, with an imitation of the rigging, and that she be towed by another vessel.

The report of the committee was received.

*Mr. Baxter Added to Naval Committee.*

Admiral Coghlan moved that Naval Constructor Baxter be added to the Sub-Committee on Naval Parade. Carried.

*Up-State Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee Formed.*

Mayor Hudson, of the city of Hudson, reported that with the encouragement received from the Board of Trustees at its last meeting (pages 344-345), he had invited a number of officials and private citizens representing various communities along the upper Hudson river to a conference, held at the Albany Club, in the city of Albany, on Saturday, November 30, 1907, at 2:30 P. M. Those present were:

From Albany: Mayor Charles H. Gaus; Mr. James F. McElroy, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. D. M. Kinnear.

From Castleton: President John Flynn, Mr. Nicholas Bridenbeck, Mr. Christian Peters, and Mr. J. Rose.

From Catskill: Hon. Charles A. Elliott, President of the village.

From Cohoes: Mr. James Wallace and Mr. Stephen V. Lewis.

From Hudson: Mayor Henry Hudson, City Clerk Wm. Wortman, Mr. M. A. Jones and Mr. F. J. Collier.

From Kingston: Mayor Walter P. Crane and Corporation Counsel Philip Elting.

From Troy: Mr. Roy B. Rhodes, the Mayor's Secretary; Mr. Cornelius F. Burns, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. C. F. Eddy.

From Watervliet: Mayor D. P. Quinn, Dr. F. B. Vandenberg, and Mr. M. J. Day.

Regrets from many others were received. After a general discussion, the conference resolved itself into a permanent organization under the title of the "Up-State Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission" and elected the following officers:

President, Hon. Chas. H. Gaus, of Albany.

Secretary, Mr. Benjamin F. Hamilton, of New York.

Assistant Secretary, Mr. William Wortman, of Hudson.

The up-state organization voted that its president appoint a committee to confer with the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission in order to ascertain if the plans of the former meet with the approval of the latter. It also expressed the desire that after the first week's celebration as planned by

the Commission, the Half-Moon and Clermont be turned over to a committee of the Upper Hudson organization for the purpose of continuing the celebration the following week to the head of navigation.

It was voted that Mayor Hudson's report of the proceedings at Albany be received and placed on file.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.



Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

December 26, 1907.

The twenty-first meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was duly called, according to the by-laws, to be held at Headquarters, in the Tribune Building, New York City, on Thursday, December 26, 1907, at 3 P. M.

It being the day after Christmas, no quorum was present, and the meeting was adjourned without the transaction of any business.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.



# Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

Incorporated by  
Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906  
of the  
State of New York



To arrange for the "Commemoration of the Ter-Centenary of the Discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in the year 1609, and of the First Use of Steam in the Navigation of said river by Robert Fulton in the year 1807." \* \* \*



Minutes of January 22, 1908

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Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

January 22, 1908.

The twenty-second meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, New York City, Wednesday, January 22, 1908, at 3 o'clock P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: President Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Hon. James K. Apgar, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. William Berri, Hon. A. J. Boulton, Mr. George V. Brower, Hon. J. Rider Cady, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. Theodore Fitch, Major General Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Hon. Henry Hudson, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Gen. Horatio C. King, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Hon. William McCarroll, Mr. William J. McKay, Commander Jacob W. Miller, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. George W. Perkins, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Col. John W. Vrooman, Mr. Edmund Wetmore, and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

There were also present by invitaiton Naval Constructor William J. Baxter, U. S. N., and Mr. Frederick J. Collier, members of the Commission; and the Hon. Charles H. Gaus, Mayor of Albany, Mr. Cornelius F. Burns, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Troy, and Mr. William Wortman, City Clerk of Hudson, members of the Up-State Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee.

President Woodfrod invited Mayor Gaus, president of the Up-State Committee, to a chair by his side.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. William J. Curtis, Hon. Seth Low, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N., Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Hon. N. T. Phillips, Mr. Herman Ridder, President Jacob G. Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Hon. Andrew D. White, Mr. Charles R. Wilson and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, and they were excused.

*Death of Mr. Morris K. Jesup.*

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the President recognized Mr. John E. Parsons to announce the death of Mr. Morris K. Jesup, a Vice President of this Commission.

Mr. Parsons said that Mr. Jesup had ended his long and useful career at his residence in New York City at a quarter after two o'clock that morning; and that in this event, not only had the Commission lost a valuable member, but also the City had lost one of its foremost citizens. Mr. Parsons said that his relations with Mr. Jesup as a friend went back to the very beginning. They were boys together, and their intimate and life-long friendship was a privilege which the speaker had appreciated most highly. That this relation had now come to an end brought to him a sorrow so sincere and overpowering that he could not speak at length. He therefore moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a minute which would suitably express the feelings of the Commission.

The President added a brief word of tribute to Mr. Jesup's memory, saying that at the time of his death he was the first citizen of New York.

Mr. Parsons' motion was carried, and the President appointed Mr. Parsons, Hon. Seth Low and Mr. J. Edward Simmons as the committee to prepare the minute.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.



*Treasurer's Report, January 22, 1908.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, was read as follows:

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,

I have the honor to report the state of the treasury January 22, 1908, as follows:

## DEBIT.

Balance on hand as per statement of October 23, 1907 .....	\$8,462 82
Interest on deposits, December 31, 1907.....	189 49
Total . . . . .	<u>\$8,652 31</u>

## CREDIT.

Paid on approved vouchers:	
42. Edwin J. Kerr, stationery.....	\$1 50
43. Miss J. A. Cooks, mimeographing .....	1 55
44. Henry Romeike, Inc., press clippings.....	3 69
45. John Polhemus Printing Co., printing and stationery .....	9 14
46. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....	27 62
47. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....	14 62
48. E. H. Hall, disbursements..... \$48 67	
Salary, July, August, September, October .....	833 33
	<u>882 00</u>
49. De-Fi Manufacturing Co., stationery.....	3 50
50. John Polhemus Printing Co., stationery...	3 75
51. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....	4 13
52. E. H. Hall, disbursements..... \$18 54	
Salary for November .....	208 33
	<u>226 87</u>
Total credit .....	\$1,178 37
Total debit .....	<u>8,652 31</u>
Balance on hand Jan. 22, 1908.....	<u><u>\$7,473 94</u></u>

In addition to the foregoing balance in our depository in New York, we have remaining in the State Treasury \$12,500.00, being one-half of the appropriation made for

the purposes of the Commission by chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906, for which we have as yet made no requisition. It will be necessary to have this sum reappropriated by the Legislature to be available after April 27, 1908, and the Committee on Law has the matter in charge.

In response to the resolution of October 23, 1907, subscriptions of one dollar each have been received from eighty-one Trustees. Of this amount, \$71.82 has been paid into the State Fund to reimburse it for printing accounts disallowed by the Comptroller, as stated in the minutes of October 23, leaving a balance of \$9.18 on hand. There remains due to the Polhemus Printing Co. \$25.34 to be paid out of this fund as soon as sufficient subscriptions are received.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,

Treasurer.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee:

Henry Romeike, press clippings, Oct.-Nov.-Dec..	\$1 53
Polhemus Printing Co., stationery.....	4 35
J. B. Lyon Co., minutes of Oct. 23.....	23 83
J. B. Lyon Co., minutes of Nov. 27.....	21 50
J. B. Lyon Co., 50 copies legislative act.....	1 38
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$12 36
Salary for January .....	208 33
	220 69
	\$273 28

*Governor Hughes' Message.*

In the absence of Mr. Herman Ridder, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the President read a letter from him stating that he had called on Governor Hughes on Saturday, December 28th, and had presented the plans of the Commission to the Governor very fully. Mr. Ridder felt assured of the Governor's very hearty interest in the proposed celebration.

The President also read the following passage from the Governor's message to the Legislature on January 1, 1908:

"Fitting preparation should be made for the celebration in the year of 1909 of the three hundredth anniversaries of the discoveries of Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. The former is an event of interstate and international importance, and a commission representing the State is co-operating with a Vermont commission in perfecting suitable plans. It is hoped that the Federal government will give assistance, and that through its offices the government of the Dominion of Canada and the republic of France will be invited to participate.

"In view of the far-reaching results, the celebration of Hudson's discovery should be planned upon an adequate scale, and in every respect should be worthy of the State. In connection with this celebration, the first voyage of Fulton's steamboat up the Hudson river will also be commemorated. This subject is in charge of a commission, which is giving the matter careful attention.

"Suitable appropriations should be made for these purposes, which can hardly fail to deepen the interest of our people, and notably of our youth, in the study of our history, and to stimulate that patriotic sentiment which we should lose no opportunity to intensify."

*The President of the United States Invited.*

The President read three letters which, by the direction of the Executive Committee, he and the Secretary had addressed to the President of the United States on January 16, 1908, and the acknowledgment of President Roosevelt's Secretary. The first letter, requesting the honor of the presence of President Roosevelt at the celebration, was as follows:

New York, January 16, 1908.

The Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,  
President of the United States,

The White House, Washington, D. C.

Sir: In behalf of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, representing the State and City of New York, we have the honor to request the pleasure of your presence in the City of New York, as the guest of the State and City, during the Celebration, beginning on September 20, 1909, of the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the

Hudson River by Henry Hudson and the 100th anniversary of the successful application of steam to the navigation of the same by Robert Fulton.

We leave the day of the week to be accommodated to your convenience at the time.

Trusting that we may be favored with your acceptance, we remain, with assurances of our high regard,

Very respectfully yours,

STEWART L. WOODFORD, President.

HENRY W. SACKETT, Secretary.

*The United States Navy Invited.*

The second letter requested the participation and cooperation of the United States Navy, and was as follows:

New York, January 16, 1908.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,

President of the United States,

The White House, Washington, D. C.

Sir: The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, appointed by the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the City of New York, to arrange for the celebration, in 1909, of the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River and the 100th anniversary of the successful application of steam to navigation by Robert Fulton, have the honor to invite, through you as Commander-in-Chief, the participation of the United States Navy in the naval rendezvous in New York harbor on Monday, September 20, 1909, and in the exercises during the following week.

It is the desire of the Commission not only to have present in the waters about New York as many vessels of our Navy as may be compatible with public interests at that time, and that the officers participate in the customary official functions, but also that they may co-operate with this Commission in making welcome the representatives of foreign governments whom we have had the honor to ask you in another communication of this date to invite.

We also very respectfully request that the sailors and marine corps be permitted to take part in the land parade and aquatic sports; that some of the vessels be allowed to take part in the naval parade to Newburgh Bay; that the fleet be illuminated on an evening to be designated for a general illumination; and that the officers be permitted to co-operate with this Commission in such other ways as may address themselves to their good judgment.

During the celebration, it will be the pleasure of the Commission to extend to the naval representatives every evidence of the Commission's distinguished consideration.

We have the honor to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

STEWART L. WOODFORD, President.

HENRY W. SACKETT, Secretary.

*Foreign Nations Invited.*

The third letter requested the President of the United States to invite foreign nations to participate in the celebration and was as follows:

New York, January 16, 1908.

The Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,

President of the United States,

The White House, Washington, D. C.

Sir: In the name of the State of New York and the City of New York, the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission has the honor very respectfully to ask you to invite the foreign nations accredited to this Government to participate, each by the presence of one or more of its naval vessels and by an official representative, in the celebration in 1909 of the three hundredth anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery of the river which perpetuates his name, and the one hundredth anniversary of the successful application of steam to navigation by Robert Fulton.

This Commission, which is composed of persons appointed by the Governor of the State of New York and the Mayor of the City of New York and chartered by chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906, has adopted a plan of celebration, some features of which,—as, for instance, the art and educational exhibits in the Museums,—will extend over a period of several months in the year 1909; but the principal exercises will occupy eight days beginning on Saturday, September 18, 1909.

Saturday and Sunday, the 18th and 19th, will be devoted to religious exercises.

Monday, September 20, 1909, is the date set for the beginning of the Naval Rendezvous in the harbor of New York; and the Commission requests the honor of the presence of the foreign ships and representatives at the City of New York during the secular week beginning on that day.

Upon that day a formal reception will be tendered to these visitors, and while they remain our guests during the

week, we will endeavor to accord them every courtesy which their eminent official character, their distinguished personal merits and our own sentiments of cordial hospitality dictate.

With assurances of our high esteem, we remain,

With great respect,

STEWART L. WOODFORD, President.

HENRY W. SACKETT, Secretary.

*President Roosevelt's Inquiry.*

President Roosevelt's acknowledgment, by the hand of his secretary, was as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
WASHINGTON.

January 18, 1908.

My dear General: Your three letters of the 16th instant have been received and laid before the President, who requests me to inquire of you what provision has been made for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration by the State and the City of New York.

Very truly yours,

W. M. LOEB, JR.,

Secretary to the President.

General Stewart L. Woodford,

President,

Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,

Tribune Building, New York, N. Y.

Gen. Woodford said that from this letter he inferred that President Roosevelt hesitated to send the desired invitations to foreign nations and to issue the desired orders to our own navy until he knew what provision had been made by the State and City of New York to meet the expenses of the celebration. The President of the Commission would confer with Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, and make a suitable reply to President Roosevelt's inquiry.

*Committee Appointments and Changes.*

The President announced the appointment of committees authorized by the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee December 9, 1907, together with certain changes, as follows:

*Executive Committee.*

To the vacancy which formerly existed in the Executive Committee, the President appointed the Hon. William Berri. The death of Mr. Jesup leaves another vacancy yet to be filled. The Executive Committee therefore stands as follows:

Stewart L. Woodford, Chairman, 18 Wall Street, New York,	John E. Parsons, Vice-Chairman,
Hon. James M. Beck,	Mr. Eben E. Olcott,
Mr. Tunis G. Bergen,	Hon. George W. Perkins,
Hon. William Berri,	Hon. N. Taylor Phillips,
Mr. Andrew Carnegie,	Gen. Horace Porter,
Hon. Joseph H. Choate,	Mr. Louis C. Raegenar,
Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke,	Mr. Herman Ridder,
Hon. Grover Cleveland,	Mr. Henry W. Sackett,
Rear Adm. J. B. Coghlan, U.S.A.,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Mr. William J. Curtis,	Mr. Isaac N. Seligman,
Mr. Theodore Fitch,	Mr. J. Edward Simmons,
Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant,	Hon. John H. Starin,
Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall,	Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson,
Col. William Jay,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus,
Dr. George F. Kunz,	Mr. Spencer Trask,
Hon. Seth Low,	Mr. Wm. B. Van Rensselaer,
Mr. John La Farge,	Lt.-Com. Aaron Vanderbilt,
Hon. William McCarroll,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Comdt. Jacob W. Miller,	Hon. Andrew D. White,
Mr. Frank D. Millet,	Hon. Wm. R. Willcox,
Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan,	Gen. James Grant Wilson.
Hon. Levi P. Morton,	(One vacancy.)

*Law and Legislation Committee.*

The President recommended that the title of the present "Committee on Law" be changed to "Committee on Law and Legislation," thus defining its duties not only to pass upon legal questions but also to draft and attend to necessary legislation. The personnel of the Committee to remain as at present, namely:

Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Chairman, 15 Broad St., New York.	
Hon. James M. Beck,	Col. William Jay,
Mr. William J. Curtis,	Mr. John E. Parsons,
Mr. Theodore Fitch,	The President, <i>ex-officio</i> .

*Nominations Committee.*

In the Committee on Nominations, Col. John W. Vrooman was appointed in place of Mr. J. Edward Simmons, who was unable to serve, the Committee standing as follows:

Mr. Theodore Fitch, Chairman, 120 Broadway, New York.	
Mr. William J. Curtis,	Col. John W. Vrooman,
Mr. Henry W. Sackett,	The President, <i>ex-officio</i> .

*Auditing Committee.*

In order more clearly to differentiate the duties of the present Finance Committee and the Ways and Means Committee, the President recommended changing the title of the former to "Auditing Committee." The personnel to remain the same as at present, namely:

Hon. N. Taylor, Phillips, Chairman, 280 Broadway, New York.  
Hon. Warren Higley, Hon. William McCarroll.

*Ways and Means Committee.*

No change was made in the Committee on Ways and Means, which stands as follows:

Mr. Herman Ridder, Chairman, 182 William St., New York.  
Mr. John E. Parsons, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson,  
Hon. George W. Perkins, Mr. Spencer Trask,  
Hon. Fred'k W. Seward, The President, *ex-officio*.  
Mr. J. Edward Simmons,

*Plan and Scope Committee.*

It was recommended that the title of the General Committee on Plan and Scope be changed by dropping the word "General;" and to the Committee were added the Chairmen of the other Committees having charge of arrangements. The Committee is thus composed of the following members:

Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman, Montrose, N. Y.  
Hon. James M. Beck, Mr. Eben E. Olcott,  
Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. John E. Parsons,  
Hon. William Berri, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley,  
Rear Adm. J. B. Coghlan, U.S.N., Mr. Herman Ridder,  
Mr. Robert W. De Forest, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson,  
Maj.-Gen. Fred'k D. Grant, U.S.A., Lt.-Com. Aaron Vanderbilt,  
Dr George F. Kunz, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt,  
Hon. Seth Low, Dr. Samuel B. Ward,  
Hon. Wm. McCarroll, Gen. James Grant Wilson,  
Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, The President, *ex-officio*.

*Naval Parade Committee.*

The Sub-Committee on Naval Parade was discharged as a sub-committee of the Plan and Scope Committee, and re-appointed as a full committee with the addition of Mr. Charles R. Norman and Mr. August F. Jaccaci. The Committee is as follows:

Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Chairman,  
50 West 45th Street, New York.  
Const'r Wm. J. Baxter, U. S. N., Com. Jacob W. Miller,  
Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Mr. Chas. R. Norman,  
Mr. William J. McKay, Hon. John H. Starin,  
Rear Adm. Geo. W. Melville, Lt.-Com. Aaron Vanderbilt.  
U. S. N.,



*Military Parade Committee.*

The present sub-Committee on Land Parade and Literary Exercises was discharged and three Committees appointed in its place, namely: a Committee on Military Parade, a Committee on Civic Parade and a Committee on Official Literary Exercises. The members of the sub-Committee on land Parade, etc., were reappointed as the Committee on Military Parade with the exception that Gen. Anson G. McCook was substituted for Gen. James Grant Wilson, who was made Chairman of the Committee on Official Literary Exercises. The Committee on Military Parade then stands as follows:

Major Gen. Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., Chairman, Governor's Island, New York.	
Col. Franklin Bartlett,	Gen. Horace Porter,
Gen. Anson G. McCook,	Gen. Chas. F. Roe.

*Civic Parade Committee.*

The President appointed the Hon. William Berri Chairman of the Committee on Civic Parade, the other members of the committee to be announced later.

*Official Literary Exercises Committee.*

To have charge of the official literary exercises, the following Committee was appointed:

Gen. James Grant Wilson, Chairman, 157 W. 79th St., New York.	
Mr. R. P. Bolton,	Mr. Wm. L. Stone,
Mr. Edward DeWitt,	Mr. Albert Ulmann,
	Mr. Edmund Wetmore.

*Memorials Committee.*

The sub-Committee on Dedication of Memorials was discharged as a sub-Committee and reappointed as a Committee on Memorials, its duties to include not only the dedication of memorials not otherwise provided for, but also the erection of a suitable number of tablets by the Commission. The personnel remains unchanged:

Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Chairman, 85 Liberty Street, New York.	
Col. William Jay,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus,
Hon. Seth Low,	Hon. Wm. R. Willcox.

*Fulton Water Gate Committee.*

A new committee for the special purpose of co-operating with the Robert Fulton Monument Association in the dedication of the Water Gate, was appointed, consisting of:

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Chairman, 15 Washington Square, New York,	
Mr. R. Fulton Cutting,	Mr. R. Fulton Ludlow,
Mr. Charles R. Lamb,	Com. Jacob W. Miller.

*Inwood Park Committee.*

The sub-Committee on Park and Memorial at Inwood was discharged as a sub-committee and reappointed under the title of Committee on Inwood Park, as follows:

Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman, 52 William St., New York.	
Mr. William J. Curtis,	Mr. Eben E. Olcott,
Dr. George F. Kunz,	Hon. George W. Perkins,
	Mr. Henry W. Sackett.

*Verplanck's Point Park Committee.*

The sub-Committee on State Park at Verplanck's Point was discharged as a sub-committee and reappointed under the title of the Committee on Verplanck's Point Park, as follows:

Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Chairman, Peekskill, N. Y.	
Hon. James K. Apgar,	Hon. Warren Higley,
Hon. J. Rider Cady,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward.

*Sub-Committees Discharged.*

The sub-Committees on Date, Exhibition of Motive Power, and Cooperation were discharged.

*Reception Committee.*

The following Reception Committee was appointed, subject to additions:

Hon. Seth Low, Chairman, 30 East 64th Street New York.	
Col. John Jacob Astor,	Hon. Grover Cleveland,
Hon. James M. Beck,	Rear Adm. J. B. Coghlan, U.S.N.,
Hon. Frank S. Black,	Most Rev. John M. Farley,
Hon. A. J. Boulton,	Maj.-Gen. Fred'k D. Grant,
Mr. Andrew Carnegie,	U. S. A.,
Hon. Joseph H. Choate,	Mr. E. H. Hall,
Mr. John Claffin,	Hon. David B. Hill,
Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke,	Hon. Henry E. Howland,

Col. William Jay,	Mr. Herman Ridder,
Hon. Phineas C. Lounsbury,	Mr. Wm. Rockefeller,
Col. John J. McCook,	Mr. Henry W. Sackett,
Hon. St. Clair McKelway,	Pres. J. G. Schurman,
Rear Adm. Geo. W. Melville,	Mr. I. N. Seligman,
U. S. N.,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Hon. John G. Milburn,	Hon. Edward M. Shepard,
Mr. Ogden Mills,	Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson,
Mr. J. P. Morgan,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus,
Mr. Fordham Morris,	Mr. Wm. B. Van Rensselaer,
Hon. Levi P. Morton,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Hon. Alton B. Parker,	Hon. Andrew D. White,
Gen. Horace Porter,	Hon. William R. Willcox,
Rt. Rev. H. C. Potter,	Gen. James Grant Wilson,
Mr. Thos. R. Proctor,	Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.

#### *Invitations Committee.*

In announcing the Committee whose duty it would be to issue the invitations which would go to different parts of the world, the President stated that it was composed of the only living ex-President of the United States, an ex-Vice President of the United States, and ex-United States Ambassadors to Great Britain, France and Russia respectively. The Committee is as follows:

Hon. Grover Cleveland, Chairman, Princeton, N. J.	
Hon. Joseph H. Choate,	Gen. Horace Porter,
Hon. Levi P. Morton,	Hon. Andrew D. White,
	The Secretary, <i>ex officio</i> .

#### *Art and Historical Exhibits Committee.*

The President stated that in appointing the Committee on Art and Historical Exhibits, he was very happy to announce that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, had consented to take the chairmanship and had approved of the composition of the committee. This committee was composed of two sub-committees. The one having charge of the art exhibit in the Metropolitan Museum of Art consisted of the Secretary, the Director and the Assistant Director of the Museum. The other, having charge of the historical and archaeological exhibit in the American Museum of Natural History will, when complete, consist of a distinguished scientist, the President of the Museum (when Mr. Jesup's successor as such is chosen) and the President of the New York His-

torical Society. These exhibits, extending over several months, said the President, are expected to be one of the cardinal features of the celebration. The Committee is as follows:

- Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, Chairman, 23 Wall street, New York.
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| Sub-Committee           | { | Hon. Robert W. De Forest, Chairman,               |
| on Art Exhibits.        |   | Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke,<br>Mr. Edward Robinson. |
| Sub-Committee           | { | Dr. George F. Kunz, Chairman.                     |
| on Historical Exhibits. |   | Mr. S. V. Hoffman.<br>(One vacancy.)              |

*General Commemorative Exercises Committee.*

The President stated his intention to name a Committee to arrange for general commemorative exercises by universities, colleges, schools, and patriotic, historical and learned societies throughout the State, and subsequently announced the following appointments:

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| President Jacob G. Schurman, LL.D., Chairman, Ithaca, N. Y. |                          |
| Hon. David A. Boody,  | Dr. Henry M. Leipziger,  |
| Mr. Andrew Carnegie,  | Hon. St. Clair McKelway, |
| Hon. A. T. Clearwater,                                      | Col. Wm. Cary Sanger,    |
|   | Hon. Edward M. Shepard.  |

*President's Recommendations Adopted.*

The various recommendations made by the President in appointing the foregoing committees, as to changes in the titles and duties of the committees, were approved.

*Appointments by Governor Hughes.*

The Secretary read a letter dated December 23, 1907, from the Secretary of Governor Hughes, in which he stated that he was directed by the Governor to say that it gave him pleasure to appoint as members of this Commission, in accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees, Mr. Charles H. Armatage of Albany, Mr. Frank J. Collier of Hudson, and Hon. Arthur MacArthur of Troy.

The letter was ordered on file and the Secretary instructed to add the names of these gentlemen to the list of members of the Commission.

*Nominations by Governor Stokes of New Jersey.*

The Secretary read a communication dated Trenton, N. J., January 17, 1908, from the Hon. E. C. Stokes, Governor of New Jersey, stating that in accordance with the invitation of the Governor of New York, at the suggestion of this Commission, he had nominated the following named gentlemen from New Jersey to serve on the Commission: Hon. John F. Dryden of Newark, ex-Gov. Franklin Murphy of Newark, ex-Gov. John W. Griggs of Paterson, ex-Gov. Foster M. Voorhees of Elizabeth, ex-Gov. Geo. T. Werts of Jersey City, Hon. John Dyneley Prince of Ringwood, Mr. James Kerney of Trenton, Mr. Wallace M. Scudder of Newark, Mr. William T. Hunt of Newark and Mr. Henry M. Doremus of Newark. The letter was ordered on file.

*Appointments by Mayor McClellan.*

The Secretary read a letter dated December 21, 1907, from the Secretary of the Mayor of New York, communicating the appointment of Mr. William Homan, Hon. Townsend Scudder and Mr. Stevenson Taylor as members of this Commission in accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees; also a letter dated January 9, 1908, from the Mayor's Secretary, communicating the appointment of Hon. Robert W. De Forest of No. 7 Washington Square North, Secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman of No. 258 Broadway, President of the New York Historical Society; Mr. Jacob Katz of No. 124 East 85th street, real estate and insurance; and Mr. Edward Robinson, Assistant Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as members of the Commission.

The letters were ordered on file and the Secretary directed to add the names of the appointees to the list of members.

*Visit from the Minister from The Netherlands.*

The Assistant Secretary read a communication dated Washington, January 14, 1908, from Jonkheer R. de Marees van Swinderen, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Pleni-

potentiary from the Netherlands to the United States, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, stating that he expected to sail for Holland the following week and expressing the desire for an interview with the Secretary on Friday, the 17th. An unavoidable engagement out of town prevented the Secretary from seeing the Minister, but he was received by the Assistant Secretary on the day stated. Jonkheer van Swinderen stated that he called in his personal, not official, capacity in order to express the great interest which the people of Holland took in the approaching celebration and to inform himself concerning the plans of the Commission before returning temporarily to his own country. He expected to return to Washington in May. The Assistant Secretary said that he gave the Minister very full information concerning the plans for 1909 and reciprocated, in behalf of the Commission, the cordial sentiments expressed by Minister van Swinderen.

*Corresponding Foreign Counsellors Suggested.*

Mr. Bergen supplemented the statement of the Assistant Secretary by referring to certain correspondence, as yet confidential, which it was believed would materially promote the interest of the people of Holland in the celebration and assist in its expression. With a view to fostering the feeling of international good will and promoting co-operation, Mr. Bergen suggested the propriety of inviting a few prominent gentlemen in Holland to act as "Corresponding Foreign Counsellors" to this Commission. Such a position would be one of dignity in the estimation of their countrymen and would enliven their sympathy and stimulate their active co-operation. He therefore moved that the subject of such appointments be referred to a committee, of which the President of the Commission should be one, with power to act as the committee deemed best.

The motion was carried, and the President named as his associates on the committee, Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, and Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations,

*Loan of Collier's Painting.*

The Secretary read a letter dated January 8, 1908, from the Hon. Whitelaw Reid, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United States to Great Britain, stating that he would take pleasure in doing what he could to secure from the government of Great Britain the loan of Collier's painting of "Hudson's Last Voyage," as suggested by Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke at the meeting of October 23, 1907. The letter was ordered on file.

*Arctic Club's Tender of Co-operation.*

The Secretary read a communication dated New York, January 2, 1908, from Capt. B. S. Osbon, Secretary of The Arctic Club, stating that as Henry Hudson was identified with polar research, and, besides stamping his name on our great river, also marked his strenuous work by impressing his name upon a great bay and strait in the far north, the Arctic Club felt it to be its duty to honor the explorer's memory in every way, and tendered its hearty co-operation to the Commission in arranging for the celebration. Referred to the Plan and Scope Committee.

*Colonial Dames Offer Their Co-operation.*

The Secretary read a communication dated New York, January 14, 1908, from Mrs. Anson P. Atterbury, a member of this Commission and a member of the Colonial Dames of the State of New York, addressed to the President of the Commission, expressing the interest of the Colonial Dames in the approaching celebration and their readiness to assist in promoting it. The Secretary also read the reply of the President, dated January 15, 1908, assuring Mrs. Atterbury of the Commission's cordial appreciation of her offer. The correspondence was referred to the Committee on Plan and Scope.

*Nominated for Appointment by Mayor McClellan.*

**Mr. Fitch**, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, reported the recommendation of the following named gentlemen for appointment by the Mayor of New York as

members of the Commission: Hon. John Bigelow, No. 21 Gramercy Park, lawyer, author and publicist; Mr. Herbert L. Bridgman, manager of the Brooklyn Standard Union; Gen. Howard Carroll, No. 41 Park Row, author, Inspector General of New York Troops in the Spanish War and Vice-President of the Starin Transportation Co.; Hon. John D. Grimmins, 40 East 68th street, contractor, ex-Park Commissioner, etc. and identified with many charitable institutions; Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, No. 89 Madison avenue, physician and surgeon, author, and donor of the Emmet Collection to Lenox Library; Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien, No. 524 Fifth avenue, former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York, First Department; and Mr. Henry L. Stoddard, 203 Broadway, editor of the Evening Mail.

The report was received and the recommendations adopted.

*Conference with Up-State Committee.*

Mr. Seward, Chairman of the Committee on Plan and Scope, reported that previous to the meeting of the Board of Trustees, there had been a joint meeting of the Plan and Scope Committee of this Commission and representatives of the Up-State Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee. The latter were the Hon. Charles H. Gaus, Mayor of Albany and President of the Committee; Mr. Cornelius F. Burns, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Troy; Hon. Henry Hudson, Mayor of Hudson; and Mr. Wm. Wortman, City Clerk of Hudson. There had been a cordial interchange of views concerning the proposed celebration, in which the Up-State representatives expressed their earnest interest in the arrangements and their readiness to co-operate in carrying them out. They had also suggested that the sum of \$300,000, which it was proposed to ask from the Legislature, was inadequate for a general celebration along the river from New York to the head of navigation at Troy, and that a larger sum should be asked for, with a view to making financial provision for the local celebrations in the upper Hudson valley. **The up-state repre-**



sentatives had been assured, on behalf of the Commission, of the latter's desire to show every consideration to the communities which they represented, and to make the celebration as general as possible throughout the whole Hudson valley, and even the State at large. The exchange of ideas had been entirely informal, and, in view of the present uncertainty concerning the appropriation, no conclusion was arrived at.

The report was received.

*Amendment of Charter and Appropriation.*

Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, reported that the proposed act amending the Charter of the Commission and making an appropriation for the celebration, as printed on pages 361-363 of the Minutes, had been forwarded to Senator Raines with a request for its introduction. Senator Raines had expressed his readiness to introduce the bill, but suggested some changes in form which would be the subject of a conference between him and Mr. Stetson at Albany the following week. Report of progress received.

Gen. Grant suggested that the question of increasing the amount of the appropriation be referred to Mr. Stetson's committee, and it was so referred.

*"Hudson River" Instead of "North River"*  
*Recommended.*

Commander Miller, referring to the custom of calling that portion of the river separating New York City and New Jersey the North River, and declaring that by this custom, New York City had no Hudson River, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the custom has grown to call the lower part of the Hudson abreast of New York the North River; and whereas such double nomenclature is not only locally misleading but diminishes respect for the man who first approached the river that bears his name through that portion popularly called the North River; therefore be it

Resolved, that this Commission use its influence in such way as the President may determine to have the whole stream which Hudson discovered named after him.

Mr. Stetson stated the name North River had been applied by the early Dutch settlers to this river to differentiate it from the Delaware or South River.

Admiral Coghlan added that Fulton's first steamboat on the river was called "the North River of Clermont."

The resolution was carried.

*Official Flag Recommended.*

Mr. Berri, Chairman of the Committee on Civic Parade, after stating that he accepted the position with hesitation, owing to the fact that the plans for the military parade had been under consideration for some time while the plans for the civic parade remained to be formulated, suggested the propriety of adopting an official flag, banner and shield for the occasion. He believed that many thousands of them would be used in the parade and in public decorations.

On motion, the President referred the subject to the Committee on Civic Parade.

*Highlands Park.*

Mr. Gregory inquired if the proposition to sequester the Highlands of the Hudson for a public reservation had been considered by the Commission or any Committee of it. He spoke of the wide-spread sentiment that the remarkable scenery of the Hudson should be preserved by government intervention from disfigurement and believed that the project was a commendable one.

The Secretary read from the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Law and Legislation held December 17, 1907, the following extract:

"The Chairman laid before the Committee a letter from Mr. F. P. Albert asking the Commission to advocate a bill authorizing the purchase by condemnation of the shores of the Hudson river for the protection of the scenery. After a general discussion of the subject it was voted as the sense of the committee that while the object to be attained was desirable, it was inexpedient for the Commission to advocate a measure which would involve so large an appropriation by the State and might interfere with the other plans of the Commission."

Mr. Stetson stated that after the meeting of his committee on December 17 he had communicated to Mr. Albert the action; and that in a letter to the New York Evening Post of January 20, 1908, Mr. Albert had questioned the accuracy of Mr. Stetson's statements concerning the expense of acquiring title to riparian property along the river. Mr. Stetson stated to the Trustees his authority for his statements and reiterated his belief that while the project of preserving the beauty of the Hudson was entirely commendable, it was unwise for the Commission to commit itself to a bill requiring a large appropriation for that purpose.

Mr. Gregory said that the purpose of his inquiry was not to urge the Commission to undertake the matter but to elicit information. He believed that the project itself was commendable.

The Secretary moved that the action of the Committee on Law and Legislation be approved. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee on Plan and Scope filed with the Secretary letters from the following named persons favoring the Highlands Park: Messrs. F. P. Albert, (3), S. J. Barrows, F. W. Devoe, W. H. Douglas, C. W. McCutchen, John P. Truesdell, Daniel T. Wade, J. DuPratt White and Mornay Williams.

#### *Verplanck's Point Park.*

The Secretary reported that on January 7, 1908, the Hon. I. H. Smith of Peekskill had introduced in the Assembly "An act to provide for acquiring land on Verplanck's Point in Westchester County for a Hudson-Fulton Memorial Park and making an appropriation therefor." The bill is the same as that introduced in the last Legislature and printed on pages 260 and 261 of the Minutes of this Commission.

#### *Assistant Secretary's Salary Increased.*

The Secretary moved that in view of the increase in and character of the labors of the Assistant Secretary his salary

be fixed at \$3,000 instead of \$2,500 for the year beginning February 1, 1908. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seward and unanimously carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.





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 Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Mr. E. H. Hall,  
 Mr. John Clafin, Hon. David B. Hill,  
 Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Hon. Henry E. Howland,

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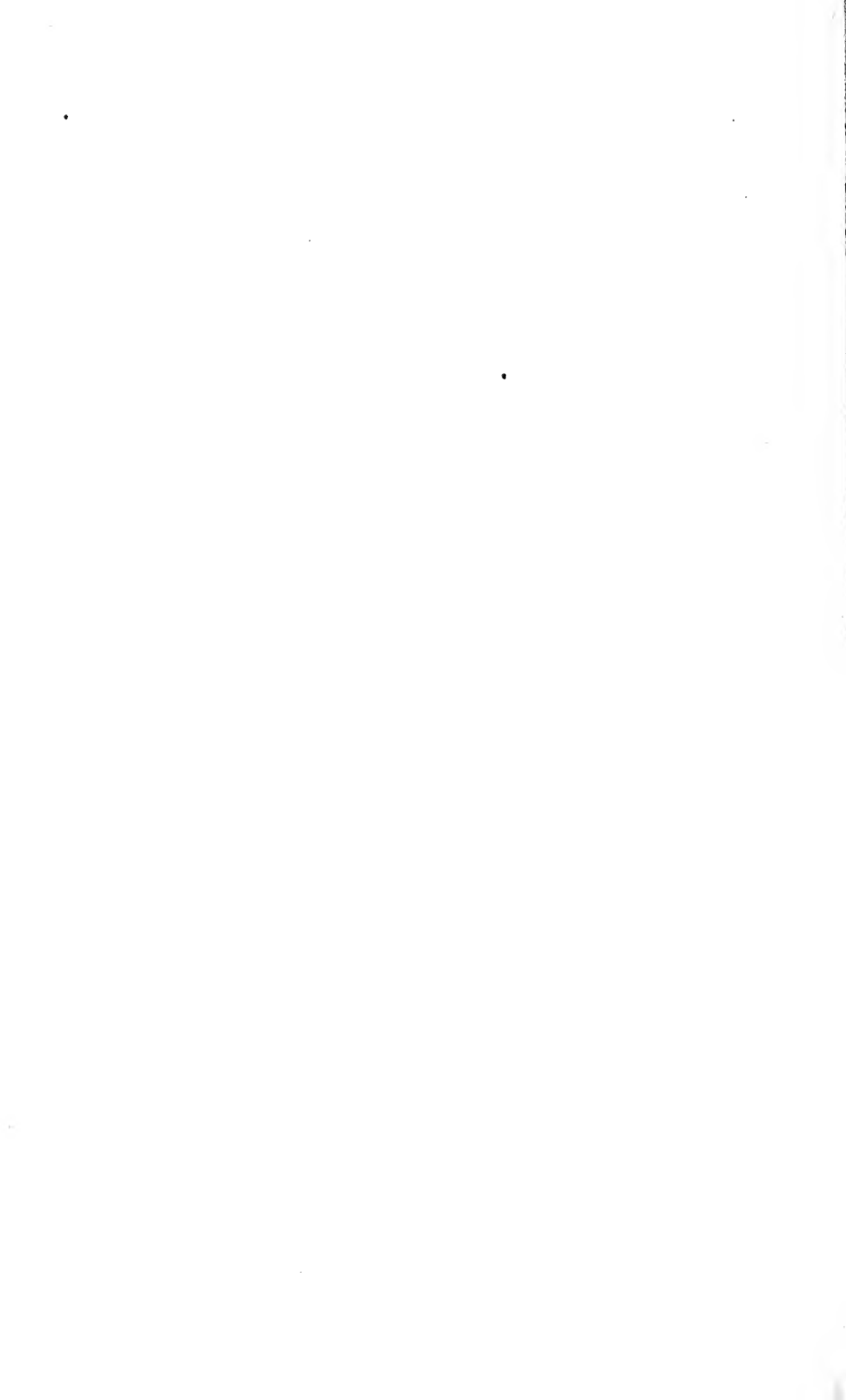
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Mr. J. Edward Simmons,	



Minutes of  
Executive Committee

February 3, 1908.

The fifth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held, pursuant to call of the Chairman, at the headquarters of the Commission in the Tribune building, 154 Nassau street, New York City, Monday, February 3, 1908, at 3.30 P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Chairman Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Hon. James M. Beck, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward Haganan Hall, Col. William Jay, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Louis C. Raegener, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Wm. McCarroll, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Hon. Levi P. Morton, and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the fourth meeting of the Executive Committee, held December 9, 1907, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

*Reply to President Roosevelt.*

The Secretary read the three letters addressed to President Roosevelt on January 16, 1908, and the inquiry of the President concerning the provision made by the State and City of New York for the celebration in 1909. (See pages 379-381 of the Minutes.)

The Chairman reported that on Tuesday, January 28, 1908, he accompanied Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation to Albany, where they had an interview with Senator Armstrong, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Senator Raines, a member of that Committee. There were present also Hon. Charles H. Gaus, Mayor of Albany; Mr. Cornelius F. Burns, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Troy; Hon. Henry Hudson, Mayor of Hudson; and Mr. William Wortman, City Clerk of Hudson, Members of the Up-State Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee. The President of this Commission and Mr. Stetson laid before the Senators the reasons for appropriating \$300,000 for the celebration at and south of Newburgh, stating that this was the smallest amount that would meet the necessities of the occasion, and assuring them of their desire to have them appropriate as much more as they could for the celebration along the upper reaches of the river. Senator Armstrong expressed a cordial interest in the celebration and assured the Commissioners that their requests would be met as fully as the condition of the treasury warranted. He recommended, however, that instead of introducing a separate appropriation bill, the appropriation be embodied in the supply bill, which would probably be passed in March. In view of the situation as developed by this interview, the following letter to President Roosevelt had been drafted:

New York, February 3, 1908.

William Loeb, Jr., Esq.,

Secretary to the President,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 18th, asking what provision has been made for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration by the State and City of New York, and now reply thereto.

The State has provided amply for our incidental and preliminary expenses and the city furnishes us with suitable rooms for our Secretary and Clerks in the Tribune building.



Immediately upon receipt of your letter, arrangements were made for a hearing before the Finance Committee of the Senate of the State of New York, upon the application theretofore made for a specific appropriation for the Celebration as recommended by Governor Hughes in his annual message.

Accordingly, such hearing was had upon Tuesday, January 28th; and the Finance Committee announced their conclusion that in view of the other demands upon the State Treasury, it would be better that this special appropriation should be embraced in the Annual Supply Bill, which will be enacted probably during the last fortnight of the session. In announcing this conclusion, the Finance Committee expressed its entire sympathy with the purposes of the Commission, and indicated its intention to make a proper and adequate appropriation.

In view, however, of the pendency of this undetermined application, I am instructed by the Commission that it is better that our former request for an invitation to foreign nations should remain in abeyance until after action upon the Supply Bill, when I will at once communicate with you.

I am, your obedient servant,

STEWART L. WOODFORD,  
President.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, the letter was approved as read, and the Chairman authorized to send it to President Roosevelt.

*Up-State Appropriation.*

The Secretary read the following letter:

Hudson, N. Y., January 30, 1908.

Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, President Board of Trustees,  
Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, New York  
City:

Dear Sir: Pursuant to the suggestion emanating from your Board of Trustees, representatives of the various cities and villages bordering on and in the vicinity of that part of the Hudson River northerly from Newburgh, met in the city of Albany, N. Y., on November 30, 1907, and organized what has since been commonly known as an up-State Committee, having as its object the furtherance of the plans and purposes of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, and this committee has since that time been giving the matter its careful attention.

We are of the opinion, and believe you will concur with us, that in order to properly and fittingly commemorate this anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River and the successful steam navigation thereof, the ceremonies attendant upon the celebration should be extended along the entire length of the river, instead of from New York Harbor to Newburgh, as previously arranged; that the duplicates of the Clermont and Half Moon, together with their accompanying flotilla, should pursue the same course, and all of such course, as did the two original boats which they typify. In other words, Henry Hudson, when he discovered the river which bears his name, did not ascend as far as the present site of the city of Newburgh and then return to New York Harbor, but continued on northerly, and likewise should the celebration of this notable event be continued northerly to the City of Troy, the vessels stopping for a day at each city and principal village along the route. Should this plan be adopted each of these cities and villages propose to hold a local celebration on the day on which the flotilla makes its visit, the cities and villages defraying their own expenses for these local celebrations.

We would also state that it is our earnest desire that suitable monuments, statutes or tablets be erected or located at various points of vantage along the banks of the river, in order that this great event shall not be a transient one merely, but shall be perpetuated through future years by these visual permanent memorials.

But of course it will be readily seen that in order to carry out these proposed plans and to properly observe this event, sufficient funds must be appropriated by the State of New York, and, through your Commission, placed at the disposal of this up-State Committee, to be used by it for that part of the Celebration north of Newburgh, after the termination of the ceremonies now contemplated to be held south of that point, and it is estimated that this Committee will require the sum of \$150,000 for this purpose.

The resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission calls for an appropriation by the State of \$300,000, for the purposes of the entire Celebration as far north as Newburgh. That resolution has already been communicated to the Legislature by the report of the Trustees, and it contains no allusion to the necessity for the further appropriation of \$150,000, for the purposes indicated herein. This communication is sent to you at your suggestion and that of Mr. Francis Lynde

Stetson, Chairman of the Law Committee of the Board of Trustees, and with the hope that the trustees will transmit it to the Legislature at as early a date as possible.

We would therefore respectfully request that the bill which is to be introduced in the State Legislature appropriating funds to your Commission for this project, contain this item of \$150,000, in order to make possible the Celebration in the upper part of the Hudson River, covering the territory from Newburgh to Troy.

Very respectfully,

WM. WORTMAN,

Ass't Sec'y Up-State Committee.

Admiral Coghlan, Chairman of the Naval Parade Committee, stated that the plan of the celebration had always contemplated a commemoration throughout the length of the river. It was originally intended to have the facsimiles of the Half Moon and Clermont escorted by the naval procession to Newburgh Bay, there to be transferred to the upper Hudson division and taken on at least as far as Albany. From Newburgh northward the smaller United States vessels and the torpedo boat flotilla would continue with the upper Hudson division, while the larger vessels would return to New York and participate in the illumination at night.

After some further discussion the letter was referred to the Chairman of the Executive Committee with power.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

February 26, 1908.

The twenty-third meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, Wednesday, February 26, 1908, at 3 o'clock P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: President Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. A. J. Boulton, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Mr. Wm. C. Muschenheim, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Thomas R. Proctor, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Edmund Wetmore and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

Mr. Reginald P. Bolton and Mr. Wm. L. Stone, members of the Commission, were also present.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. William Berri, Hon. J. Rider Cady, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Hon. Seth Low, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N., Mr. John E. Parsons, Mr. Herman Ridder, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, Prest. Jacob Gould Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. Spencer Trask, Col. John W. Vrooman, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Hon. Andrew D. White and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, and they were excused.

*Approval of Minutes.*

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

*Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, was received and ordered on file, as follows:

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

I have the honor to report the condition of the treasury on February 26, 1908, as follows:

## DEBIT.

Balance on hand as reported January 22, 1908. \$7,473 94

## CREDIT.

Paid on approved vouchers:		
53. T. G. Sellew, repair of furniture.....		\$1 00
54. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....		1 13
55. E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$20 39	
Salary for December.....	208 33	
		<u>228 72</u>
56. L. R. Hamersley & Co., "Men of America"		5 00
57. Henry Romeike, Inc., press clippings.....		1 53
58. Polhemus Printing Co., stationery.....		4 35
59. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....		23 83
60. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....		21 50
61. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....		1 23
62. E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$12 36	
Salary for January.....	208 33	
		<u>220 69</u>
Total credit . . . . .		\$508 98
Total debit . . . . .		<u>7,473 94</u>
Balance February 26, 1908.....		<u>\$6,964 96</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,

Treasurer.

## Minutes of Trustees

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee:

Miss J. A. Cooke, mimeographing letters.....	\$1	60
Henry Romeike, press clippings in January....	1	17
J. B. Lyon Co., minutes of January 22d.....	26	44
J. B. Lyon Co., minutes of December 9, 18, 26..	23	29
State Treasurer, interest on deposits to Decem- ber 31, 1907.....	189	49
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$22	29
Salary for February.....	250	00
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*Minute upon the Death of Mr. Morris K. Jesup.*

The committee, consisting of Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Seth Low and Mr. J. Edward Simmons, appointed to prepare a minute upon the death of Mr. Morris K. Jesup, reported as follows:

The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, having been informed of the death of Mr. Morris K. Jesup, one of its members and a Vice-President, deems the event of sufficient importance to be noted in its minutes. Mr. Jesup, by reason of his age, has not been especially active in the affairs of this Commission; but, by virtue of his public spirit and his many services to the City and the State, his name, in connection with the work of the Commission, was a distinct source of strength. A patriotic man and a public spirited, the fact that this Celebration appealed to him strongly led it to appeal to others; and the knowledge that it appealed to him gave to his associates upon the Commission a still greater interest in the undertaking committed to their care. Both on the side of history and on the side of science, this Celebration appealed to Mr. Jesup, and his associates greatly deplore that they are deprived of the inspiration of his fellowship and sympathy midway in their work. The City and the State are fortunate in having enjoyed so long the services of such a citizen. The loss to the City and the State by reason of his death is commensurately great. His associates gladly bear this affectionate testimony to the usefulness and uplifting value of his life.

The minute was adopted by a rising vote and the Secretary was directed to send a copy to Mr. Jesup's family.

*Civic Parade Committee Appointed.*

The President announced the appointment of the following Committee on Civic Parade:

Mr. Herman Ridder, Chairman, 182 William Street, New York.*	
Mr. B. Altman,	Mr. William C. Muschenheim,
Mr. August Belmont,	Hon. Lewis Nixon,
Hon. William Berri,	Mr. Eben E. Olcott,
Mr. George C. Boldt,	Mr. William Church Osborn,
Hon. David A. Boody,	Mr. Bayard L. Peck,
Hon. George C. Clausen,	Mr. Howland Pell,
Mr. George Elret,	Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley,
Mr. Frank S. Gardner,	Mr. Louis C. Raegener,
Mr. George A. Hearn,	Mr. Jacob H. Schiff,
Mr. Colgate Hoyt,	Mr. William Solmer,
Gen. Horatio C. King,	Mr. James Speyer,
Dr. George F. Kunz,	Hon. Louis Stern,
Hon. Gustav Lindenthal,	Mr. J. Leonard Varick,
Hon. Fordham Morris,	Mr. Edmund Wetmore.

*Letter from Hon. Grover Cleveland.*

The Secretary read the following letter from the Hon. Grover Cleveland:

Princeton, N. J., February 19, 1908.

Henry W. Sackett, Esq., Secretary The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, Tribune Building, New York City:

My Dear Sir: I have received your letter of the 15th inst., notifying me of my appointment as Chairman of the Committee on Official Invitations to the Celebration to be given under the auspices of the Commission.

I hope it may not be considered ungracious if I ask that some other name may be substituted for mine in this connection. Since my relationship with the Commission began I have not been able to give even the little attention to it which at the time I accepted a place on the Executive Committee I hoped I might be able to bestow on its details; and with this in my mind I am unwilling under the circumstances to accept a place so prominent and which ought to demand so much attention, as the one to which I have been newly designated.

Hoping that what I have written will not subject me to the suspicion of any lack of sympathy with the purpose of the Commission, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

GROVER CLEVELAND.

The Secretary also read the following reply by President Woodford:

New York, February 21, 1908.

His Excellency, Grover Cleveland,

Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mr. President: Colonel Sackett sends me copy of your letter to him of February 19th instant, suggesting relief from the chairmanship of Committee on Official Invitations. I named that Committee after very careful thought. It consists of one living ex-President; of Mr. Morton, an ex-Vice-President; of Mr. Choate, ex-Ambassador to England; of General Porter, ex-Ambassador to France, and Dr. White, ex-Ambassador to Germany. To these names we added that of Colonel Sackett, the Secretary of our Commission.

No duty will be required of this Committee, except to visit the list of proposed invitations. That should take no time as they will be sent to each member of the Committee for revision, approval and suggestion. This can all be done by mail. Then the Secretary will attend to engraving and sending.

I feel that I can guarantee that there shall be no burden laid on you. If necessary the Secretary will bring the list to you at Princeton, after it has been submitted to Vice-President Morton and the three Ambassadors. No name is worth so much to our Commission in adding dignity to our final official invitations as the name of Mr. Cleveland. I will see that nothing is done to embarrass or compromise your great position in any way. I want you to trust me in this, and let me have your great help.

Faithfully your friend,

STEWART L. WOODFORD.

*Appointments by Mayor McClellan.*

The Secretary read a letter dated January 30, 1908, from the Secretary of His Honor, the Mayor of the City of New York, appointing Hon. John Bigelow, Mr. Herbert L. Bridgman, Gen. Howard Carroll, Hon. John D. Crimmins, Dr. Thomas A. Emmet, Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien and Mr. Henry L. Stoddard as members of the Commission in accordance with the recommendations of the Trustees at their last meeting.



The letter was ordered on file and the Secretary was directed to add the names of the appointees to the list of members of the Commission.

*Mr. John E. Parsons Elected a Vice-President.*

In the absence of Mr. Theodore Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the Assistant Secretary read the report of the Committee nominating Mr. John E. Parsons for Vice-President, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Morris K. Jesup.

The report was received and Mr. Parsons was unanimously elected.

*Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien Elected a Trustee.*

In like manner, upon recommendation of the Committee on Nominations, the Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees caused by Mr. Jesup's death.

*Nominated for Appointment to the Commission.*

The report of the Committee on Nominations further recommended the following appointments as members of the Commission:

By the Governor: Mr. Cornelius F. Burns, President of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. William Wortman, City Clerk of Hudson.

By the Mayor: Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, President of the American Museum of Natural History, and Mr. Abraham Abraham, merchant, of Brooklyn.

The recommendations were adopted.

*Appropriation Bill Introduced.*

Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, reported that as the result of the conference at Albany on January 28, 1908 (see page 406 of Minutes of Executive Committee), and subsequent correspondence, the Hon. Alfred R. Page had, on Tuesday, February 25, 1908, introduced in the Senate the following bill (Introductory No. 475, Printed No. 542):

An act making an appropriation for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, and also making a reappropriation therefor.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1. The sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated, and the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars being the unexpended balance of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars heretofore appropriated by chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six, is hereby reappropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. Such money shall be payable for the purposes for which such commission was established pursuant to chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six, and one hundred and fifty thousand dollars thereof shall be payable for such purposes at and above Newburgh on the Hudson river, and all such moneys shall be paid by the treasurer on the warrant of the comptroller upon requisitions signed by the president and the secretary of the commission, accompanied by an estimate of the expenses for the payment of which money so drawn is to be applied. No indebtedness or obligation shall be incurred by such commission in excess of such appropriations and such sums as may be provided for said commission by the city of New York. The commission shall annually on or before October tenth make a verified report to the comptroller of the disbursements made by it during the year ending on the thirtieth day of September preceding from money appropriated by the state, and shall accompany such report with the proper vouchers for such disbursements. Whenever the commission shall report to the legislature that the purposes for which the commission is created have been attained and all its debts and obligations have been paid, it shall return to the state treasurer the unexpended balance of money drawn in pursuance of this act.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

*Bill to Increase Number of Members and Trustees of Commission Introduced.*

\* Mr. Stetson also reported that on the same date (February 25th) Senator Page had introduced a bill (Intro-

ductory No. 476, Printed No. 543) embodying the Trustees' recommendation concerning the increase in the number of members and trustees of the Commission, as follows:

An act to increase the number of members and trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1. The members and trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, as designated by chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six, are increased in number by adding to and including as such members and trustees by virtue of their office the persons, severally and respectively, who from time to time and for the time being shall hold municipal office as follows in the following cities of the state, and in the following villages upon the Hudson river: The mayors of the cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Auburn, Binghamton, Buffalo, Cohoes, Corning, Cortland, Dunkirk, Elmira, Fulton, Geneva, Gloversville, Hornell, Hudson, Ithaca, Jamestown, Johnstown, Kingston, Little Falls, Lockport, Middletown, Mount Vernon, Newburgh, New Rochelle, New York, Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda, Ogdensburg, Olean, Oneida, Oswego, Plattsburg, Poughkeepsie, Rensselaer, Rochester, Rome, Schenectady, Syracuse, Tonawanda, Troy, Utica, Watertown, Watervliet, and Yonkers, all of whom shall be members and trustees of the commission, and also the presidents of the villages of Athens, Castleton, Catskill, Cold Spring, Corinth, Cornwall, Coxsackie, Croton-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Fishkill, Fishkill Landing, Fort Edward, Glens Falls, Green Island, Hastings-on-Hudson, Haverstraw, Irvington, Matteawan, Mechanicville, North Tarrytown, Nyack, Ossining, Peekskill, Piermont, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Sandy Hill, Saugerties, Schuylerville, South Glens Falls, South Nyack, Stillwater, Tarrytown, Tivoli, Upper Nyack, Victory Mills, Wappingers Falls, Waterford, and West Haverstraw, who shall be members of the commission.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

*Foreign Correspondent Councillors Authorized.*

The President, to whom, with Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, and Mr. Theodore Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on

Nominations, was referred Mr. Tunis G. Bergen's suggestion concerning Foreign Correspondent Councillors, reported as follows:

The President and the Committee appointed at the meeting of the Trustees on January 22, 1908, consisting of himself and Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, and Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, to whom was referred the motion of Mr. Bergen concerning the appointment of eminent gentlemen abroad as Foreign Correspondent Councillors to the Commission, are of the opinion that the appointment of such foreign correspondents would materially promote the interest of the people of the Netherlands and of other foreign countries in the celebration and assist in furnishing historical data as well as relics and works of art of importance. The Committee think that the appointment of such correspondents should be a purely honorary one, and that as an expression of the Commission's gratitude for the interest such correspondents might exhibit and the assistance they might render in behalf of the Celebration, they should bear a complimentary title in recognition of their services. The Committee think that a proper title would be, "Foreign Correspondent Councillors to the Commission," and that such appointments should be made from time to time as may be deemed best by the Trustees, and that certificates attesting such honorary appointments thereafter be executed in due form by the proper officers of the Commission and sent to such appointees, expressing the gratitude of the Commission in the interest they have taken and the voluntary assistance they may be able to render in promoting the success of the Celebration, and also stating that the recipient of this honor, like the members of the Commission, under the law shall receive no compensation for his services.

Upon motion of Mr. Wetmore the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

*Letter from Hon. John Bigelow Concerning the Purification of the Hudson River.*

The Secretary read the following letter from the Hon. John Bigelow:

21 GRAMERCY PARK.

February 6, 1908.

Henry W. Sackett, Esq., Secretary of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

Dear Sir: I have to thank you for your favor of the 31st ultimo, informing me that in response to the unanimous recommendation of the Trustees, His Honor, the Mayor of the City of New York, has appointed me a member of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. This celebration has from its inception been to me an occasion of peculiar personal interest. All the intensest and dearest joys of my youth are associated with the Hudson River. I was born on its western bank. While in my teens I was in the habit of swimming in its waters, sailing over it in skiffs, in canoes, in dories, and on the breaking up of the ice in the spring paddling about on its floating cakes. In the winter I skated, sledged and drove on it. My first experience in the use of fire-arms was in shooting into the flocks of wild ducks and pigeons on their return by the thousands from their wintering in the south. I fished in it when its waters swarmed with white bass, dickups, eels, shad and herring. There was no season of the year that the river was not a joy to me.

Unhappily my grandchildren have been permitted to share but few of those pleasures in consequence of the pollution of the waters by the drainage from the habitations of the riparian cities and villages of the Hudson and its tributaries. The fisheries with which the Rockefellers, within sight of my father's house, laid the foundations of their massive fortune are no longer profitable, and even the ducks and the pigeons that used to travel by the river have deserted their ancient resorts. But the time is at hand when from necessity the inhabitants of the banks of the Hudson will be compelled to utilize this drainage, and let us hope, for agricultural purposes instead of permitting it to poison the fish which used to yield a more abundant harvest of food for man than the land which the river drained did, and which would be glad to do it again if the water is ever made as pure again.

If your Society could include the purification of the waters of the Hudson in your plan and scope it would be more enduring in a worldly sense, more profitable, and in all senses a far more useful recognition of the world's obligation to the men who first navigated the Hudson by sails and the man who first navigated it by steam, than any

other, however expensive or magnificent that taste and wealth can devise.

It is even a question whether such a purification of the waters of the Hudson would not contribute more speedily to the decoration of its banks, than it will ever be possible for the State or Nation to do without such purification.

How can the banks of a river ever be made permanently attractive, with whatever expenditure of talent and taste and wealth, when even its inhabitants the fish, its native homesteaders, have already declared it uninhabitable and have practically abandoned it.

The first financial speculation I ever made was in Hudson River shad. When about eight years of age I bought a hundred fresh from the nets of the fishermen for five dollars and retailed them at six cents a piece. I doubt whether in the last ten years there have been as many as a hundred shad seen so far up the Hudson as that speculation was made.

Of course I would not have anything I have here said regarded in the light of a criticism upon the plans and scope of the Commissions charged with this celebration, which are all well enough, but should not the river be cleaned before *its bedroom* is decorated?

I have only ventured these suggestions because I do not feel equal to the labor of taking any part in the business of your Commission, still less attending the meetings which it would involve. I beg you therefore to express my sincere and grateful thanks to the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission and to His Honor the Mayor for the honor they have done me in recommending me as a fellow member. I feel that I am too old to assume any new cares or to bear with any old ones that are not obligatory.

Yours very respectfully,

JOHN BIGELOW.

In view of the distinguished source of the letter and interesting character of its contents, it was voted that the letter be printed in full in the minutes; and that the Secretary be requested to write to the author repeating the unanimous wish of the Trustees that he accept his appointment as a member of the Commission.

*Preserving the Scenery of the Hudson.*

The Assistant Secretary read a communication dated New York, January 30, 1908, from Mr. Ogden D. Budd,

President of the Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York, to the President of this Commission, transmitting a copy of resolutions adopted by the Exchange January 23, 1908, urging the preservation of the scenery of the Highlands of the Hudson;

Also the reply of the President, dated February 1st, asking Mr. Budd to submit the draft of such law as he thought the Legislature should pass, and a careful, detailed estimate of the cost of the action proposed;

Also, copy of a letter dated February 17, from Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, transmitting copy of article by Dr. Edward L. Partridge in the *Outlook* of November 9, 1907, explaining the plan for preserving the Highlands scenery by national legislation as outlined under the auspices of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society;

Also a letter dated January 22, 1908, from Mr. W. H. Duncan, Jr., of Brooklyn, to Mr. Seward, on the same subject.

All were ordered on file.

#### *Naming Dyckman Street Viaduct after Fulton.*

Mr. Reginald P. Bolton, a member of the Commission, by invitation explained the suggestion communicated by him by letter to the President concerning the naming of the proposed Dyckman street viaduct, on Manhattan Island. He stated that the plans for the extension of Riverside drive north of Dyckman street as prepared by the city engineers contemplated carrying the drive over the Dyckman street valley by a stone-arched viaduct of noble proportions, as indicated in the large picture which he exhibited. The northern end of the viaduct would rest on the southern end of Inwood Hill. Three-quarters of a mile northward, at the northern end of the hill, would begin the proposed Hudson Memorial Bridge across Spuyten Duyvil creek. Between the Hudson Memorial Bridge on the north and the Dyckman street viaduct on the south would lie the proposed Inwood Hill Park, advocated by

the Commission. The Dyckman street viaduct was to be a structure of such magnitude and importance, that in conversation with the city engineers and others it had been suggested that it be named in honor of Robert Fulton, and thus form an appropriate complement to the bridge named after Henry Hudson at the opposite end of the hill.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Bolton's letter conveying this suggestion had been referred to Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the Inwood Hill Committee, who wrote under date of February 25th:

" Gen. Woodford sends to me the enclosed papers. There is no time to call the Inwood Hill Committee together. My individual preference would be to apply the joint name " Hudson-Fulton " to everything in the locality of Inwood Hill. We have become accustomed to the juxtaposition. It seems to me that it has double significance. Hudson alone might be regarded as trite, but Hudson-Fulton is distinctive."

After some further remarks, suggesting the practical usefulness of bestowing distinctly different titles on the Dyckman street structure and the Spuyten Duyvil creek structure, it was voted, upon motion of Mr. Stetson, that the suggestion be referred to the Inwood Hill Committee for consideration and report, and that the members of the Commission be requested to communicate to Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman, at No. 52 William street, their views on the subject.

#### *Inwood Hill Park.*

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Parsons stating that after conference with Mr. George W. Perkins he had renewed his efforts to secure action by the city in regard to Inwood Hill Park. He stated that since the first interview with the Mayor the prices asked for the land had practically doubled. Mr. Parsons found comfort, however, in the thought that from this time on, delay might be in the interest of a reduction rather than of an increase in price.

Report of progress received.



*Date of Celebration Changed.*

Gen. James Grant Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Official Literary Exercises, reported that there had been a meeting of his committee earlier in the day, and that in their judgment it was advisable to engage the place of meeting at once.

In the course of the discussion, reported more fully hereafter, the President recalled the suggestion which he had received informally from several members of the Commission to the effect that the probabilities were greater for good weather in the week following than in the one selected for the celebration in 1909. It seemed advisable, therefore, that if any change in the date were to be made it should be made now, as a guide to the selection of dates for the details of the celebration.

In the course of the brief discussion which ensued, it appeared that the postponement of the celebration for a week, so as to begin on Saturday, September 25, 1909, would not sacrifice its historical propriety, inasmuch as Hudson did not depart from the harbor on his homeward voyage until October 4, 1609.

It was therefore moved by General Wilson that the date of the beginning of the celebration be Saturday, September 25, 1909, instead of Saturday, September 18th. Carried.

*Engagement of Metropolitan Opera House Authorized.*

Continuing his report, General Wilson stated that his committee desired authority to engage the place of meeting for the Official Literary Exercises. The Madison Square Garden would seat 6,000 persons and cost \$1,000. The Metropolitan Opera House would seat 3,500 and probably cost \$800. The committee was disposed to favor the Garden. Its acoustic properties were such that speakers like Hon. Joseph H. Choate and Gen. Horace Porter had made themselves heard by a considerable part of the audience. Those who could not hear would esteem it a privilege to be present and see the distinguished guests, and

they could get the reports of the speeches from the daily papers.

Mr. Phillips said that he had had a considerable experience as to the relative advantages of the Garden and the Opera House, and he was of the opinion that it was better to have the Opera House in which all could hear, than the Garden in which only half could hear and the other half would be discontented.

Mr. Wetmore said that he had originally been of Mr. Phillips' opinion but had been won over to General Wilson's view by the fact that there would probably be three Presidents or ex-Presidents of the United States on the platform; that there would be a tremendous demand to get in; that even admission would be regarded a great privilege, notwithstanding the knowledge that only a part could hear the speakers; that the Garden would accommodate the largest audience; that if they took some other hall they would be asked why they did not get the biggest auditorium in town; and that if they engaged the Garden they would be taking the democratic position.

Mr. Sackett said there was probably no hall in which 5,000 persons could distinctly hear the speakers unless it were the Prince Albert Memorial Hall in London. He thought that a disadvantage of taking the Madison Square Garden, in addition to its acoustic deficiencies, was the fact that the public would regard its capacity as unlimited and that it would be more difficult to resist the pressure for admission which could not be accommodated than if the Metropolitan Opera House, or some other hall whose capacity was understood to be limited, were engaged.

The President said he believed that the Metropolitan Opera House would accommodate 800 or 1,000 persons on the stage, thus making its total capacity about 4,300.

Mr. Proctor asked why, in view of the importance of this meeting, it would not be advisable to engage two halls and have the President go to both. He recalled an occasion when President Grant visited the city of the speaker's home, Utica, and attended meetings in three different halls.

Mr. Hall said that the plan of celebration submitted by the Plan and Scope Committee contemplated the possibility of meetings in the five boroughs the same evening. If it were not practicable to have meetings in all five boroughs, it might be desirable to hold the additional meeting suggested by Mr. Proctor in Brooklyn.

Mr. Bergen thought it would not be judicious to have two halls in Manhattan and none in Brooklyn. He suggested the new Academy of Music of Brooklyn as a suitable place in that borough.

Mr. Sackett moved that the Committee on Official Literary Exercises be authorized to engage the Metropolitan Opera House for Tuesday evening, September 28, 1909. Carried.

Mr. Stetson moved that the Committee be authorized also to engage the Brooklyn Academy of Music, but not necessarily for the same evening.

After brief discussion, Mr. Stetson's motion was withdrawn and the subject of engaging a meeting place in Brooklyn referred back to the Committee to be considered in connection with the other boroughs.

#### *Committee on Official Banquet.*

Mr. Sackett moved that the President be authorized to appoint a committee of such number as he deemed best to consider and report upon arrangements for the official banquet. Carried.

The President subsequently appointed as such committee: Col. William Jay, chairman; Hon. Wm. Berri, Gen. Howard Carroll, Mr. Henry W. Sackett and Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

#### *Souvenir Programme and History.*

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. Frederick R. Cruikshank, a member of the Commission, suggesting that the general or souvenir programme of the celebration embody "not only details in connection with Hudson and Fulton, but also take in prominent landmarks

and the quaint and historic features at the various towns along the river—in other words, a short but popular history of the river.”

Referred to the Committee on Memorials.

*Lease of Headquarters Renewed.*

Mr. Phillips, who, as Deputy Comptroller of the city is Secretary of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, filed with the Secretary a certified copy of the following resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund February 26, 1908:

RESOLVED, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a renewal of the lease to the City, of Room 805, in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, Borough of Manhattan, for the use of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, for a period of one year from May 1, 1908, at an annual rental of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), payable monthly; lessor the Tribune Association; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interests of the City that such lease be made.

The President expressed the Commission's appreciation of Mr. Phillips' kind offices in the matter.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
*Secretary.*

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
*Assistant Secretary.*





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Mr. Frank S. Gardner,	Mr. Jacob H. Schiff,
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Mr. Herman Ridder,	Mr. Wm. B. Van Rensselaer,
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Mr. Henry W. Sackett,	Hon. Andrew D. White,
Pres. J. G. Schurman,	Hon. William R. Willcox,
Mr. I. N. Seligman,	Gen. James Grant Wilson,
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Hon. George W. Perkins,	Mr. Spencer Trask,
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Mr. J. Edward Simmons,	



Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

March 25, 1908.

The twenty-fourth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau Street, New York City, Wednesday, March 25, 1908, at 3 P. M.

The President, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, invited Mr. Herman Ridder to the chair.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Mr. Herman Ridder, presiding; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. William Berri, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward Haganman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Dr. George F. Kunz, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Mr. William J. McKay, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N., Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Col. John W. Vrooman, Gen. James Grant Wilson, and Mr. Stewart L. Woodford.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Mr. R. Fulton Cutting, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. Wm. C. Muschenheim, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Pres. Jacob G. Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. Spencer Trask, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Mr. Edmund Wetmore, and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

*Approval of Minutes.*

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

## Minutes of Trustees

*Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Treasurer was read as follows:

March 25, 1908.

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report that checks for the accounts approved at the last meeting have not yet been delivered, and that the balance of the State Fund remains the same as stated Feb. 26, 1908, namely, \$6,964.96.

In the Subscription Fund there is a balance of \$9.18, which is insufficient to pay the sum of \$25.34 remaining due to the Polhemus Printing Co., on account of printing bills disallowed by the Comptroller, referred to on pp. 313 and 314 of the Minutes.

Yours respectfully,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,

Treasurer.

Received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee:

E. H. Hall: Disbursements.....	\$16 30	
Salary for March.....	250 00	
		\$266 30
De-Fi Manufacturing Co., box of carbon paper.....		3 50
Polhemus Printing Co., stationery.....		4 75
Henry Romeike, Inc., clippings in February....		1 11
J. B. Lyon Co., 1,000 letterheads .....		2 88
J. B. Lyon Co., 100 lists of committees.....		1 75
J. B. Lyon Co., 500 copies minutes of February . . . . .		29 76
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*Appointments by Mayor McClellan.*

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of Mayor McClellan, dated March 2, 1908, communicating the appointment of Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn and Mr. Abraham Abraham as members of the Commission pursuant to the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, and a letter from the Mayor's Secretary dated March 24 communicating the appointment of Hon. Joseph S. Wood, counsellor-at-



law, of No. 25 South Fourth Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y., as a member of the Commission.

The letters were ordered on file and the Secretary was directed to add the names of the appointees to the roll of the Commission.

*Acceptance of Hon. John Bigelow.*

The Secretary reported that pursuant to the action of the last meeting (page 420) he had written to the Hon. John Bigelow communicating the earnest desire of the Trustees that Mr. Bigelow accept his appointment as a member of the Commission, and had received the following reply:

21, GRAMERCY PARK,

February 29, 1908.

Henry W. Sackett, Esq.:

Dear Sir: I cannot but feel flattered by the conditions upon which your Commission were willing to add me to their number. Upon those conditions of course I have no objections, though the advice I gave you in my letter was worth to your enterprise a thousand times more than my name.

Yours truly,  
JOHN BIGELOW.

*Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn's Acceptance.*

The Secretary stated that upon notifying Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, President of the American Museum of Natural History, of his appointment by the Mayor as a member of the Commission, and by the President of the Commission as a member of the Art and Historical Exhibits Committee, Prof. Osborn had written for further information. This having been given, Prof. Osborn accepted his appointment in the following letter:

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

New York, March 19, 1908.

Mr. Henry W. Sackett,

Secretary, Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,  
Tribune Building, City.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of March 12, giving me the history of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commis-

sion and referring to the desire of President Woodford that I should fill the position vacated by the sad death of Mr. Jesup, I have decided to accept the appointment as a member of the Commission.

It has occurred to the authorities of the Museum that the Dutch residents of the City of New York might take an interest in the formation of a special archaeological exhibit which would have some appropriate significance for this important historical occasion.

Thanking you for your kind letter, believe me,

Very truly yours,

HENRY FAIRFIELD OSBORN,

President.

*Fulton Water Gate Committee Discontinued.*

The President, Mr. Stewart L. Woodford, laid before the Trustees correspondence between himself and Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mr. R. Fulton Cutting and Mr. R. Fulton Ludlow, members of the Fulton Water Gate Committee of this Commission and also members of the Robert Fulton Monument Association, the substance of which is contained in the following two letters:

THE ROBERT FULTON MONUMENT ASSOCIATION

New York, March 2, 1908.

Stewart L. Woodford, Esq.,

18 Wall Street, New York City.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 15th inst., addressed to Mr. R. Fulton Cutting has been handed me by Mr. Cutting, with the request that I answer same and outline to you just how our Association feels as to our participating with the Hudson-Fulton Association in their celebration in 1909, and more particularly in relation to the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the water gate, which we propose to build on the Hudson River at One Hundred and Fifteenth Street, which ceremony, we understand, is outlined in your published programme of the exercises on that occasion.

The work we have undertaken to carry out, that is, the building of the retaining wall, the filling in of the water front from One Hundred and Fourteenth to One Hundred and Sixteenth Street, the building of the water gate with its museum and reception hall, and the tomb and monument to Robert Fulton, is so large an undertaking that we have

had to move very slowly and with mature consideration. We now have our organization in good working order, have had a bill passed through the State Legislature and signed by both the Governor and the Mayor, giving us the authority to use the property mentioned upon consultation with the proper city authorities, and have a committee consulting with these officials as to their requirements.

After they report, it will be necessary for us to draw specifications, distribute same to architects, artists and sculptors, so that plans may be submitted, and then select the plan itself. All this will have to be accomplished before we can even consider when it might be possible for us to lay the cornerstone of the water gate, and in fact a large amount of the work on the river front would have to be done before the cornerstone could be laid. You will therefore readily see that it is impossible for us at the present time to fix upon any date when the laying of the cornerstone or other important function in connection with the work that we have in hand could be definitely accomplished, and it would therefore seem best, due to the uncertainty existing, that it be omitted from your programme.

It is perhaps a little unfortunate that these two Associations, both having in view the honoring of the memory of Robert Fulton, but in a different manner, should have titles so near alike as to make it confusing to the public who are not familiar enough with the general conditions to readily distinguish between the two organizations and their purposes.

As I understand it, the purpose of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission is or was to build a bridge to be called the Hudson Bridge in honor of Hendrick Hudson, and to celebrate on one or more days by addresses, parades of various kinds and other functions, and thus do honor to the memory of both Hudson and Fulton, while it is the purpose of the Robert Fulton Monument Association to build a water gate and tomb where the remains of Fulton can be permanently interred, all of which will be a permanent monument to his memory. As you know, it will be necessary for us to eventually apply to the public for funds necessary to erect same. We therefore feel that as the purposes of the two Associations are so different in character, that it would be as well to keep them distinct, so that there may be no confusion on the part of the public at large in making their contributions.

I might add that our Association celebrated most successfully at Jamestown on September 23rd the One Hun-

dreth Anniversary of the sailing of the "Clermont" by a naval parade, addresses in the Auditorium, followed by a banquet in the New York State Building in the evening, which was attended by the members of the Fulton family and many prominent people from New York and elsewhere.

You will readily appreciate that in a public matter of this kind where no personal interests are involved, that it is both the intention and desire of all to act in the most perfect harmony and accord, but as you request in your letter a candid expression as to the relation of the two Associations, we after careful consideration, feel that because of the different methods proposed of honoring the memory of Robert Fulton and the uncertainty as to just when we can carry out what we have undertaken to accomplish, that it would be better for the two Associations to act independently of each other.

Very truly yours,  
 CORNELIUS VANDERBILT,  
 President.

THE HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION COMMISSION,

New York, March 9, 1908.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Esq.,

President, The Robert Fulton Monument Association,  
 3 Park Row, New York City.

My Dear Sir: Getting back from Washington I find your good letter of March 2nd, instant. In your closing paragraph you state that you feel that because of the different methods proposed of honoring the memory of Robert Fulton and the uncertainty as to just when you can carry out what you have undertaken to accomplish, it would be better for the two associations to act independently of each other.

With sincerest wishes for the largest possible success in the great work which you are so generously and wisely undertaking, I will present your letter of March 2nd to the Hudson-Fulton Commission at the next meeting of our Trustees, which will occur this month, and ask the authority of our Board to discontinue the Committee in relation to the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the Water Gate.

Whenever your Association or yourself desire any possible co-operation by our Commission with you in your work it will be our privilege and pleasure to attempt such service. Meanwhile, as some ten or twelve of the members

of your Executive and General Committees are members of our Commission and several of your number are among our Trustees and officers, we hope that all of you will do what you can to make our official celebration in the Autumn of 1909 a great success, worthy of the memories of Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton and also worthy of our great City of New York.

Very truly yours,  
 STEWART L. WOODFORD,  
 President.

In view of the foregoing correspondence the President moved that he be given permission to discontinue the Fulton Water Gate Committee. Carried.

*Preserving Hudson River Scenery.*

At the request of Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, the Secretary read communications as follows:

A letter dated March 4, 1908, from Mr. C. R. Norman, President of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York, advocating an early appeal to the Governor and the Legislature for the enactment of legislation creating a Commission, with power to prevent the destruction of the scenery of the Highlands of the Hudson River:

A letter dated March 16, 1908, signed by Mr. Wm. Harris Douglas, President of the New York Produce Exchange, and Mr. C. R. Norman, President of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York, enclosing copy of a proposed "Act to provide for the selection, location, appropriation and management of certain lands along the Hudson river for a state reservation and thereby to preserve the natural scenery of the Hudson River as a memorial of Henry Hudson;" and

A letter dated March 19, 1908, from Mr. Ogden D. Budd, President of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, being a copy of the letter last above mentioned.

The bill accompanying the last two letters is modeled on the lines of the Palisades Interstate Park bill. It provides for the appointment by the Governor of a Commission of

five members, to be known as the "Commissioners of Henry Hudson Memorial Commission,"\* who shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses. They are empowered to "Select and locate such lands lying on the easterly face of the Highlands along the westerly shore of the Hudson River between the north line of the State Reservation at Stony Point and the north base of Storm King Mountain, and such lands lying on the westerly face of the Highlands along the easterly shore of the Hudson river between the north line of the State Camp Grounds near Peekskill and the north base of Breakneck Ridge, as may in their opinion be proper and necessary for the purpose of establishing a State Reservation and thereby preserving the scenic beauty of the Hudson River." The bill further empowers the Commission to take such lands "in fee or otherwise, by purchase, gift, devise or eminent domain . . . and any rights, interests and easements therein, and to receive by gift, contribution or bequest, moneys to be used in acquiring or improving the said lands." The bill prescribes the procedure for condemnation and appropriates \$25,000.

Mr. Seward stated that he had received several communications on this subject, and also the draft of a bill from another source proposing federal protection. He moved that all of these be referred to the Plan and Scope Committee and the Committee on Law and Legislation.

Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the latter committee, demurred to the reference of the subject to his committee as the Committee had already expressed its views upon the matter.

Mr. Seward therefore modified his motion so as to refer the subject to the Plan and Scope Committee and it was carried.

*Life Saving Corps Applies to Participate.*

A communication dated Feb. 3, 1908, from George A. Thormann, General Superintendent of the United States

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\* So worded in original.

Volunteer Life Saving Corps, was read, applying for a position in the parade in 1909 with 250 men.

Referred to the Civic Parade Committee.

*Trustees Renominated for Annual Election.*

Mr. Fitch, Chairman, presented report of the Committee on Nominations renominating the present Board of Trustees for election at the annual meeting of the Commission to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 1908, at 3 P. M., and he moved that the report be approved and that the Secretary be instructed to send a list of the nominations to every member of the Commission with the notice of the meeting. Carried.

*Report on Appropriation Bill.*

Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, reported that Mr. Ridder and he had gone to Albany on Wednesday, the 18th of March, and interviewed Governor Hughes and Senator Armstrong, Chairman of the Finance Committee, on the subject of the appropriation for the celebration. Governor Hughes expressed great interest in the proposed celebration; but with respect to the status of the bill in the Legislature, Mr. Stetson did not feel warranted in reporting more than "progress."

*Co-operation of New York Public Library.*

Dr. George F. Kunz, chairman of the sub-committee on Historical Exhibits of the Committee on Art and Historical Exhibits, reported that on March 16, 1908, Dr. John S. Billings, Director of the New York Public Library, had informed him that he would co-operate with the Hudson-Fulton Commission in making a special commemorative exhibition to consist, first, of the maps, charts, and portraits relating to the discovery of America up to the time of and including the period of Henry Hudson; second, of a collection of manuscripts and histories of Henry Hudson, early views of New York City and other material relating to this interesting period, and third, of plans, illustrations, views and works relating to the period of Robert Fulton and the application of steam to propelling boats and ships.

This collection might be supplemented by loans of material not in the possession of the Library, and a descriptive catalogue of all these objects would be published for distribution. Dr. Kunz said that Dr. Billings had already made a careful study of the Robert Fulton period, having made extensive preparations for the anniversary which did not take place last year.

*Co-operation with Numismatic Society in Striking Medal Proposed.*

Dr. Kunz further reported that on April 6, 1908, the American Numismatic Society would celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. This society, he said, has from time to time authorized well-known medalists to prepare medals commemorating both historical events and famous people. Notable among the former were the medals celebrating the dedication of the Grant Monument and the consolidation of Greater New York; and among the latter, were the Columbus, Vespucci, Dr. Anthon, Daniel Parish, Jr., John Paul Jones, and Sir Francis Drake medals. The members of the Society have made extensive researches and are about to prepare to issue, in 1909, a medal in memory of Henry Hudson. "As the members of this Society are students of numismatic and medallie art as well as of history," said Dr. Kunz, "I would recommend and move that the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission co-operate with the American Numismatic Society and adopt this medal as their own, to be issued jointly by this Commission and the American Numismatic Society. This will insure us a medal that will be both historically correct and, at the same time, will find its way to the cabinets of a greater number of societies and archives, than would be the case if it were issued by this Commission alone. I would further move that if such a medal be struck it should also be commemorative of the work of this Commission, and that one specimen be struck for each member of this Commission, the respective name being stamped on it by means of an inset that can be adjusted to the die of one side of the medal."



Gen. Wilson moved as a substitute that the design for the proposed medal be submitted to this Commission for approval before the cutting of the dies, with the understanding that if it prove satisfactory the Commission will consider the proposition to co-operate in its issue and contribute to the expense.

Dr. Kunz accepted the substitute and the motion was carried.

*Plan of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.*

Dr. Kunz reported that as the result of an interview with Mr. Herbert L. Bridgman of the Brooklyn Standard Union, a member of this Commission, a provisional plan of co-operation had been evolved by Mr. Bridgman and the Brooklyn Institute officials if the Commission should invite the Institute to participate in the celebration. The plan contemplated:

I. Historical: Development of Long Island in the Indian, Colonial and Fulton (1807-1907) periods, as illustrated by topographic maps and models, relics, lithographs, prints, deeds, maps, etc.

II. Ethnological: Introducing, perhaps, reproduction of the early Indian villages and possibly living descendants of the Shinnecocks of the Eastern end of the Island.

III. Evolution of Steam Navigation with models of Fulton's "Clermont" and perhaps of his Demologos and of the "Hendrik Hudson" of 1906, with portraits, relics, books, maps, etc.

IV. Essays for prizes by the public school children of the Island on appropriate, historical and geographical topics, with privilege of publication.

Dr. Kunz moved that the matter of extending a formal invitation to the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences to participate in the celebration next year be referred to the Plan and Scope Committee. Carried.

*Publication of Catalogues Proposed.*

Dr. Kunz moved that the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission indorse the publication of catalogues for each of the Museums or Libraries participating in the exhibition to be held in connection with the celebration of 1909.

The plan, as outlined by Dr. Kunz, was that these Museums and the Museum Committee should prepare a suitable and simple guide containing some illustrations, which ought to sell for 10 cents a copy; that there be issued about nine or ten catalogues, the volumes selling for \$1.00; that there be a first edition of five hundred, or not more than one thousand for each, at a maximum cost of not more than \$1,000 for each five thousand; twenty-five hundred of each to be sent to the press and others to insure the success of the exhibits; and the remainder to be sold. It was suggested that the following institutions take part in the general exhibition:

The American Museum of Natural History, the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, the American Numismatic Society, the Hispanic Society, the American Geographical Society, the New York Historical Society, the New York Public Library, the Genealogical Society, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, it was thought, would probably issue two catalogues and would require a double fund of \$2,000.

The subject was referred to the Plan and Scope Committee.

*Various Reports of Progress.*

Mr. Ridder, Chairman of the Civic Parade Committee; Mr. Sackett, for President Schurman, Chairman of the General Commemorative Exercises Committee; Mr. Parsons, Chairman of the Inwood Hill Park Committee; Mr. Bergen, Chairman of the Memorials Committee; and Admiral Coghlan, Chairman of the Naval Parade Committee, reported progress.

*Auditoriums for Official Literary Exercises.*

Gen. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Official Literary Exercises gave the following information concerning the seating capacity and cost of auditoriums:

	<i>Seats.</i>	<i>Cost.</i>
Madison Square Garden.....	6,000	\$1,000
Metropolitan Opera House.....	3,500	800
Carnegie Hall .....	3,000	400
Brooklyn Academy .....	2,700	300

Gen. Wilson's committee was of the opinion that it would be better to engage the Metropolitan Opera House and Carnegie Hall, than to take the Madison Square Garden, or to take the Opera House and the Brooklyn Academy. The Opera House and Carnegie Hall were near together, which would facilitate the interchange of speakers, and the new transit facilities had brought Brooklyn Borough so near to Manhattan that the question of distance was negligible in view of the compensating advantages of the proposed plan.

Mr. Phillips moved that the report be received and adopted and that the Committee be empowered to engage the Metropolitan Opera House and Carnegie Hall. Carried.

*Champlain Ter-Centenary.*

The Assistant Secretary reported for the information of the Trustees that on March 19, 1908, a bill had been introduced in the Legislature "to provide for the celebration of the ter-centenary of the discovery of Lake Champlain, the appointment of a commission, prescribing its powers and duties and making an appropriation therefor." The bill provides for a commission of five members and appropriated \$100,000.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.







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Use of Steam in the Navigation  
of said river by Robert Fulton  
in the year 1807." ❖ ❖ ❖



Minutes of April 22, 1908

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Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

April 22, 1908.

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at its headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau Street, New York City, Wednesday, April 22, 1908, at 3 o'clock P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: President Stewart L. Woodford in the chair; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. George V. Brower, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Ludwig Nissen, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Mr. Thomas R. Proctor, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Col. John W. Vrooman, and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. George G. DeWitt, Hon. Warren Higley, Gen. Horatio C. King, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, Hon. Seth Low, Commander Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Herman Ridder, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. Spencer Trask, and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

*Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, dated April 22, 1908, was read as follows:

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report that no disbursements have been made since the last meeting and that the balance of the State Fund on hand remains as then stated, namely, \$6,964.90.

The balance in the Subscription Fund also remains the same as before stated \$9.18.

Yours respectfully,  
ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,  
Treasurer.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee:

Henry Romeike, Inc., press clippings for March	\$1 98
Miss J. A. Cooke, mimeographing.....	6 75
J. B. Lyon Co., 1,000 manila envelopes.....	4 50
E. H. Hall, Disbursements.....	\$22 16
E. H. Hall, Salary for April.....	250 00
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*Invitation to Kingston's Quarter-Millennial.*

The following invitation from the Hon. A. T. Clearwater, a member of this Commission, was read:

Kingston, N. Y., March 30, 1908.

To the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,

Gentlemen: On the first day of June next the citizens of Kingston will celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the City, and on behalf of the Committee of Fifty-nine on Plan and Scope, and the Committee on Speakers and Invited Guests, it affords me the greatest pleasure to extend to the members of your Commission an invitation to be present and take part in the ceremonies attendant upon the celebration. The Governor



of the State will deliver an address. In due time the formal invitation will be sent to the President of the Commission, but this invitation is sent at this early date to obviate the sending of a separate invitation to each member of the Commission.

Respectfully,  
A. T. CLEARWATER.

It was voted that the cordial thanks of the Commission be extended to the citizens of Kingston for their kind invitation and that it be accepted in behalf of as many members of this Commission as may be able to attend.

*Nominated for Appointment to the Commission.*

Mr. Theodore Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented a report recommending the appointment of the following named gentlemen as members of the Commission:

By the Governor: Hon. Andrew S. Draper of Albany, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York.

By the Mayor of New York: Dr. Elgin R. L. Gould, of 301 West Seventy-seventh Street, New York, educator, philanthropist and financier, formerly City Chamberlain; Hon. Charles A. Schieren, of 34 Ferry Street, New York, leather merchant, financier, ex-Mayor of Brooklyn, Vice-President of Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, etc.; and Mr. John R. Van Wormer of 32 East Forty-second Street, New York, Secretary and General Manager of the Lincoln Safe Deposit and Warehouse Co., ex-President of the Holland Society and member of various patriotic and historical societies.

The report was adopted.

*Report of the Plan and Scope Committee.*

The Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, presented the following report:

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

The Committee on Plan and Scope, having received suggestions from several of the committees to which various

details of the celebration have been referred, recommends that the programme heretofore submitted be amended as follows:

1. That in accordance with the request of the Robert Fulton Monument Association, provision for the dedication of the Robert Fulton Memorial Gate be omitted from the programme of Monday, September 27.

2. That Monday evening, September 27th, be the date of the Music Festival instead of Thursday evening, September 30th.

3. That the President be requested to appoint a Music Festival Committee to have charge of that feature of the celebration.

4. That the Official Literary Exercises on Tuesday evening, September 28th, be confined to those authorized to be held in the Metropolitan Opera House and Carnegie Hall.

5. That the Land Parade on Wednesday, the 29th, be restricted to the United States Army, United States Navy and Marine Corps, the National Guard and the Naval Militia.

6. That Thursday evening, September 30, 1909, be the date for the Official Banquet instead of Monday evening, September 27th.

7. That Saturday evening, October 2d, be the date for the civic parade; that the parade be called the Carnival Parade; and that the Committee in charge of it be called the Carnival Parade Committee instead of Civic Parade Committee.

8. That the general idea of co-operating with institutions of learning in the publication of catalogues of their celebration exhibits be approved, the details to be arranged later.

9. And that the general idea of preserving the scenery of the Highlands of the Hudson River be approved, but that further consideration be given to the subject before any specific recommendation be made.

Owing to the many inquiries for copies of the programme of the Celebration, and the changes in dates which have been made since the Plan and Scope Report was reprinted in the minutes of October 23, 1907, we submit herewith a revised report, of which extra copies can be printed, if desired, as a general circular of information.

Understanding that it is the policy of the Commission to hold itself open to any practical suggestions which may contribute to the success of the celebration, we repeat the

statement made in our former reports to the effect that *the programme here outlined is not to be regarded as final* except in its essential features.

#### THE DATE.

The official commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the exploration of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in 1609 and the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of commercially successful steam navigation by Robert Fulton upon the Hudson River in 1807,\* will begin on Saturday, September 25, 1909, and continue eight days, unless it should be deemed advisable to supplement the present programme with an "old home week" along the upper Hudson River. It is contemplated not only that the celebration shall embrace the whole Hudson Valley from the mouth of the river to the head of navigation, upon or tributary to which is the residence of over one-half of the population of the State, but also that it shall embrace the whole State of New York, for it is the existence of the Hudson River in connection with the remarkable geographical situation and topographical nature of the State that has made the State's wonderful growth and prosperity possible.

The date selected combines historical propriety and popular convenience. Hudson entered the lower harbor on September 2, 1609; started up the river September 12th; reached his "farthest north" September 19th; started down stream on his return voyage September 23d; and set sail from the lower harbor for home on October 4th. The celebration covers the anniversaries of eight days of Hudson's memorable voyage in our river, concluding on the anniversary of his battle with the Indians in the river opposite Manhattan Island and his anchorage near the green cliff of Hoboken.

The days selected will come in the week following the autumnal equinox when there is prospect of good weather. Forecaster Emery of the Weather Bureau of New York

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\*It may be explained for the benefit of persons who are not members of the Commission and to whom copies of this programme may be sent, that the centennial anniversary of the first trip of Fulton's steamboat Clermont occurred on August 17, 1907. Its official commemoration was postponed, however, in order that it might be combined with the celebration of the 300th anniversary of Hudson's voyage, for the reason that the two events occurred on the same river, and their anniversaries came so close together as to make separate commemorations upon a large scale inexpedient.

informs us, after an examination of the records for a number of years, that while (contrary to popular belief) rain has been less frequent during equinoctial week than during the week before, there has been even less rain in the week following the equinox.

The dates have also been selected upon the advice of those conversant with summer travel with a view to accommodating those returning from their summer's outings.

#### RELIGIOUS SERVICE DAYS.

(Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26, 1909.)

We are of the opinion that in arranging for the celebration we should not overlook the Divine guidance in the two great events to be commemorated, one of which opened up our State to modern civilization and led to the founding of the City of New York, and the other of which laid the foundation for the vast commerce upon which the prosperity of the City and State so largely depends. We have therefore set apart the first two days for religious observances by those who are accustomed to worship on Saturday and Sunday.

#### RECEPTION DAY.

(Monday, September 27th.)

The secular observances will begin on Monday, September 27th, with the following features:

General decoration of public and private buildings from New York to the head of the river.

Rendezvous of American and foreign vessels at New York.

Fac-simile of Hudson's "Half Moon" to enter the river, be formally received and take her place in line.

Fac-simile of Fulton's "Clermont" to start from original site with appropriate exercises and take position in line.

Visiting guests to disembark and be officially received.

Typical Indian Village at Inwood to be established by American Museum of Natural History.

In the evening, a Music Festival in New York City.

#### HISTORICAL DAY.

(Tuesday, September 28th.)

Tuesday, the 28th, is essentially an educational day, designed to be participated in by the universities, colleges, schools, museums and learned and patriotic societies *throughout the whole State*. While the commemoration of

1909 must, from geographical considerations, largely center around the Hudson River, the glory and the material benefits of Hudson's and Fulton's achievements are the heritage of the people of the entire State, and the programme for Historical Day affords a practical means for a general observance of the occasion from one end of the State to the other. Features of this day's observances will be as follows: Commemorative exercises in Columbia University, New York University, College of City of New York, Cooper Union, University of St. John at Fordham, Hebrew University, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Public Schools, Historical Societies, and *all the universities, colleges and institutions of learning throughout the State of New York*; with free lectures for the people in New York City under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Exhibits of paintings, prints, books, models, relics, etc., by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, the Hispanic Museum, the American Numismatic Society, the New York Public Library, the New York Historical Society, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the American Geographical Society, Webb's School for Shipbuilders, the New York Yacht Club, and *similar institutions throughout the State*. If practicable, some of these exhibits may open earlier in the year and extend over a period of several months.

During the day, visiting guests will be shown about the City of New York.

In the evening, the Official Literary Exercises will be held in the Metropolitan Opera House and Carnegie Hall, at which orations will be delivered by men of national reputation.

#### MILITARY PARADE DAY.

(Wednesday, September 29th.)

On Wednesday will occur the military parade, participated in by the United States Army, the United States Navy and Marine Corps, the National Guard and the Naval Militia.

Owing to the probable length of this parade, which may contain as many as 25,000 troops, the great fatigue which would be caused to the distinguished reviewing party if required to witness a longer procession, and the difficulties in the way of moving with precision and promptness a larger body if composed of undrilled civilians, it has been deemed advisable to eliminate from this parade the civic features heretofore suggested.

An evening reception to the official guests at the headquarters of the Department of the East on Governor's Island is suggested as the closing event of the day if it proves agreeable to the authorities.

DEDICATION DAY.

(Thursday, September 30th.)

Soon after the Commission was formed, a World's Fair at or near New York City was suggested. After giving several public hearings the subject was referred to the Plan and Scope Committee, who, in their preliminary report, expressed the belief that the country had been surfeited with such temporary celebrations and voiced the hope that the celebration of 1909 would be conducted on a plan which would leave monumental works of lasting benefit to the people. The ideas thus expressed have received unequivocal expressions of approval from the leading newspapers of this and other States and have been accepted as the policy of the Commission.

We therefore recommend that Thursday in Celebration Week be devoted to the dedication of parks and memorials along the Hudson River; and that, between now and then, the most earnest efforts be made to secure not only the great memorials like Inwood Hill Park, the Hudson Memorial Bridge, the Verplanck's Point Park, the completion of the Palisades Drive, etc., but also that the civic pride of various communities along the river be invoked to participate in like manner by establishing parks, institutions or other public memorials.

We approve of the preservation of the scenery of the Highlands as a memorial to Henry Hudson if means therefor can be found.

We also recommend that the interest of the numerous historical and patriotic societies be enlisted for the erection of monuments and tablets, so that the history of the Hudson Valley may be written in stone and bronze from the site of old Fort Amsterdam to the site of old Fort Orange. We already have advices which indicate that monuments to William the Silent, the Prison Ship Martyrs and the victims of the Maine disaster and a tablet to the Founders and Patriots of New York will be ready for dedication next year.

The programme for the day contemplates not only the dedication of such permanent memorials, but also:

Aquatic sports on the Hudson River, designed in the first instance for friendly competition between the crews

of the naval vessels, but which may embrace motor boat races and such other amusements as may seem practicable and desirable;

A reception to visiting guests at West Point during the day; and

An Official Banquet in honor of distinguished guests in the City of New York in the evening.

#### HUDSON RIVER DAY.

(Friday, October 1st.)

Friday, October 1st is devoted to the Naval Parade and incidental ceremonies. It appears to be practicable for some of our naval vessels to proceed as far north as Newburgh Bay. We have therefore planned to have as many vessels of the navy, merchant marine, excursion boats, and pleasure craft as possible go from New York to Newburgh, taking with them the fac-similes of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont."

In order that the inhabitants of the country on either side of the river may see the parade and the reproductions of the historic vessels, we recommend that the day be devoted by them to fêtes champêtres along the river-sides from New York to Newburgh.

As the procession passes up the river, salutes may be fired from eligible points.

Simultaneously with the advance of the Southern Hudson Division, we recommend a counter-procession from Albany to Newburgh, the two divisions meeting and holding appropriate ceremonies at Newburgh. The delivery of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" to the North Hudson Division would form a feature of these exercises.

#### CARNIVAL DAY.

(Saturday, October 2d.)

Saturday, October 2d, is designed for a general Carnival Day.

The two divisions of the Naval Parade will return to their respective starting points, the people residing north of Newburgh holding open air fêtes at convenient places along the river which will enable them to see and salute the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" as they pass.

In all the cities this will be peculiarly the Children's Day, devoted to fêtes in public and private parks and playgrounds. The fertility of the youthful mind as displayed in their May Party and Thanksgiving Day observances sug-

gests that these Children's Festivals may develop into one of the most interesting and picturesque features of the celebration.

The celebration will culminate in New York City in the evening with a Carnival Parade. This feature, with its moving allegorical tableaux and illustrations of the arts of civilization will, it is believed, exceed in beauty and interest the most famous carnivals of Europe.

Brilliance will be added to the general spectacle by the illumination of the fleet and public and private buildings and a pyrotechnic display. Displays of fireworks at various points, notably on the great bridges as in the fêtes of the 14th of July in Paris, can be seen by hundreds of thousands of people and will give great pleasure to the masses.

At 9 p. m. it is designed to have a chain of signal fires from mountain tops and other eligible points along the whole river, lighted simultaneously. For these signal fires, the co-operation of the inhabitants and authorities of different localities is confidently relied upon. It is believed that each one will select suitable points where such bonfires may be conspicuous and yet compatible with safety to property; and that the public spirit of the community will inspire its members with zeal for collecting the materials, and firing the piles at the hour appointed.

In the cities of Troy, Albany, Rensselaer, Hudson, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, and Yonkers, and in the villages along the river, similar events are contemplated.

#### OLD HOME WEEK.

(Sunday, October 3d. to Saturday, October 9th.)

It has been suggested with much force that the celebration might judiciously be prolonged another week in order that communities along the Hudson River might have an opportunity for a series of "old home days." It has been represented to the committee that the events previously outlined will draw many residents of the State to the City of New York and will prevent as full a participation in local celebrations as might otherwise be possible; whereas, in the week following not only will the citizens of the communities outside of the Metropolis be at home, but former residents of those communities will also be freer to make pilgrimages to their old homes, renew old ties and participate in local exercises. These personal ties which, despite the migrations of our citizens, bind the various communities to each other, form one of the strongest factors in promoting the



unity of the commonwealth and should sedulously be fostered. If, therefore, the proposed "old home week" should prove practicable, we should favor the co-operation of this Commission in making it a success.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

FREDERICK W. SEWARD,  
Chairman.

The report was received and approved and the recommendations adopted.

*Report of Official Banquet Committee.*

In the absence of Col. William Jay, Chairman of the Committee on Official Banquet, the Secretary reported that at a joint meeting of the Plan and Scope Committee and the Banquet Committee held April 15th, a letter from Col. Jay was read stating that the Hotel Astor contemplated an extensive addition which was expected to be ready in time for the banquet September 30, 1909, and in which a thousand people or more could be seated and served with dinner. Col. Jay said that it seemed to him to be a question between the Hotel Astor and the Waldorf-Astoria, and he was disposed to favor the former. Col. Jay also desired the views of the Plan and Scope Committee as to whether all attending the banquet should be invited guests and be entertained at the expense of the Commission, or whether tickets should be sold to a certain number of subscribers. He thought the latter plan would be convenient as providing a fund for the banquet. The Plan and Scope Committee had recommended to the Banquet Committee that 500 seats be reserved for official guests, also necessary seats for the Banquet, Invitations and Reception Committees, and that the remainder be sold according to such plan as the Banquet Committee might deem best.

The President asked Mr. Muschenheim if the new dining hall would surely be ready by September 30, 1909.

Mr. Muschenheim replied that it would and explained the progress of the building of the addition. He said that they already had a surplus of steam heating and lighting plant in their present hotel, also ample kitchen accommodations,

so that new equipments in those respects would not be required. He said that the entire ground floor of the addition would be given to the new dining hall; that the open floor in the center would seat 1,090 guests; and that in the colonnade under the boxes surrounding three sides 600 more could be seated. If necessary, the three adjoining assembly rooms could be used for dining space, and assembly rooms could be provided elsewhere, thus accommodating 800 more diners, all of whom, he said, could see and hear the speakers. The galleries would accommodate about 500 spectators. He said that he felt in a delicate position as a member of this Commission in expressing the desire to serve the Official Banquet, but he wished to assure the Commission that he was not animated by any mercenary motives. He did not expect any pecuniary profit, but he wanted to co-operate with the Commission and do what he could by his personal attention and the resources he could command to make the banquet a great success.

Further consideration was postponed until the Banquet Committee presented a formal report.

*Report of General Commemorative Exercises Committee.*

President Schurman of Cornell University, Chairman of the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises, spoke of the large opportunity presented for the educational extension of the work of the Commission through the performance of the duties assigned to his committee and the importance of enlisting the interest of educational institutions, learned societies, and patriotic and historical organizations throughout the State in the celebration next year. In behalf of his committee, he presented two recommendations, namely, that the Hon. Andrew S. Draper, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, be nominated for membership on the Commission; and that the Assistant Secretary or some other person be requested to prepare a manual of information, containing a brief account of Hudson and Fulton and the events to be commemorated next year. President Schurman thought that perhaps the Commissioner of Education would have the manual printed with-

out expense to this Commission, and he expressed the belief that it would be a valuable medium for disseminating information and stimulating interest in the commemoration.

The report was received.

Col. Vrooman eulogized Commissioner Draper and said that it was a singular oversight that the head of the educational system of the State had not sooner been made a member of this Commission.

Mr. Fitch, in behalf of the Committee on Nominations, immediately presented the name of Commissioner Draper as recommended by President Schurman and moved that it be inserted in the report of that Committee already adopted. Without objection the motion was adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Seligman, President Schurman's second recommendation was also adopted, and the Assistant Secretary was directed to prepare the manual according to the suggestions contained therein.

#### *Report of Inwood Hill Park Committee.*

Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the Inwood Hill Park Committee, reported that the result of the efforts of the Committee since the conference at the Mayor's office last year was to satisfy it that the City authorities should immediately be asked to authorize condemnation proceedings to acquire the proposed park. At the time of the meeting at the Mayor's office, it was assumed that the proposed area could be acquired for a sum not to exceed \$2,000,000. At this expenditure, the area to be acquired would furnish both the Park and the approach to the bridge. A plot of over 100 lots is for sale at a price on the basis of which the necessary area would come well within \$2,000,000. The particular plot referred to is equal to and in some respects above the average value of the entire area. Until recently, land on the hill has been offered by the acre. The owners now put their valuations upon the basis of a division into lots. The owners of another parcel comprising over 300 lots put their valuations upon a basis of \$4,000 a lot. Much of that parcel is low and upon the banks of a canal, unsuitable for any remunerative use. The Committee is not pre-

pared to recommend the purchase of that parcel at any price which the owners are willing to accept. The owners call attention to the fact that the city under condemnation proceedings has paid as much as \$3,000 a lot for other property which they claim cannot be compared with their holdings at Inwood. The answer to this would seem to be that recent revelations lead to the result that the time has passed when property was to be acquired at an extravagant price through the action of condemnation commissioners.

In suggesting that condemnation proceedings be taken, said Mr. Parsons, the Committee recommends that, as a partial alternative, there shall be the right to acquire such parcels as can be purchased at a reasonable rate. Several advantages would result from such a course. The expense of condemnation proceedings would be avoided; the purchase could be consummated within a reasonable time; and the price would furnish a basis of market value in condemnation proceedings. The Committee would not by any means recommend that the property of any owner be taken at less than its fair value. What they deprecated was that an attempt should be made to take advantage of an important scheme to force from the city sums which have no fair relation to the market value.

With his report Mr. Parsons filed correspondence which was not designed for publication, but which was open to inspection by any of the Trustees.

It was "Resolved that the Report of the Inwood Hill Committee be and the same hereby is approved; and that the city authorities be requested to take action as proposed by the Report."

#### *Report of Carnival Parade Committee.*

In the absence of Mr. Herman Ridder, Chairman of the Carnival Parade Committee, the Secretary reported that the recommendations of the Plan and Scope Committee, already adopted, to the effect that the civic parade be held Saturday evening, October 2, 1909, and that it take the form of a carnival with allegorical and historical floats, had been made on Mr. Ridder's suggestion. Mr. Ridder had already com-

municated with some of the German singing societies and their co-operation was assured. It was believed that the demonstration Saturday evening, combining the carnival parade, the illumination of the fleet, the lighting of public and private buildings, and the pyrotechnic display, would excel anything of the kind ever given abroad.

*Committee on Aeronautics.*

The President stated that the Hon. William Berri had expressed the idea that great public interest would be taken in an exhibition of every kind of aerial locomotion. He believed that the science of aerial travel would be so far advanced next year as to make such an exhibition practical and of world wide importance. And Mr. Ridder had suggested that an illumination of air-craft on Saturday night would add a novel attraction to the Carnival. The President was so impressed with these suggestions that he had decided to appoint, and announced the appointment of, Mr. Berri as chairman of a Committee on Aeronautics, to make recommendations to the Plan and Scope Committee. He said that he would announce the appointment of the other members of the Committee later.

*Report of Committee on Law and Legislation.*

Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, after recapitulating the efforts of the Committee to secure an appropriation of \$300,000 for the celebration, in addition to the reappropriation of the \$12,500 balance of the \$25,000 appropriated in 1906, stated that the Senate Supply Bill, as printed, contained the following provision:

“The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000), being the unexpended balance of an appropriation made by chapter three hundred twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred six for the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose, and the further sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), is hereby appropriated and made immediately available for the same purpose, and the further sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) which is hereby appropriated and made available therefor on and after January first, nineteen hundred nine.”

Mr. Stetson said that upon discovering the error in the first item, which appeared to reappropriate \$125,000 instead of \$12,500 unexpended balance, he had written to Senator Armstrong, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate, calling attention to the mistake and suggesting that the difference between \$12,500 and \$125,000, namely, \$112,500, be added to the second item, so that the bill would provide the following sums: \$12,500 reappropriation of unexpended balance; \$212,000 more available at once; and \$50,000 more available after the first of January, 1909. Senator Armstrong replied as follows:

Albany, April 14, 1908.

Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson,  
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Stetson: I have your favor of the 13th instant. Owing to a typographical error the supply bill gives your commission \$125,000 of unexpended balance, when it ought to be \$12,500 of your original \$25,000 appropriation. The determination of the committee was to give you that \$12,500 unexpended balance and \$150,000 more, of which \$100,000 should be immediately available and the balance after the first of next January. It may be that with this explanation it will not be so satisfactory to you, but the Committee feels that it is all that can be done this year.

Yours truly,

WM. W. ARMSTRONG.

Mr. Stetson stated that while the situation was not as favorable as might be desired, he was encouraged by the closing words of Senator Armstrong's letter—"that it is all that can be done this year"—which implied a further appropriation next year.

Report received.

*Report of Committee on Memorials.*

Mr. Bergen, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, reported on the following four topics:

First: With respect to the proposed new government lighthouse on Stony Point, the Committee was of the opinion that the Commission had no duty to perform concerning

the celebration of the battle of Stony Point. Concerning a lighthouse on Verplanck's Point, the Committee thought it best to defer recommendations until the State had acted upon the subject of the proposed State Park.

Second: The Committee thought that in addition to the medals which might be struck, a general or souvenir programme should be published. This should include a statement concerning the Commission and its work, a programme of the celebration, a short authentic account of prominent landmarks, and historic events connected with the Half Moon and Clermont. This programme might be issued in a cheap, popular form, and in addition thereto an extra edition *de luxe* for better preservation. It might be illustrated with views of the river, and of the Half Moon and Clermont.

Third: It would be proper to consider the selection of proper sites where memorial tablets could be erected to commemorate certain leading events in the history of the Half Moon and Clermont, the style, material and wording of the tablets to be considered later.

Fourth: In connection with the appointment of Foreign Correspondent Councillors (see page 417) Mr. Bergen reported progress in the movement in the Netherlands for the presentation of the Half Moon by the people of Holland. From Commissioner Jaccaci, who had recently returned from Holland, and from correspondence, it was learned that the museum authorities of the Netherlands and a certain high official were making researches in regard to the design of the Half Moon which were both significant and gratifying, but the Committee's information was not such as to warrant an authoritative announcement. He hoped to be in a position at the next meeting to nominate Foreign Correspondent Councillors.

Report of progress received.

#### *Report of Naval Parade Committee.*

Admiral Coghlan, Chairman of the Naval Parade Committee, reported that his committee had sought information from every available source in regard to the designs of the

Half Moon and Clermont, and it was believed that the sources of information concerning the Clermont had been exhausted. The inquiry concerning the Half Moon, as reported by Mr. Jaccaci of his Committee and as stated by Mr. Bergen, was still in progress in the Netherlands. In regard to the Clermont, the Committee believed that it was now as well prepared as possible to take the necessary steps for construction, and recommended that the sum of \$250, or so much thereof as might be necessary, be placed at the disposal of the Committee for the preparation of working plans and blue prints to submit to bidders, and for the preliminary expenses of the building of the vessel. It was the consensus of opinion of the Committee that the Clermont should be built so as to appear as she did on her initial trip August 17, 1807, and not with the improvements which were made a few weeks later.

The report was received and approved, and it was voted that \$250 be appropriated for the preliminary expenses of the Committee.

*Iron Used in Building the Clermont.*

In connection with his report on the Clermont, Admiral Coghlan filed with the Secretary a letter dated March 31, 1908, from Dr. George F. Kunz, a Trustee of the Commission, stating that "The iron used in the building of the old Clermont was made from bog iron ore found in the swamps of Allaire, N. J. Allaire is an estate of some 6,000 acres and is owned by Mr. Arthur Brisbane, editor of the New York Journal, who has generously offered to furnish one ton or more of iron from the old buildings and furnace which still stand at Allaire for the building of the Clermont."

*Report of Official Literary Exercises Committee.*

Gen. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Official Literary Exercises, reported that the use of the Metropolitan Opera House for Tuesday evening, September 28, 1909, had been secured without cost through the great courtesy of the owners, and that Carnegie Hall had been engaged for the



same evening for the sum of \$400. These two halls together would seat 6,500 persons with standing room for 1,000 more. The Committee had received an unofficial offer of the Brooklyn Academy of Music without cost if the Commission should desire to use that auditorium for a third entertainment. The latter would accommodate 3,000 persons. With reference to the Metropolitan Opera House and Carnegie Hall, it was the plan of the Committee to have the then President of the United States and the two ex-Presidents first visit the Opera House and speak, occupying about an hour, and then go to Carnegie Hall and speak. At the Opera House they would be followed by a speaker of national reputation who would deliver the oration at that place. At Carnegie Hall the Presidents would be preceded by another distinguished speaker who would deliver the oration for that place.

The report was received and the action of the Committee in securing the Opera House and Carnegie Hall approved.

On motion of Mr. Sackett, the offer of the Brooklyn Academy of Music was referred back to the Committee on Official Literary Exercises with power to accept it and make arrangements for exercises there.

Upon motion of Col. Vrooman, the cordial thanks of the Commission were extended to the owner of the Metropolitan Opera House for their generosity and public spirit in placing the auditorium at the disposal of the Commission without cost.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.



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Minutes of  
The Commission

May 6, 1908.

The annual meeting of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held, pursuant to the by-laws and notice duly given, at its headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, Wednesday, May 6, 1908, at 3 o'clock p. m.

*Roll Call.*

Present: The President, Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Mr. George C. Batcheller, Dr. E. Parnly Brown, Mr. Frederick R. Cruikshank, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. James de la Montanye, Mr. John C. Eames, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Major-General Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Abner S. Haight, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Albert E. Kleinert, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Mr. Charles W. Lefler, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N., Commander Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Colonel William Cary Sanger, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. George R. Sutherland, and General James Grant Wilson.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. William McCarroll, Mr. Percy B. O'Sullivan, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee and Hon. Timothy L. Woolruff, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the last annual meeting, held May 8, 1907, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved without reading.

*President's Annual Report.*

The annual report of the President was read as follows: To the Members of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

The printed minutes of the meetings of the Commission, the Trustees and the Executive Committee which have been sent to every member of the Commission during the past year have kept you so fully posted concerning their transactions that it is not necessary to present to you at this annual meeting any extended review of the preparations which have been made thus far for the Celebration next year.

When you receive the minutes of the last meeting of the Trustees held on April 22d, which are now in the hands of the State Printer at Albany, you will have the latest information with the exception of one interesting fact of which we have received official advice since that date.

At the last meeting of the Trustees, the revised report of the Plan and Scope Committee was adopted upon substantially the same lines as heretofore laid down. When it was found that the Celebration could be moved along one week later than originally planned without sacrifice of historical propriety, it was done for the better accommodation of the public returning from the summer's vacation and to take advantage of the probability of better weather. It will therefore begin on Saturday, September 25, 1909, and continue until and including the following Saturday, Oct. 2d, with the possible addition of an "Old Home Week" for the particular benefit of the local communities along the upper part of the Hudson Valley.

Briefly stated, the plan is as follows, subject to such changes of detail as may be deemed advisable as the date of celebration approaches:

Saturday and Sunday, September 25th and 26th, will be devoted to religious services.

On Monday, the 27th, there will be a general decoration of buildings along the Hudson; the rendezvous of American and foreign naval vessels at New York, the placing of the Half Moon and Clermont reproductions in line; the reception of official guests; and in the evening a Music Festival.

Tuesday, the 28th, will be Historical Day throughout the state in universities, colleges, and schools, and commemorations by all learned, historical and patriotic societies. In New York, official literary exercises will be held in the

Metropolitan Opera House, Carnegie Hall and possibly the Brookiyn Academy.

On Wednesday, September 29th, there will be an imposing military parade in New York.

Thursday, the 30th, will be devoted to the dedication of public parks, monuments, tablets and other memorials in New York and elsewhere, particularly along the Hudson River. In the evening there will be an official banquet to invited guests in New York City.

On Friday, it is planned to have two naval parades, one starting from New York and one from Albany, meeting at Newburgh, where interesting exercises will be held.

On Saturday, the two parades will return to their respective starting points, with illuminations and festivities in Albany and New York. In New York in the evening, there will be a Carnival Parade of great beauty. Saturday will also be the Children's Day, with open air fetes.

From Sunday, October 3d, to Saturday, the 9th, it has been suggested that a series of Old Home Days be held at the principal places north of Newburgh. This idea has so much to commend it that it will probably receive favorable consideration if it proves practicable.

Since the last meeting of the Trustees, communications have been received from Jonkheer R. de Marees van Swinderen, until recently Minister Plenipotentiary from the Netherlands to the United States, but now Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, and from Jonkheer Roell, Vice Admiral of the Royal Dutch Navy retired and Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty, the Queen of the Netherlands, informing us that a committee has been formed in Holland with a view to participating in the Celebration, by presenting the Commission with the reproduction of the Half Moon. This testimony of friendship from the people of the Country to which the City and State of New York in particular and the United States as a whole are bound by warmly cherished ties of blood, tradition and affection is most gratifying, and most cordially reciprocated. (Applause.)

The Commission's Committee on Naval Parade has made a painstaking investigation into the subject of the Clermont, and under authority given at the last meeting of the Trustees is having plans prepared according to the most authentic information attainable. The contract for construction has not yet been let; and if, by the time the plans are ready, some institution or body of men representing particularly the maritime interests of New York should be

inspired by the example of the people of Holland to assume the expense of building the Clermont facsimile and giving it to this Commission, the generous act would reflect a public spirit entirely characteristic of the leaders of the maritime interests of this great port.

Letters have been sent to the President of the United States respectfully asking him to order the presence of American naval vessels and to invite the Foreign Powers also to send naval and personal representatives. The President has deferred action upon these requests until he could be advised that the State of New York has made a sufficient appropriation of funds to ensure the celebration. The recent legislature has reappropriated \$12,500, the unexpended balance of our preliminary appropriation of 1906, and has appropriated \$150,000 additional with the prospect of a still further appropriation next year. The appropriation is embodied in the Supply Bill which is now in the Governor's hands for consideration. As soon as it is approved, the President will be advised and it is probable that the foreign invitations will promptly be issued.

In all other respects, the preparations are well in hand and give promise of a celebration worthy of the events to be commemorated and of the people commemorating them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

STEWART L. WOODFORD,

President.

The report was received and ordered printed in the minutes.

*Vote of Thanks for the Half Moon.*

President Schurman of Cornell University, spoke in high terms of the generous purpose of the people of Holland to present to the Commission the model of the Half Moon, as communicated by the distinguished representatives of the government of the Netherlands, Vice-Admiral Roell and Minister van Swinderen, and announced by the President of the Commission in his annual report; and he moved that the President be requested to convey to the people of Holland the assurances of the Commission's grateful appreciation. Carried.

*Treasurer's Annual Report.*

The annual report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, was read as follows:

To the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906, incorporating this Commission, appropriated \$25,000 for the purposes of the act. Of that amount, \$12,500 was drawn for use and deposited to the credit of the Commission in New York, leaving \$12,500 in the State Treasury.

Of the \$12,500 drawn, the sum of \$6,049.32 has been disbursed on approved vouchers since the chartering of the Commission two years ago, leaving a cash balance on deposit amounting to \$6,450.68. Against this are chargeable vouchers which have been approved but not yet paid, amounting to \$593.21, leaving an available cash balance of \$5,857.47 on May 6, 1908.

In addition to the foregoing receipts and disbursements, we have received \$189.49 interest on deposits, which we have remitted to the State Treasurer in compliance with law.

During the past year we have received \$81.00 from Trustees of the Commission toward the Subscription Fund for the payment of portions of the bills for printing not done by the State Printer and not allowed by the Comptroller. Of this sum, \$71.82 has been disbursed for the purpose named, leaving a cash balance of \$9.18 in the Subscription Fund. There remains chargeable against this fund an unpaid bill of \$25.34.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,

Treasurer.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Election of Trustees.*

The election of Trustees for the ensuing year being in order, Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, laid before the Commission the report already presented to the Trustees on March 25th, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Commission with the notice of the annual meeting under date of April 15th. He stated that the Committee renominated all the present Trustees.

The President then called for further nominations from the floor. None being made, Dr. Kunz moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in behalf of the meeting for the persons named in the report of the Nominating Committee. The motion was duly seconded and was carried unanimously.

The Secretary having cast the ballot as directed, the President announced the unanimous election of the following named gentlemen as Trustees for the ensuing year:

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Hon. John H. Starin	Gen. Stewart L. Woodford
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#### *Fifteen Banquets Proposed.*

Miscellaneous business being in order, Dr. Brown said that he would like to lay before the Commission the question of holding fifteen banquets instead of one during the celebration next year. He believed that every distinguished guest, every officer on every ship, and every commissioned officer with every troop, whether they came from the United States or Terre del Fuego or any other place, should be given a place at a banquet, and that nothing short of fifteen banquets at fifteen leading hotels would meet the situation. Besides, there were thousands of other men who should have the right to enter one of those banquets and suitable opportunity should be given to them. Such a banquet with wine, he estimated, would cost \$7.50 a cover; and if the Commission would announce that reputable citizens who would send \$15 would be permitted to attend and bring one guest, it would receive enough applications to test the capacity of all of the leading hotels.

Judge Higley inquired whether, if such plan were adopted, fifteen banquets would be adequate to meet the demand.

Dr. Brown replied that if they were not, the number could be increased.

Without further discussion, on motion of Mr. Ridler, the subject was referred to the Committee on Official Banquet.

*Commemorative Coinage and Postage Stamps.*

Dr. Kunz moved that the Committee on Memorials be requested to consider and report on the advisability of recommending to the Secretary of the Treasury the minting of coins from special dies next year in commemoration of the events to be celebrated, and to the Postmaster-General the issuing of specially designed postage stamps for the same purpose. Such coins and stamps, used by millions of people, would be invaluable mediums for directing public attention in all parts of the country to the historical significance of the year and fully popularizing the work of the Commission. At the same time, the specimens preserved by thousands of stamp collectors and numismatists in this and foreign countries would constitute a permanent record for generations to come. Special coins and stamps had been issued at the time of the Jamestown Exposition in 1907, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904, the Columbian Celebration in 1893, and similar commemorations, and had proved of great value and interest. He suggested that the coin be modeled on the lines of the Columbian Exposition half dollar, the Isabella quarter, or the Louisiana Purchase gold dollar. Preferably, it should not exceed twenty-five cents in face value, and if supplied at that price and sold for fifty cents or a dollar, the Commission might derive a substantial revenue from it. Both coins and stamps should bear the portrait of Hudson or Fulton, or a representation of the Half Moon or the Clermont.

The motion to refer the two subjects to the Committee on Memorials was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.



Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

May 27, 1908.

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau Street, New York, Wednesday, May 27, 1908, at 3 o'clock P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: The President, Stewart L. Woodford, in the chair; and Hon. James M. Beck, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. William Berri, Mr. George V. Brower, Read Admiral J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Henry Hudson, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Dr. George F. Kunz, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Hon. Benjamin McClung, Mr. William J. McKay, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Col. John W. Vrooman and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Col. William Jay, Gen. Horatio C. King, Hon. William McCarroll, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Hon. John H. Starin, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Aaran Vanderbilt, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, and Mr. Charles R. Wilson, and they were excused.

## Minutes of Trustees

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the Trustees, having been printed and sent to all the members of the Commission, were approved as printed.

*Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, was read as follows:

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

I have the honor to report the state of the treasury on May 27, 1908, as follows:

## STATE FUND.

## DEBIT.

To balance on hand, April 22, 1908..... \$6,964 96

## CREDIT.

By paid on approved vouchers:

63. E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$22 29	
E. H. Hall, salary for February..	250 00	
		<u>\$272 29</u>
64. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....		23 29
65. Henry Romeike, press clippings, January...		1 17
66. Miss J. A. Cooke, mimeographing.....		1 60
67. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....		26 44
68. State of New York, interest on deposit....		189 49
69. E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$16 30	
E. H. Hall, salary for March.....	250 00	
		<u>266 30</u>
70. De-Fi Manufacturing Co., carbon paper....		3 50
71. John Polhemus Printing Co., stationery...		4 75
72. Henry Romeike, clippings in February....		1 11
73. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....		4 63
74. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....		27 53
75. E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$22 16	
E. H. Hall, salary for April....	250 00	
		<u>272 16</u>

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76. Henry Romeike, clippings in March.....	\$1 98
77. Miss J. A. Cooke, mimeographing.....	6 75
78. J. B. Lyon, Co., printing.....	4 50
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Total Credit .....	\$1,107 49
Total Debit .....	6,964 96
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Balance on hand, May 27, 1908.....	<u>\$5,857 47</u>

SUBSCRIPTION FUND.

DEBIT.

To balance on hand, April 27, 1908.....	\$9 18
To cash received from Henry W. Sackett.....	16 16
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	<u>\$25 34</u>

CREDIT.

By paid John Polhemus Printing Co., on approved voucher for balance due on portions of printing bills disallowed by comptroller..	\$25 34
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	<u>\$25 34</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,

Treasurer.

The report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee for approval.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee:

New York Law Journal, notice of meeting....	\$2 50
J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....	25 97
Henry Romeike, clippings in April.....	1 05
Joseph Hawkes, copying photos of Dutch ships..	3 50
Miss J. A. Cooke, mimeographing.....	1 35
John Polhemus Printing Co., stationery.....	6 80
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$33 95
E. H. Hall, salary for May.....	250 00
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	283 95

\$325 12

## Minutes of Trustees

*Election of Officers.*

The election of officers for the ensuing year being in order, the President asked Vice-President Seward to take the chair.

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented the following report:

To the Board of Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

The Committee on Nominations hereby nominates to the Board of Trustees for election as officers of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, recommending their election, the following Trustees, viz:

## FOR PRESIDENT,

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford.

## FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS,

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,	Mr. John E. Parsons,
Hon. Joseph H. Choate,	Gen. Horace Porter,
Hon. Grover Cleveland,	Mr. Herman Ridder,
Maj.-Gen. Frederick D. Grant	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Hon. Seth Low,	Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson,
Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus,
Hon. Levi P. Morton.	Mr. Wm. B. Van Rensselaer,
Hon. Andrew D. White.	

## FOR TREASURER,

Mr. Isaac N. Seligman.

## FOR SECRETARY,

Mr. Henry W. Sackett.

## FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY,

Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE FITCH, Chairman.

W. J. CURTIS,

JOHN W. VROOMAN.

*Committee on Nominations.*

The Vice-President called for other nominations by the Trustees, and there being none, Mr. Berri moved that the nominations be closed. Carried.

Mr. Berri moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in behalf of the meeting for the persons named in the report of the Nominating Committee. The motion was duly seconded and was carried unanimously.

The Secretary having cast the ballot as directed, the Vice-President declared the nominees unanimously elected.

President Woodford, resuming the chair, said that he was deeply touched by his re-election and he hoped to be spared to see the consummation of the plans which the Commission was making. His service at the head of this body was one of the pleasantest duties in the course of his life. He thanked each member for his loyal support and earnest work, from which he confidently predicted a satisfactory celebration next year.

#### *Nominations for Appointment on the Commission.*

Mr. Fitch also reported from the Nominations Committee the names of Hon. Richard Young, of No. 87 Lincoln Road, Brooklyn, leather merchant and former Park Commissioner; and Mr. George Wilson, of No. 200 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, statistician and Secretary of the New York Chamber of Commerce, and moved that they be recommended to Mayor McClellan for appointment on this Commission. Carried.

#### *Appointments by the Mayor.*

The Secretary read a letter from Mayor McClellan's secretary, dated April 28, 1908, communicating the appointment of Dr. E. R. L. Gould, Hon. Charles A. Schieren and Mr. John R. Van Wormer in accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees.

The letter was ordered on file and the Secretary directed to add the names of the appointees to the roll of members.

*Appointment of New Jersey Members Delayed.*

The Secretary stated that he recently inquired of the Secretary to Governor Hughes if the Governor had received the nominations from Governor Stokes of New Jersey, mentioned on page 389 of the Minutes of the Commission, and was informed that they had been received but that Governor Hughes had been so preoccupied that he had been unable to take the matter up.

*Mayors and Village Presidents Added to Commission.*

The Secretary reported that on May 6, 1908, Governor Hughes had signed the bill making the mayors of all the cities of the State ex officio members and Trustees of the Commission and the presidents of villages in the Hudson Valley ex officio members of the Commission, the law being Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1908. Its text, which is substantially as recommended by the Trustees (see page 417 of the Minutes), is as follows:

An Act to increase the number of members and trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1. The members and trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, as designated by chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six, are increased in number by adding to and including as such members and trustees by virtue of their office the persons, severally and respectively, who from time to time and for the time being shall hold municipal office as follows in the following cities of the state, and in the following villages upon the Hudson river: The mayors of the cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Auburn, Binghamton, Buffalo, Cohoes, Corning, Cortland, Dunkirk, Elmira, Fulton, Geneva, Glens Falls, Gloversville, Hornell, Hudson, Ithaca, Jamestown, Johnstown, Kingston, Little Falls, Lockport, Middletown, Mount Vernon, Newburgh, New Rochelle, New York, Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda, Ogdensburg, Olean, Oneida, Oswego, Plattsburg, Poughkeepsie, Rensselaer, Rochester, Rome, Schenectady, Syracuse, Tonawanda, Troy, Utica, Watertown, Watervliet, Yonkers, and of any city which may hereafter be incorporated, all of

whom shall be members and trustees of the commission, and also the presidents of the villages of Athens, Castleton, Catskill, Cold Spring, Corinth, Cornwall, Coxsackie, Croton-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Fishkill, Fishkill Landing, Fort Edward, Green Island, Hastings-on-Hudson, Haverstraw, Irvington, Matteawan, Mechanicville, North Tarrytown, Nyack, Ossining, Peekskill, Piermont, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Sandy Hill, Saugerties, Schuylerville, South Glens Falls, South Nyack, Stillwater, Tarrytown, Tivoli, Upper Nyack, Victory Mills, Wappingers Falls, Waterford, and West Haverstraw, who shall be members of the commission.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

The Secretary stated that as soon as he could secure a certified copy of the act from the Secretary of State, he had, under date of May 20, notified the 46 mayors and 38 presidents of their appointment and had received acknowledgments and assurances of cordial co-operation from 19 mayors and 18 presidents as follows:

#### MAYORS.

Albany, Hon. Chas. H. Gaus.  
 Auburn, Hon. C. August Koenig.  
 Binghamton, Hon. C. M. Slauson.  
 Buffalo, Hon. James N. Adam.  
 Cohoes, Hon. M. D. Hanson.  
 Geneva, Hon. Arthur P. Rose.  
 Gloversville, Hon. Frederick M. Young.  
 Hudson, Hon. Henry Hudson.  
 Jamestown, Hon. Samuel A. Carlson.  
 Lockport, Hon. Wm. H. Barker.  
 Newburgh, Hon. Benjamin McClung.  
 New Rochelle, Hon. George G. Raymond.  
 New York, Hon. George B. McClellan.  
 Poughkeepsie, Hon. James K. Sague.  
 Rochester, Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton.  
 Troy, Hon. Elias P. Mann.  
 Watertown, Hon. Francis M. Hugo.  
 Watervliet, Hon. Daniel P. Quinn.  
 Yonkers, Hon. Nathan A. Warren.

#### VILLAGE PRESIDENTS.

Castleton, Hon. John T. Flynn.  
 Catskill, Hon. Chas. A. Elliott.  
 Croton-on-Hudson, Hon. Clarence E. Powell.

Dobbs Ferry, Hon. Lyman C. French.  
 Fishkill, Hon. James H. Doyle.  
 Fishkill Landing, Hon. Irving J. Justus.  
 Fort Edward, Hon. James F. Fitz Gerald.  
 Green Island, Hon. Robert B. Waters.  
 Hastings-on-Hudson, Hon. F. G. Zinsser.  
 Matteawan, Hon. Roswell S. Judson.  
 North Tarrytown, Hon. John Wirth.  
 Nyack, Hon. Horace W. Boyd.  
 Sandy Hill, Hon. C. W. Higley.  
 Saugerties, Hon. A. Rowe.  
 Schuylerville, Hon. D. A. Bullard.  
 South Glens Falls, Hon. Dennis Moynihan.  
 Tivoli, Hon. James L. Freeborn.  
 Wappingers Falls, Hon. John L. Hughes.

*Half Moon Correspondence.*

The Assistant Secretary laid before the meeting the following correspondence concerning the construction of the Half Moon in Holland which had been received or sent since the last meeting of the Trustees:

1. Letter dated The Hague, April 18, 1908, from Jonkheer Roell, Vice Admiral Retired of the Royal Dutch Navy and Aide de Camp to Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, to the Assistant Secretary, stating that a committee was being formed in Holland to co-operate with this Commission by constructing the Half Moon and asking our views as to her design.

2. Letter dated New York, May 4, 1908, to Admiral Roell from the Assistant Secretary, acknowledging receipt of the foregoing.

3. Letter dated New York, May 12, 1908, to Admiral Roell by Admiral Coghlan, giving at length information possessed by the Committee on Naval Parade concerning the Half Moon.

4. Letter dated The Hague, April 23, 1908 from Jonkheer R. de Marees van Swinderen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, stating that the committee of Hollanders had been formed to build the Half Moon.

5. Letter dated New York, May 4, 1908, to Minister van Swinderen from the Assistant Secretary, acknowledging receipt of his letter.

6. Letter dated New York, May 26, 1908, to Minister van Swinderen by the President and Secretary of the Com-



mission in accordance with resolution of the Commission (see page 488) offering the compliments and expressing the appreciation of the Commission.

It was voted that letters No. 1, 3, 4 and 6 be printed in full in the minutes. They are as follows:

*Letter from Vice Admiral Roell.*

The Hague, April the 18th, 1908.

To Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Assistant Secretary to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee,

Dear Sir: As you may know there is a committee in formation in Holland whose object is to make their countrymen participate in the Hudson-Fulton next year, by presenting a model of the "Halve Maan." (the vessel used by Hudson in 1609) to the American Central Committee.—As you may know there is no model of that ship existing and now the Dutch should very much like to have a drawing representing the idea your committee has formed of what the "Halve Maan" has been and some information thereabout.

We should be very well able to carry out our own idea of the vessel by constructing a ship of 80 tons burden after another model of the period, but we are afraid that in doing so we might disappoint the American people, who, no doubt, have formed an idea of their own as to what the Hudson vessel was like. Therefore we should be very much indebted to you if you would be so kind as to send us the desired information to my address, being as follows:

Jonkheer Rœell, Vice-Admiral Retired of the Royal Dutch Navy, A. d. C. to Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, 3 Bosch Street, The Hague, Holland.

Believe me truly yours,

J. A. RÖELL.

*Letter from Rear Admiral Coghlan to Vice-Admiral Roell.*

New York, May 12, 1908.

Jonkheer Roell, Vice-Admiral Retired of the Royal Dutch Navy, A. de C. to Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, 3 Bosch Street, The Hague, The Netherlands.

Dear Sir: Your favor of April 18, inquiring as to our conception of the appearance of Henry Hudson's vessel the Half Moon, which has already been acknowledged by our Assistant Secretary, has been referred to me as Chairman

of the Committee on Naval Parade for a fuller reply. The intimation of the generous purpose of your countrymen to contribute this interesting feature to the celebration in 1909 has given the greatest pleasure to our Commission and your thoughtful consideration in asking our views is thoroughly appreciated.

In replying to your inquiry permit me to say first that we feel that your own people have the best facilities for forming an idea of the vessel's appearance and we shall be satisfied to leave the matter entirely to your judgment. In offering the following observations, therefore, it is not with a view to constraining you in any respect in which you find better authority for your guidance, but rather with the desire to place at your service such limited knowledge as we have on the subject.

As far as we know, from research in this country and in Holland, there exists no contemporary picture of the Half Moon. There is, however, we believe, sufficient data for determining,

1. The masting and the rigging,
2. The tonnage; and
3. The dimensions,

which will enable your ship-builders to reconstruct the vessel with substantial accuracy.

#### AS TO THE RIGGING.

We append hereto extracts from Robert Juet's journal of Hudson's Voyage in 1609 containing references to the rigging, which clearly indicate that she had the following features:

A Bow-sprit and Sprit-sail: Citations Nos. 2, 15 and 32 refer to the vessel's "sprit-sayle." This we understand from old prints to have been a square sail attached to a yard hung from the bow-sprit, and not what is now called a "sprit-sail."

A Fore-mast and Sail: Citations Nos. 1, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 28 and 29 refer to the fore-corse or fore-sayle, fore-mast and fore-yard.

A Fore-top-mast and Sail: Citation No. 29 refers to a "fore-top-sayle," and citations Nos. 11, 18, 20, and 32 refer to "top-sayles" in the plural number, indicating top-sails on more than one mast.

A Main-mast and Sail: Our authority for these is found in citations Nos. 2, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13, 20, 22, 23, 26 and 32, which refer to the mayne-sayle or mayne-corse.

A Main-top-mast and Sail: See citations Nos. 2, 19 and 29.

A Mizzen-mast and Sail: Citation No. 23, referring to the "misen" fortunately enables us to determine that the vessel had a third mast and sail. From the type of the period, we assume the mizzen mast to have been latteen rigged. Whether it had a square top-sail as represented in some vessels of the period we are left in doubt, as there is no specific reference to a mizzen-top-sail.

It may be mentioned in passing that Mr. Joseph A. Imhof of this city, a painter of Dutch ships, has expressed to one of our members the idea that the Half Moon had but two masts, and that the terms "fore-mast" and "main-mast" were used interchangeably in those days. As Mr. Imhof has had some correspondence with Mr. C. G. 't Hooft, Director of the Fodor Museum, Amsterdam, concerning a two-masted model which Mr. Imhof has, we beg to say that we cannot agree with Mr. Imhof for the reason that citations Nos. 4, 10, 13, 20, 23, 26 and 29, refer to both the fore-sail and the main-sail in the same paragraphs, indicating that they were not identical. Mr. 't Hooft has very courteously sent to Mr. August F. Jaccaci, a Trustee of our Commission, two photographs from a rare profile of Amsterdam in 1606, which is in the Rijks Museum, showing ships of that period, and he expresses the "conviction that the Halve Maan was a very small 3-masted vessel." With this we agree.

When Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, our Assistant Secretary, visited the Rijks Archief at the Hague in 1906, Dr. J. d'Hulla showed him a chart of a voyage by another Dutch navigator about the period of Hudson's voyage, showing among the profiles a "Jacht" with the number of masts here indicated.

Bonnets: That the Half Moon had an equipment of bonnets is indicated by citations Nos. 5, 6, 18 and 21.

#### TONNAGE.

As to the tonnage of the Half Moon, the only question is in regard to the method of computing tonnage at the beginning of the seventeenth century. The "Uitloop Bookje" or Sailing Book of the East India Co. from 1603 to 1700, and the "Memoriael" or Memorandum Book of the East India Co. for the same period leave no doubt about the *number* of tons. Both refer to the "Yacht Halve Maen, 40 lasts," (or 80 tons).

As to the method of reckoning tonnage in Holland in 1609 your own ship-builders will be able to judge better than we. We know, not only that the method of measuring tonnage in the 17th century differed from the method in use to-day, but also that there was much variation between the methods of different builders.

On pages 153 and 154 of part 1 of "Ancient and Modern Ships" by Sir George C. V. Holmes, published in 1900 by Chapman & Hall at No. 11 Henrietta street, Covent Garden, London, there is a brief account of the ancient methods of computing tonnage in England, but no reference to the subject of Dutch tonnage.

In "La Costruzioni Navali e l'Arte della Navigazione al tempo di Cristoforo Colombo" by Enrico Alberto d'Albertis, published at Rome in 1893, there is a learned discussion of the tonnage and dimensions of Columbus' Caravels, but nothing to throw light on Dutch tonnage. It is possible, however, that this work may convey a helpful hint as to the method of archaeological investigation to be pursued concerning the Half Moon.

#### DIMENSIONS AND PROPORTIONS

Draft: There is only one feature of the dimensions of the Half Moon concerning which we have any definite information, and that is her draft. In citation No. 32 from Juet's Journal of Hudson's voyage, we are informed that the Half Moon floated in  $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet of water. In citation No. 24, we are informed that in order to explore Delaware Bay it was necessary to have a pinnacle drawing only 4 or 5 feet. It is evident, therefore, that the Half Moon drew less than  $8\frac{1}{2}$  feet and more than 5 feet.

As to the length and breadth, we believe that you will be able to get the proportions from types of the period and deduce the actual dimensions from the tonnage.

Mr. 't Hooft expresses the opinion that the Half Moon measured about  $60 \times 14 \times 6$  feet (Amsterdam measurement). Upon the accuracy of this estimate we are unable to express an opinion.

#### MINOR DETAILS.

Rudder Post and Cabin: We call your attention to citation No. 30 from Juet's Journal, which indicates that the cabin was in the stern; that the stern-post was probably flush with the overhang; and that the rudder-post extended up at least to the level of the cabin windows on the outside of the stern.

Port-holes: The heaviest ordnance mentioned in Juet's journal is the "falcon" (see citation 31). This was a small cannon, carrying a ball weighing 2 pounds or less. There is nothing however to indicate whether this piece was fired through a port-hole or from the deck.

Gallery: Mr. 't Hooft writes: "A yacht had no gallery like the bigger ships." This question, and others such as whether the Half Moon had a "galleon" at her bow, we believe you can readily determine by studying types of the period.

Ratlines: Citation 25 records that the writer of the journal went to the top-mast head twice the same day to make observations, which would indicate that there were ratlines on the top-mast shrouds for convenience in going aloft.

Many of our ideas about the construction, masting, rigging, etc., are based upon the vignette contained in the preface chart of the book "Henry Hudson, the Navigator" by C. M. Asher (Hakluyt Society No. 27), London, 1859, and upon the plates and descriptions contained in the book "Aeloude en Hedendaegsche Scheeps-Bouw en Bestier" by Nicolaes Witsen, Amsterdam, 1671. Both of these books can doubtless be found in the libraries of Amsterdam or the Hague.

#### CITATIONS FROM JUET'S JOURNAL.

Following are brief citations from Robert Juet's journal of "The Third Voyage of Master Henry Hudson toward Nova Zembla," etc., in 1609, before referred to:

1. (March.) The sixth and twentieth, was a great storme at the North North-east, and North-east. Wee started away South-west afore the wind with our fore-course abroad: For wee were able to maintayne no more sayles, it blew so vehemently.

2. (March.) The seven and twentieth . . . We set our mayne-sayle, sprit-sayle and our mayne-top-sayle, and held on our course all night, hauing faire weather.

3. (June.) The fourth . . . the wind so increasing that wee were enforced to take in our top-sayle.

4. (June.) The fift, storme weather, and much wind at South, and South by East, so that at foure of the clocke in the morning we tooke in our fore-sayle and lay a try with our mayne-corse and tryed away West North-west foure leagues.

5. (June.) The eight, stormy weather, the wind variable between West and North-west, much wind: At eight of the clocke wee tooke off our Bonnets.

6. (June.) The twelfth . . . At eight of the clock at night we took off our Bonnets, the wind increasing.

7. (June.) The fifteenth, we had a great storme, and spent ouer-boord our fore-mast, bearing our fore-corse low set.

8. (June.) The sixteenth, we were forced to trie with our mayne sayle by reason of the vnconstant weather.

9. (June.) The nineteenth, in the fore-noone faire weather and calme. In the morning we set the piece of our fore-mast and set our fore corse.

10. (June.) The one and twentieth . . . much wind and a great Sea. We split our fore saile at ten of the clocke; then we laid it a trie with our mayne sayle and continued so all day.

11. (June.) The three and twentieth . . . so stiffe a gale that we were forced to take our top-sayle . . . At eight of the clocke at night wee tooke in our top-sayles, and laid it a trie with our mayne-sayle.

12. (June.) The foure and twentieth, . . . we set our foresaile.

13. (June.) The seuen and twentieth, very much winde and a soare storme . . . wee tooke in our fore-corse, and laid it a trie with our mayne-corse low set.

14. (June.) The eight and twentieth . . . we lay a trie to the Southward till eight of the clocke in the morning. Then we set our fore-corse.

15. (July.) The fourth . . . Then we tooke in our top-sayle and sprit-sayle.

16. (July.) The eighteenth, . . . We went on shoare and cut vs a fore Mast . . . We mended our sayles and fell to make our fore-Mast.

17. (July.) The three and twentieth, . . . At eleven of the clocke our fore Mast was finished and we brought it aboard and set it into the step, and in the after-noone we rigged it.

18. (July.) The seuen and twentieth, . . . At eight of the clocke we tooke in our top-sayles and our fore-bonnet and went with a short sayle all night.

19. (Aug.) The eight . . . set our fore-sayle and mayne top-sayle.

20. (Aug.) The ninth, . . . a very stiffe gale . . . Then we tooke in our mayne sayle and lay a trie vnder our fore-

sayle . . . At eight of the clocke at night wee tooke in our top-sayles and went with a low sayle.

21. (Aug.) The twentieth . . . we tooke off our Bonnets.

22. (Aug.) The one and twentieth, . . . a great Sea brake into our fore-corse and split it; so we were forced to take it from the yard and mend it; wee lay a trie with our mayne-corse all night.

23. (Aug.) The two and twentieth, stormy weather . . . We set our fore-corse and stood to the Eastward vnder our fore-sayle, mayne-sayle and misen.

24. (Aug.) The eight and twentieth . . . being hard by the land in fiue fathomes, on a sudden we came into three fathomes; then we beare vp and had but ten foote water, and ioyned to the Point . . . And he that will thoroughly Discouer this great Bay must haue a small Pinnasse that must draw but foure or fiue foote water.

25. (Aug.) The nine and twentieth . . . I went to the top-mast head and set the Land . . . Then I went againe to the top-mast head to see how farre I could see land about vs.

26. (Aug.) The thirtieth . . . So wee lay close by with our fore-sayle and our mayne-sayle.

27. (Sept.) The twentieth . . . Our Masters Mate with foure men more went vp with our Boat to sound the Riuer and found two leagues aboue vs but two fathomes water and the channell very narrow; and aboue that place seuen or eight fathomes.

28. (Sept.) The one and twentieth . . . we determined yet once more to go farther up into the Riuer to trie what depth and breadth it did beare; but much people resorted aboard so wee went not this day. Our Carpenter went on land and made a Fore-yard.

29. (Sept.) The seuen and twentieth . . . we weighed and set our fore top-sayle . . . then we set our fore-sayle and mayne top-sayle.

30. (Oct.) The first of October . . . This afternoon one Canoe kept hanging vnder our sterne with one man in it . . . who got vp by our Rudder to the Cabin window and stole out my Pillow and two Shirts and two Bandleers.

31. (Oct.) The second . . . I shot a falcon at them.

32. (Oct.) The fourth . . . we had but eight foot and an halfe water . . . Then we tooke in our Boat and set our mayne-sayle and sprit-sayle and our top-sayles.

Trusting that the foregoing satisfactorily answers your courteous inquiry, and again assuring you that whatever

design your people agree upon will be satisfactory to us, I remain, in behalf of my colleagues, with great esteem

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH B. COGHLAN,

Rear Admiral United States Navy, Retired,  
Chairman of the Committee on Naval Parade.

*Letter from Minister Van Swinderen.*

MINISTÈRE

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AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES.

The Hague, April 23, 1908.

Edward Hagaman Hall, Esq., Assistant Secretary of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, New York City.

Dear Sir: Since my visit at your office in January last great changes took place with me and instead of returning to Washington as Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary, I stay in my own country as its Minister of Foreign Affairs. In that way I will only be able to show from this side of the water my great interest in the coming celebration, the preparations of which have been trusted to you. As I told you, I had every reason to believe that a participation in those festivities would meet amongst the Holland people with great enthusiasm and I now am glad to tell you that a committee has been formed and that the construction of the Half Moon is intended to be executed on one of our wharves. You will soon get an official notice from that committee but I thought it better to anticipate on that, in order to prevent that your own committee may take the building of the old "dreadnought" in hands on the American side.

Believe me, sir, sincerely yours,

R. DE MAREES VAN SWINDEREN.

*Letter from President and Secretary to Minister Van Swinderen.*

New York, May 26, 1908.

Jonkheer R. de Marees van Swinderen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, The Netherlands.

Sir: At the last meeting of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, your letter of April 23d, communicating the gratifying intelligence that a committee of your country-



men had been formed with a view to constructing a model of Henry Hudson's vessel the "Half Moon" for participation in our celebration next year, was received with very hearty applause, and I was requested by the Commission to express to you its deep appreciation of this evidence of the generous liberality of your people and of the distinguished mark of international good-will which it affords.

The people of Holland could not have resolved upon a form of participation in the approaching commemoration more welcome to this Commission or to the people whom it represents than by sending a counterpart of the Dutch-built vessel in which, under the auspices of the Dutch East India Company and under the orange, white and blue flag of the States General, the famous navigator ploughed our great river and made its valley the furrow of a new civilization.

In addition to reminding us vividly of the particular event to be commemorated, the vessel will also remind us of the remarkable genius of your people, who have driven back the sea when you have wanted land for your homes, have summoned it to your aid when you have wished to expel the enemies of your liberties, and who have ranged it to the four quarters of the earth when you have wanted to extend your commerce.

We prize most highly the memory that the city and State of New York were founded by the Dutch people, and we welcome every evidence that you take as much pride in us as your off-spring as we take in you as our parent.

Will you please convey to the gentlemen of the committee the assurances of our very hearty appreciation of their generous intentions. When it is convenient for them, we should be pleased to know their names and addresses, so that we may make such further acknowledgement directly to them as may be suitable.

We also beg you to accept for yourself our cordial thanks for your helpful and sympathetic co-operation. We esteem it a peculiar piece of good fortune for us that Her Majesty has chosen to the distinguished office of Minister of Foreign Affairs one who, during his residence in the United States, won so large a place as you hold in the affection and high regard of our people.

Yours respectfully,

STEWART L. WOODFORD,

President.

HENRY W. SACKET,

Secretary.

*Official Invitation to Kingston Celebration.*

The Secretary laid before the Trustees the official invitation from the citizens of Kingston, N. Y., to attend their quarter-millennial celebration June 1st as follows:

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THE CITIZENS OF KINGSTON

request the honor of

the officers and members of the

Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission's

presence at the celebration, on Monday, the first of June

one thousand, nine hundred and eight, of the

Two hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding

of the City of Kingston

The favour of an answer is requested, addressed to Mr. A. T. Clearwater, Kingston, New York.

It was voted that the invitation be accepted and that as many of the members as possible would attend.

*Aeronautic Competition.*

Mr. Berri, Chairman of the Committee on Aeronautics, reported that on May 21st he had written to the Chief Signal Officer of the United States Army, stating the facts of the proposed celebration next year, the desirability of making a demonstration of the progress made in aeronautic science, and the necessity of depending upon the Signal Office for such a demonstration. He therefore asked the Chief Signal Officer to keep the Commission in mind and facilitate such a demonstration if practicable. He also asked the Chief Signal Officer if, upon the request of this Commission, it would be feasible for him to invite aeronauts to participate. The Officer had replied that he would be very happy to co-operate; that he would like to send up a dirigible balloon, and that he would be glad to send up an aeroplane if it should be sufficiently developed by that time.

Mr. Berri referred to the interest of President Roosevelt in the subject of aerial locomotion, as evidenced by his desire to have the government appropriate \$300,000 to pro-

mote experiments, also the intense popular interest in the recent progress in aeronautics. He said he believed that in another year the science would be so far advanced as to make a demonstration of air craft practicable. As this Commission could not control the balloons and air-ships, he deemed it advisable to have the demonstration under government auspices. He also thought it would not be proper to ask foreign governments to make an exhibition unless our own government were ready to make one.

Mr. Beck said that he had noticed in the Minutes of the Commission that Mr. Berri had been appointed as Chairman of a Committee on Aeronautics and he (Mr. Beck) was so deeply interested in the subject that he had come to this meeting especially to speak in regard to it. He said that he was a member of the Aero Society of New York, whose standing among societies devoted to the scientific study of aerial navigation was very high, and it was something of a coincidence that at a recent meeting of the Aero Society which he attended it was suggested that there be a competition next year in connection with the Hudson-Fulton Celebration. The Aero Society had appointed Mr. Beck to represent it in the matter, a position which he felt some delicacy in accepting, since, as a member of this Commission, it might devolve on him to pass upon some proposition made by the Aero Society. He thought that aerial navigation was one of the most fascinating of all human problems, and that a competition between the two classes of aerial vehicles—the dirigible balloon (lighter than air) and the aeroplane or other device (heavier than air)—would enlist the talent of the two-score at least of distinguished engineers who are directing their faculties to the solution of this problem, arouse the intense interest of the people, and excite the attention of the world as would no other feature of the celebration. But such a competition would need the stimulus and aid of money. The construction of air-ships, he said, was costly and their operation dangerous, and the question of pecuniary means was important. If the funds of the Commission were inadequate

to offer the prize, it might be possible for the Commission and the Aero Society to get one of the great New York newspapers that was not averse to exploiting itself, to offer a prize for the construction of air-ships. Citing the names of several of the leading aeronauts, Mr. Beck declared that the construction of steerable air-craft was beyond the experimental stage. Successful flights had been made with machines of both classes, those whose bouyancy depended upon a gas lighter than air, and, if the reports about the Wright Brothers were to be believed, those which were "heavier than air" and were sustained entirely by their own mechanism; and it remained now only to develop their efficiency. He came to this meeting to say that the Aero Society was most anxious to co-operate in this matter and to place its experience at the service of the Commission.

At the conclusion of his remarks, the President appointed Mr. Beck a member of the Committee on Aeronautics.

Mr. Seward moved that the suggestion of an aeronautic competition be referred to the committee on that subject. Carried.

#### *Museum Catalogues — Indian Exhibit.*

Dr. Kunz, Chairman of the Sub-committee on Historical Exhibits, reported that the museums were ready to go ahead with the preparation of catalogues as soon as the Commission authorized an appropriation for that purpose.

He also stated that it would be possible to have forty New York State Indians, a number of whom he believed to be pure blooded, in New York city at the time of the celebration. It would cost \$1,500 to have them here one week and about \$2,100 for two weeks. They were more or less trained to public demonstrations and possibly might be more valuable as a feature of our great enterprise than the Commission suspected at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Sackett, the matter of an appropriation for museum catalogues was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

*Limitations on Expenditures.*

Mr. Berri inquired whether any rule had been adopted providing that no indebtedness should be incurred by committees without previous authorization.

The President said that he understood that no committee could incur any indebtedness without the authority of a vote of the Trustees or Executive Committee, and such had been the practice. He would, however, entertain a motion to that effect if Mr. Berri would move it.

Mr. Berri therefore moved that no committee or individual member of the Commission should have authority to incur any expense in behalf of the Commission without the previous approval of the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee. Carried.

*An Acting Treasurer Designated.*

Mr. Seligman stated that he expected to leave for Europe in July, to be gone until October, and suggested the advisability of designating an Acting Treasurer to sign checks during his absence if it should be necessary. After a brief discussion he moved that the Hon. George W. Perkins be appointed Acting Treasurer during his absence abroad. Carried.

*President Authorized to Approve Office Expenses Ad Interim.*

Mr. Ridder moved that during the summer months when the Board of Trustees did not meet, the President be authorized to approve bills for headquarters expenses the same as if approved by the Trustees. Carried.

*Col. Jay's Resignation of Banquet Chairmanship Laid on Table.*

The Secretary read a letter from Col. William Jay, Chairman of the Official Banquet Committee, dated May 21, in response to an inquiry about the entertainment of foreign guests at the time of the Yorktown Centennial in 1881, giving his experience on that occasion; also a letter from him dated May 26, requesting the Trustees to name another

Chairman of the Banquet Committee, principally on the ground that he did not expect to be in New York in September, 1909. He was willing to remain a member of the committee, however, and do what he could before going abroad.

Mr. Seward said that Col. Jay was so admirably qualified for the delicate and responsible duties of Chairman of the Official Banquet that he believed he voiced the sentiment of his colleagues in expressing the earnest wish that Col. Jay would retain the position. He therefore moved that Col. Jay's resignation as Chairman be laid on the table until he could be communicated with further. Carried.

*Report of Inwood Hill Park Committee.*

In the absence of Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the Inwood Hill Park Committee, the Secretary reported that on April 29, Mr. Parsons, accompanied by the President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Commission, had called upon Mayor McClellan and that Mr. Parsons had made strong plea to the Mayor upon the urgency of the city's immediately acquiring the Inwood Hill property and in such a way as would secure it at a reasonable price. The Mayor, who had recently been to Inwood Hill, received the delegation cordially; seemed greatly interested, and made a helpful suggestion on the subject.

The Secretary also read a letter from Mr. Parsons, dated May 27, expressing his regret at not being able to attend the Trustees' meeting, but reporting progress, and reiterating part of what he had said to the Mayor, namely, that a certain combination of Inwood Hill property owners was trying to stand on a basis of prices certainly twice what the Commission could recommend; that he was trying to satisfy them that the effect of such a course would be simply to over-reach themselves; and that the Commission would not be willing to favor before the public authorities, in the present condition of the city treasury, a scheme which would involve the payment of twice the value of the land. Report of progress received.

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*Foreign Correspondent Councillors Elected.*

Mr. Bergen, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, congratulated the Trustees that the delicate movements begun a year ago with a view to enlisting the participation of the people of Holland in the celebration had come to the happy issue indicated in the correspondence from Admiral Roell and Minister van Swinderen already read. With reference to the matter of Foreign Correspondent Councillors (see pages 418 and 473) he was now prepared to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following gentlemen of the Netherlands, some of whose services have been of value to this Commission and who may be of great assistance in the Celebration, be and they hereby are appointed Foreign Correspondent Councillors to the Commission, namely:

Mr. C. G. Hooft, No. 609 Keizersgracht, Amsterdam, the Director of the Fodor Museum and one of the highest authorities on the subject of Dutch ship building;

Dr. E. W. Moes, No. 85 Franz von Mierisstraat, Amsterdam, the Keeper of Prints of the Rijks Museum, a great authority on engravings and prints and assistant editor of magazines;

Dr. A. Bredius, No. 6 Prinsegracht, The Hague, the Director of the Mauritsshuys Museum, editor of "Oud Holland," etc.; and a great authority on the Dutch School of Art;

Dr. W. Martin, No. 26 Emmastraat, The Hague, Assistant at the Mauritsshuys Museum and Professor at Leyden University, and

Mr. D. Hudig, No. 105 Wijn Haven, Rotterdam, a gentleman who has already shown a great interest in tracing drawings of the Half Moon or of vessels of that period, and has corresponded with the Chairman of the Committee on Memorials on this subject.

Resolved, That proper certificates of the appointment of these gentlemen, in accordance with the previous resolution of the Trustees on this subject, be made and executed and forwarded to the above named gentlemen by proper officers of the Commission.

Mr. Bergen said that nearly all of these gentlemen were known by Mr. August F. Jaccaci, one of the trustees of

the Commission, who has met some of them on a recent visit to Holland; that they all bore a high character, and were men of reputation in their country, as he was credibly informed.

The resolutions were adopted.

*Commemorative Coins and Postage Stamps Recommended.*

Mr. Bergen reported on the subject of commemorative coins and postage stamps, referred to the Committee on Memorials at the last meeting of the Commission, (see page 492) that the Committee was in favor of taking steps to have such coins and stamps issued as soon as possible. Although he had not had an opportunity of hearing the views of all the members of his Committee, he ventured to report, subject to the approval of the Trustees, that such coins should have on one side a representation of the Half Moon, and on the other side a representation of the Clermont. He therefore offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Memorials, or its Chairman, be authorized to confer with the United States Government and with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster-General in order to have the Government, if possible, undertake the making of such coins and of such postage stamps, and that the details thereof be referred to the Committee on Memorials for further report thereon after hearing from the officials of the United States Government on this subject.

Adopted.

*The Building of the Half Moon and Clermont.*

Admiral Coghlan, Chairman of the Committee on Naval Parade, reported that the correspondence already read indicated the progress of the preparations in Holland for the reproduction of the Half Moon. With respect to the Clermont, the drawings, embodying the best information obtainable, were about to be prepared. During the past month, Mr. R. Fulton Ludlow, of Claverack, a member of this Commission, a grandson of Fulton, and the possessor

of some very interesting memorabilia of Fulton, had kindly placed his documents and opinions at the service of the Committee. The Committee had also taken some steps to sound maritime and commercial interests of New York, to see if they would not emulate the generosity of the people of the Netherlands and give the Clermont to the Commission. Commissioner Wm. McCarroll had promised to lay the matter before the executive committee of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation. Mr. William Harris Douglas, President of the New York Produce Exchange, had informed Admiral Coghlan that as an Exchange, their Board had no authority to make a subscription of this kind, but suggested that a notice might be posted on the floor of the Exchange, so that those who desired to contribute might do so. Admiral Coghlan said that further inquiry in this direction would be made. Report of progress received.

*Official Literary Exercises.*

General Wilson reported briefly on the progress made in the preparations for the official literary exercises, and the report was received.

*Plan and Scope Still Open.*

Mr. Seward said that there was nothing new to report from the Plan and Scope Committee. The arrangements for the celebration were still open for any new suggestions, and if the Committee on Aeronautics could find anything that would fly in 1909, his Committee would find a place for it in the programme.

*Conditional Adjournment Until October 28th.*

Mr. Sackett moved that the regular monthly meetings of the Trustees under the by-laws, be omitted until the meeting of Wednesday, October 28, 1908, unless the President should deem it advisable to call a meeting before that time. He said that the work of the Commission was much better in hand now than a year ago, when the Trustees

adjourned from June to October; that the Committees were actively at work and that they could probably continue their preparations without the necessity of reporting before October; and that the small attendance of Trustees at the June meeting last year, indicated the inconvenience of attendance at that time. The motion was carried.

The President, before entertaining the motion for adjournment, especially thanked the Mayors of Hudson and Newburgh for their attendance, wished all the Trustees a restful summer's vacation, and expressed the hope that they would all be reunited in the work in the fall.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
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Minutes of  
Executive Committee

September 18, 1908.

The sixth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held pursuant to call of the Chairman at the headquarters of the Commission in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau Street, New York City, on Friday, September 18, 1908, at 3 o'clock P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, Hon. William McCarroll, Commandant Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Gen. James Grant Wilson, and Mr. Stewart L. Woodford.

In the absence of Chairman Woodford, the Secretary called the meeting to order and Mr. Curtis was elected Chairman pro tempore. Soon after the meeting was opened the Chairman arrived and Mr. Curtis relinquished the chair to him.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. William Berri, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Col. William Jay, Hon. Seth Low, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. John E. Parsons, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. Spencer Trask, and Dr. Samuel B. Ward, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee, held February 3, 1908, having been printed (pp. 405-409) and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

*Death of Hon. Grover Cleveland.*

The Chairman announced the death of the Hon. Grover Cleveland, a Trustee and a Vice-President of the Commission and a member of the Executive Committee, which occurred at his late home in Princeton, N. J., on June 25, 1908, and suggested the propriety of having a suitable minute prepared for presentation at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

A motion was adopted authorizing the Chairman to appoint a Committee to prepare the minute, and he appointed the Assistant Secretary as such.

*Death of Bishop Potter.*

The Chairman also announced the death of the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, Henry Codman Potter, who died at Coopers-town, N. Y., on July 21, 1908, at the age of 74 years.

It was voted that the Chairman appoint a Committee to prepare an appropriate minute to be presented at a future meeting of the Trustees.

*Mr. John E. Parsons Re-elected Vice-Chairman.*

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented a report from that committee nominating Mr. John E. Parsons for re-election as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The report was received and the Chairman invited other nominations from the floor. There being none, Mr. Fitch moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in behalf of the meeting for Mr. Parsons. The motion was unanimously carried, and the ballot having been cast as directed, the Chairman announced the unanimous election of Mr. Parsons.

*Carnival Parade Proposition by Mr. A. H. Stoddard Based  
on New Orleans Mardi Gras.*

Mr. Sackett stated that one of the principal reasons for calling this meeting of the Executive Committee was to consider an important proposition concerning the Carnival



Parade feature of the celebration which had been offered by Mr. A. H. Stoddard of New Orleans, who for many years had been Master of the Mardi Gras pageants in that city. Now that the plans for the construction of the fac-similes of the Half Moon and Clermont were under way, there remained no other feature of the proposed celebration that required so much time for preparation as the Carnival Parade, which was the principal event of the programme for Saturday, October 2, 1909. In view of the importance of this subject and some others included in the order of business, the Secretary had conferred with the President of the Commission and with Mr. Ridder, Chairman of the Carnival Parade Committee, with the result that the present meeting had been called to consider the advisability of making some recommendation on the subject to the meeting of the Trustees called for Wednesday, September 23d. Mr. Ridder had intended to be present at this meeting but had been called away unexpectedly to attend a meeting of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. Stoddard was here, however, and the Secretary moved that he be accorded the courtesy of the floor and be requested to explain his proposition. The motion was carried.

Mr. A. H. Stoddard, whose home address is New Orleans, but whose temporary address in New York City is in care of Messrs. Crusel, Peters and Connor, No. 72 Beaver Street, then took the floor. He said that for many years he had been Master of the Mardi Gras pageants in New Orleans, and that at present he had charge of the preparations being made in Chicago for a Carnival Parade there. When he went to Chicago he had no idea of going into this as a business, but there seemed to be a demand for it, and he believed that he was the most experienced man in this line in the country. The pageants in New Orleans, he believed, entitled it to be called the Carnival City of the World.

The New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration, he continued, had been the evolution of three quarters of a century. The first notable street procession of masqueraders was held in 1827, the inaugurators including a number of young gentlemen

who had just returned from France after finishing their Parisian education. Ten years later this was followed by another on a grander scale on the Mardi Gras of 1837, and from that the custom had been handed down from father to son until the present splendid Carnival had been developed.

Mr. Stoddard then proceeded to explain the methods pursued in New Orleans. The pageants there are conducted by four secret societies, namely: The Knights of Momus, the Mystick Krewe of Comus, the Knights of Proteus, and the Court of Rex. The Court of Rex is the business pivot of the Carnival; the other three organizations being practically the social features. Rex invites everybody to participate in the carnival, to mask, and to have functions of their own, and there were about 24 mystic balls. The leading functions, however, are by the four organizations named. Each of these societies give a ball and street parade in the Mardi Gras season. The festivities begin with the Momus parade and ball on the Thursday before Mardi Gras; then follow the Proteus parade and ball on the night of Monday; the Rex parade during the day of Mardi Gras; and the Rex ball, and the Comus parade and ball on the night of Mardi Gras. The features of the displays of each organization are kept secret to itself until publicly disclosed in the parade. In times past they had represented mythological, allegorical, classical and historical subjects, and had about exhausted the available ideas in these departments. On occasions they had had some humorous subjects but they did not prove popular. When a given subject has been selected, Mr. Stoddard said that the first step was for his artists to make a pen sketch of it, similar to specimens which he exhibited in a sketch-book about 4 by 6 inches in size. This sketch was submitted for consideration and modification if necessary. When the sketch was approved, an enlarged colored drawing was made about 17 by 22 inches in size. From this the float was constructed, the costumes made and the tableau composed. All of this was slow work and required months of preparation. A year was none too much

time. As soon as one carnival was over, they began their studies and preparations for the next. The floats in the Mardi Gras pageant included no advertising or commercial features, but there were separate advertising features during the Mardi Gras season. The illumination of the night parades was a very simple matter. In New Orleans, they simply had men, costumed in tunics, carrying gasolene lamps and reflectors before, at the sides of and behind each float.

As to the cost, Mr. Stoddard said that from the first of January to the first of March about \$300,000 was spent on these festivities, of which not more than \$100,000 was spent on pageantry. The last budget of the Rex Carnival for the reception-ball, military display on Monday and His Majesty's pageant on Tuesday amounted to \$32,000. The construction of the floats cost \$6,000 or \$7,000. The costumes cost about as much in addition. Some organizations spent \$4,000 and some \$7,500 on costumes. Twenty floats cost about \$6,000, when built under his direction. A few years ago Milwaukee had a carnival and 19 floats cost \$25,000, or about four times what they should have cost, because they did not know how to go about the business. Milwaukee spent altogether about \$60,000 that year.

The expenses of the Mardi Gras carnival in New Orleans were not defrayed by popular subscription or public appropriation, Mr. Stoddard said. The subscription plan was tried originally but it was finally decided to pay the expenses by membership fees. The members of the organizations referred to paid \$100 apiece for annual dues, and the proceeds were ample for the purposes. There should be no difficulty in securing funds in New York for a carnival parade next year. Milwaukee had a hard time financially the first year; the second year was easier, and the third year they had a surplus. They gave it up the fourth year because they had no one to look after it.

Mr. Stoddard said he was nearing the end of his work in Chicago in preparation for a ten days celebration to be held there from October 10 to October 20, 1909. The celebration would consist of a series of balls and public functions, including automobile parades, industrial parades, etc., in-

terspersed with pageants. He had been working there eight months and his part was nearly finished, so that he could take hold in New York if desired. He was willing to take charge here on the same basis as in Chicago — the allowance of a reasonable expense account and, if he secured the contract for building the floats, a commercial profit on the construction. The Commission could invite competitive bids on the construction and award to the lowest bidder, but he believed he would get the contract for he knew he could do it cheaper than anyone else on account of his 21 years' experience in New Orleans. Asked to be more specific as to figures, he said that he would want about \$350 a month to cover his services, artists' expenses, office rent, stenographer, etc., or about \$5,000 in all; and if he secured the contract for construction of the floats he would want 10 per cent. on cost of construction. This commission would apply only to the cost of construction of the floats, not to the gross cost of the carnival. He said it would be easy work to create a revenue that would pay the expense of the carnival. As to the place of construction, he said that the floats could be built in New Jersey if more convenient than in New York, and brought across the river.

After answering several questions put by members of the Committee, Mr. Stoddard was thanked for his courtesy and withdrew.

Mr. Sackett moved that Mr. Stoddard's proposition be referred to the Carnival Parade Committee with the request to report thereon to the next meeting of the Trustees. Carried.

*Carnival Parade Proposition by Mr. W'm. Parry, Based on the Quebec Pageants.*

General Wilson inquired if anyone present could state the cost of the recent celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Quebec.

The Secretary replied that he expected here this afternoon Mr. William Parry, who co-operated with Mr. Lascelles, the Pageant Master at Quebec, and who was prepared to take up the carnival feature of our celebration on a different basis.

General Wilson said that in England these pageants were evolved from very ancient customs, which had a notable revival in the parade in honor of the 1000th anniversary of King Alfred. His friends who attended the Quebec celebration had pronounced the pageants to have been extremely beautiful and by far the most interesting features of the celebration.

A little later Mr. Wm. Parry arrived\* and the Secretary moved that he be given the privilege of the floor and requested to make a statement. Carried.

Mr. Parry, whose New York City address is the Hotel Woodstock, No. 127 West 43d Street, but whose temporary address is the Hotel Hanover, Philadelphia, Pa., stated that he was a stage manager by profession, having been Stage Director of the Metropolitan Opera House for fourteen or fifteen years. He was in Quebec assisting the Master of Pageants, Mr. Frank Lascelles of England. Mr. Lascelles, he said, was an independent gentleman of culture, a graduate of Oxford University, and the owner of his own manor in Kent. He had conducted the pageants at Windsor and elsewhere with such success that he had been invited to be the guest of a distinguished citizen of Canada and to take charge of the pageants in Quebec. For this, he was paid \$50,000. Mr. Parry had assisted Mr. Lascelles, but he gave the latter all the credit for the brilliant success of the series of pageants depicting the history of Quebec from the sailing of Jacques Cartier in 1534 and his return to the court of Francois le Premier, to the founding of Quebec in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain and succeeding events. They left off the history during the last hundred years because it was not so interesting as the earlier events. Although Mr. Parry in his profession was well acquainted with the most brilliant stage spectacles, he said that in Quebec he learned what a pageant meant. Here, he said, was a new field outside of the theatre which was instructive to children as well as adults and which was a better teacher than the school; for

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\*In the interval before Mr. Parry's arrival some other business, noted later, was transacted; but for the sake of the continuity of the subject his statement is introduced here.

that which was impressed on the mind through the eye was more graphically impressed and more easily comprehended and retained than information dug out of books. He found that the children of Quebec knew more about the history of that city in consequence of the ter-centenary pageants than they could have acquired in years of study. Vice-President Fairbanks, who represented the United States at the Quebec celebration, said, apropos of the historical pageant: "It will not be long before such a thing as this will be done for us in the States. It is too good a thing to leave to England alone."

Quebec, said Mr. Parry, was originally antagonistic to the idea of the pageants. The priests at first did not want them because they feared that they would be too theatrical; and the French, who predominate there, did not want them for fear that they would be too English and give the English the predominance. Apropos of the susceptibilities of the French citizens of Quebec, he mentioned the fact that when he became engaged in the work of rehearsing and drilling, he first wrote his orders in English; whereupon he was requested by the Quebec Chronicle to write them in French. Then he wrote them in both English and French, which was no inconvenience to him as he spoke French fluently, but he found that he had unwittingly committed another mistake by putting the English version first. It was not until he had reversed the order and put the French first that everything was smoothed down.

The Quebec pageants represented seven great historical scenes and one grand reunion, in which latter, the 3,600 participants joined by 15,000 spectators, united in singing the Dominion anthem "Canada." No one who took part in the pageants was paid anything. There was not a number of paid supers. The participants were all volunteers, the leading parts being taken by lineal descendants of the historical prototypes. The whole Quebec celebration cost about \$350,000, of which amount \$200,000 was appropriated by the Canadian government and about \$150,000 by the City of Quebec. The seven pageants cost less than \$200,000. About \$60,000 was spent on costumes. The wearers of the

costumes were very proud of them, and wore them in the streets and at home when not on parade.\*

Preparations for the celebration began more than a year ago by working up popular interest. Mr. Lascelles was there four months. At the beginning of the preparations, dances and performances of various kinds were held in Quebec for the purpose of raising funds, and a large sum was thus raised; but it proved not to be necessary and was returned.

In response to the inquiry as to whether it would not be more expensive to prepare such a celebration in New York than in Quebec, Mr. Parry replied that on the contrary, things had to be imported in Canada which could be found here, and he could do it at the same expense here as in Quebec. He said that the success of Quebec could readily be duplicated on the Hudson. Indeed, he did not hesitate to promise to excel it, and make the celebration here one of the most glorious ever held. What was needed first was natural surroundings, forming a natural setting for the scenes enacted. The Plains of Abraham at Quebec, overlooking the St. Lawrence, were admirably adapted to the purpose. The same could be said of the shores of the Hudson river. The next thing was to interest the leading families and the lineal descendants of Peter Stuyvesant and other historical characters to participate. But it was necessary to get to work without delay to make a success, and he urged the Committee to spare no time and get ready as soon as possible. He was now preparing the pageant with which Philadelphia is to celebrate Founders' Week from October 5

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\*When the National Battlefields Commission started to collect the costumes, arms and properties used in the pageants, so many of the participants expressed the wish to keep their costumes that on Sept. 12 the Commission voted, "in consideration of the sacrifices of time and money so willingly made by the Pageant performers, the warm readiness with which they have lent themselves to the exigencies of the service required of them, and the patriotic and continued enthusiasm which tended so greatly to its success, to accede to their demand that each of the performers should preserve the costume, accoutrements, etc., etc., worn during the festivities as a rare and lasting souvenir of the grand celebration of the Tercentenary of the founding of Quebec."

to October 10, 1908, after which he could place his services at the disposal of the Commission.

The Chairman asked Mr. Parry what place in New York he regarded as most eligible for such a pageant.

Mr. Parry suggested Peekskill, adding: "We don't want theatrical scenery. We want natural scenery."

The Chairman: "Peekskill is an attractive place; but where would be the people?"

The Assistant Secretary: "It seems to me the Chairman has made an important point. We are spending the money of the people of the State, and this feature ought to be enacted where it can be seen by the greatest number."

The Secretary: "How about Riverside, in New York City? Is it not practicable to take the natural adjuncts of Riverside and add the floats and other necessary equipments of the pageant?"

Mr. Parry: "Riverside is all right if the spectacle is to be free. We must have the river. If no admission is to be charged, Riverside is an ideal spot. We could have the embarkation of Henry Hudson represented on the New Jersey side and his arrival on the New York side."

Mr. Stetson referred to the presence of the railroad along the shore, in New York as well as at Peekskill.

Mr. Olcott thought the difficulty could be obviated at Riverside by building a shed over the track.

The Secretary asked if the floats could not be constructed so as to be towed up the river.

Mr. Parry replied affirmatively.

Mr. Stetson suggested that the pageant could be reproduced at different places up the river.

Mr. Parry said the pageant might be given three times the first week and three times the second week.

General Wilson suggested that the second week, proposed for "old home week," would afford suitable opportunities for repetitions up the river.

After some further discussion, participated in by Dr. Kunz, Admiral Coghlan, Mr. Curtis and others, it was voted, on motion of Mr. Curtis, that the subjects of both Mr.



Parry's and Mr. Stoddard's propositions be referred to a committee consisting of Mr. Ridder and Mr. Sackett, with the request to report if possible at the next meeting of the Trustees.

*Miss C. E. Mason's Proposal for a Pageant at Tarrytown.*

The Assistant Secretary read a letter from Miss C. E. Mason, principal of the private school "The Castle" at Tarrytown-on-Hudson, dated September 9, 1908, and addressed to the President of the Commission, in which, after alluding to her recent visit to Holland, her presence at the beautiful pageant at the Ranelagh Gardens in Old Chelsea, London, and the suggestion of the Commission that local towns along the Hudson join in the celebration next year, she says that these things have crystallized in the following idea:

"Let us have a great pageant at Tarrytown, the home of Washington Irving, the historian of the Dutch in New Amsterdam.

"We people of Tarrytown look out upon the Tappan Zee, 'where the Old Dutch Mariner breathed his prayer to good St. Nicholas;' here was the scene of the first American classic, 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,' through our village street the Headless Horseman pursued Ichabod Crane; here the action of Tarrytown, where the British men of war attacked barges bearing supplies for Washington's army and Captain Sheldon fell while saving them; here the scene of the attack by Hessians on the American Paymaster; here Washington came as visitor to Philipse Manor House; here was the scene of Cooper's 'Spy;' here was the capture of Major Andre, and here many other scenes which it is needless at this time to name; here are beautiful legends of happenings in Indian times, prior to the Dutch; the 'Half Moon' doubtless stopped here, for in the little creek which flows through our village was the ancient landing place of the Dutch ships coming with their cargoes direct from Holland; 'The Old Dutch Church' still stands, the bricks of which were sent from Holland.

"We could thus have ten to fourteen great traditional or historical events, which actually took place here. Some scenes proposed are:

"1. Legend of White Rock, using an airship to lower the Indian maiden from the clouds.

" 2. Another Indian Scene; Corn Husking, Indian fortune telling, Indian Dancing, etc.

" 3. First sight of the 'Half Moon' by the Indians in their canoes, landing of the Dutch in old costumes. The Dutch play ten pins, have archery, etc.

" 4. Spectacular characters from Knickerbocker History pass in Review before Washington Irving.

" 5. Scene from Katrina Van Tassel and Ichabod Crane. Old Dutch Dances.

" 6. Arrival of American troops under Washington.

" 7. March of British Troops.

" 8. Attack of Hessians on Paymaster.

" 9. Scene of Action of Tarrytown; attack by British men of war on Washington's barges.

" 10. Capture of Major Andre.

" 11. Scene from Cooper's 'Spy.'

" 12. Arrival of the Clermont; spectators in Costumes of Fulton's day.

" These are merely suggestions. Probably when we come to consult books on local and national events better subjects will be preferred. But remember the air ship is our suggestion here and don't let the Newburgh people have it. It was just here the Indian Bride came down from Heaven, so we have the best right to it. We can, I think, secure a tract of land where the audience can see on one side The Phillipse Manor House, and the Old Mill which ground grain for Washington's Army, and on the other, the Old Dutch Church, so 'Washington' could enter the very house he visited in the Revolution and Ichabod Crane flee to the same bridge.

" I could not get this up alone, especially as it would come at a time when my school is not in session, but the Congregation of the Old Christ Church, Tarrytown, where Washington Irving was warden for many years, could take the matter in charge, and I believe would do so.

" It would cost thousands to produce magnificently with the correct historical costumes, etc. The Church could not afford to do it unless we could erect seats and charge the spectators for viewing the spectacle, but if this could be done, the Church being allowed to keep the amount over and above the cost for the grounds, expense of costumes, expense of drilling, etc., I think we could get the whole town, which takes a pride in the historic Church, to enter into it, and produce a spectacle on the banks of our great river, to which our Dutch guests and Foreign Officers would be invited guests, but the general public pay for their seats.

" Kindly let me know if this idea would meet with your entire approval and if we could arrange for the landing of the Clermont ship, as well as the 'Half Moon,' and how many days they could spend in Tarrytown, in case it would be possible to repeat the pageant, because I am satisfied it will be so beautiful and on so superb a scale, that we should have to repeat it to allow the crowds who would come to see it.

" We propose to erect seats for 15,000 people, and charge from \$2 to \$10, according to whether they are single seats or seats in private boxes, and to engage a master of the pageant equal to the one who trained the people at Quebec; and to have the whole historically and artistically correct, advertising it all over the state, and in magazines, outside the state, etc.

" I shall be very glad to know if this plan is approved before we engage the master of pageant and arrange for the chorals, musical director, etc. As there would probably be 1,000 performers, it will take a year to make the plan, ready for a creditable presentation."

Mr. Olcott said that if they were going to have any celebration lasting several days, the naval procession would never get up the river. While not disparaging the suggestion contained in the letter, he pleaded for a celebration which would leave something permanent as its memorial. The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was a body of busy men and they should formulate this celebration so that it should be lasting in its effect. He hoped the trustees would not fall too readily into plans of ephemeral tinsel. The Commission wanted to put an impress on the people coming after them that would be a dignified reminder of what Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton did and what the country had done since their times. The Commission had suggested as one permanent memorial the Public park at Inwood Hill. When such a practical and lasting memorial had been suggested, it seemed a pity to spend much money on a passing show.

Mr. Stetson said there was a real basis for Mr. Olcott's remarks; but we were drawing money from the State, and the State would never consent to the spending of its money on a permanent memorial in New York City. We must

provide an adequate, worthy and dignified celebration on the week we have selected.

The Assistant Secretary advocated the approval of Miss Mason's plan. It would cost the Commission nothing, and such local celebrations were of very great value. In fact, the Commission had already, in its Plan and Scope Report, invited the local communities to hold local celebrations.

Mr. Stetson thought that if we were to have an international celebration and entertain foreign guests, we ought not to endorse officially such representations,—like the surrender of the British—as might offend the susceptibilities of the visitors.

Dr. Kunz recalled the fact that when the Stony Point Battlefield State Reservation was dedicated under the auspices of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society in 1902, the distinguished English artist Sir Philip Burne-Jones was a much pleased guest, and gave the Society a pensketch representing the artist clasping hands with the ghost of Gen. Anthony Wayne. This drawing was reproduced in the Society's Annual Report to the Legislature in 1903.

Commander Miller saw nothing in the programme as outlined for the celebration which would prevent some local pageant every day of the week. He regarded Miss Mason's project as praiseworthy and desirable, and thought that her letter should be published and other local celebrations encouraged.

At the conclusion of the discussion it was voted that Miss Mason's letter be referred to the same committee to which the propositions of Messrs. Stoddard and Parry were referred, namely, to Mr. Ridder and Mr. Sackett.

*Design for Medal Submitted by American Numismatic Society.*

The Secretary read the following letter from Mr. Edward D. Adams of No. 71 Broadway, New York, submitting the design for a commemorative medal in accord-

ance with the action of the Trustees March 25, 1908, recorded on pages 444-445 of the Minutes:

New York, September 18, 1908.

Col. Henry W. Sackett, Secretary, Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, Tribune Building, New York City.

Dear Sir: While preparing for the publication of a medal commemorative of Hudson and Fulton on behalf of the American Numismatic Society, Dr. George F. Kunz, suggested that such a souvenir of the joint celebration of next year might be desired for the use of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

Pursuant to this suggestion, I have caused the design to be adapted for this purpose, and beg to submit the same herewith, being photographs of the wax model in an incomplete state, but showing the general scope of the design and the material facts incorporated in the composition.

I beg to submit the proposal that should the Commission wish to use this design, I will cause the same to be completed with such alterations as may be suggested on your behalf for its better adaptability to your purposes, and will agree, on behalf of the Numismatic Society, to pay one-half the expense of the design and the execution of the dies, which I calculate would not exceed the sum of \$2,000.

It should be further understood that each party shall have the right to cause to be struck from these dies as many medals and in whatever metal they may wish, but at the expense of the party ordering the same.

It would be the purpose of my Committee to strike at least one hundred examples in silver for distribution among the members of the Society, and to the extent that this was done, we would wish the sole right to have such medals consecutively numbered on the edge from one upwards; the examples struck for account of the Commission to be without numbers.

Furthermore, that the dies shall be returned to the Numismatic Society within the year following the celebration.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD D. ADAMS,

Chairman,

Committee on the Publication of Medals  
of the American Numismatic Society.

The communication was referred to Dr. Kunz, to be brought up for consideration at the next meeting of the Trustees.

*Tentative Plan of the Clermont Submitted.*

Admiral Coghlan reported that under date of June 19, 1908, he had received a letter from Mr. C. R. Norman, President of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York, stating that in accordance with the authorization of the Board of Directors of that Association he had appointed Messrs. Wm. D. Dickey, W. Freeland Dalzell and Frederick Bolander a committee to confer in regard to the suggestion that the various commercial bodies furnish a replica of the Clermont. Admiral Coghlan had conferred with these gentlemen and was encouraged to believe that the reproduction of the Clermont would be furnished under the auspices of the Maritime Association. He laid before the Committee a drawing showing the plan of the Clermont prepared as the result of his investigations. This was a tentative plan, but he did not believe that it would be much changed. It was estimated that the cost of construction so as to present the outward appearance of the Clermont would be inside of \$15,000. He stated that Mr. Fred B. Dalzell of the firm of Fred B. Dalzell & Co. had offered as his contribution to the success of the celebration one of the firm's tugs to tow the Clermont on the day of the parade.

The report was received and referred to the Trustees.

*Nominated as Members of the Commission.*

Admiral Coghlan proposed Mr. Fred B. Dalzell, above mentioned, for appointment as a member of the Commission.

The Chairman proposed Mr. Edward D. Adams of 71 Broadway, Chairman of the Publication Committee of the American Numismatic Society; and Mr. John C. Sinclair of the Bowery Savings Bank.

The names were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

September 23, 1908.

The twenty-seventh meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held, pursuant to call by the President, at the headquarters of the Commission in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau Street, New York City, Wednesday, September 23, 1908, at 3 P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: The President, Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. William Berri, Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward H. Hall, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Hon. Henry Hudson, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Dr. George F. Kunz, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Hon. William McCarroll, Hon. Benjamin McClung, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Mr. Herman Ridder, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Edmund Wetmore, and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

*Absentees Excused.*

Regrets for absense were received from Mr. R. Fulton Cutting, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. James A. Hearn, Hon. Warren Higley, Col. William Jay, Hon. Seth Low, Commander Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. George G. Raymond, President Jacob G. Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. James Speyer, Mr. Spencer Trask, Col. John W. Vrooman, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Mr. Charles R. Wilson and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the Trustees meeting of May 27, 1908, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

*Minutes of Commission Corrected.*

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. E. Parmly Brown, dated July 8, 1908, requesting a correction of the minutes of the annual meeting of the Commission printed on page 491, as follows:

"The report of my remarks gives the idea that each citizen giving \$15 should bring one guest. My intention was that each citizen thus contributing paid for himself and one of the invited guests." The letter continues with a list showing that 9,000 guests paying \$15 each would cover the expenses not only of themselves but also of 9,000 more official guests.

The correction was ordered printed in the next minutes.

*Minute on the Death of Hon. Grover Cleveland.*

Pursuant to the vote of the Executive Committee September 18, 1908, the Assistant Secretary presented the following minute on the death of the Hon. Grover Cleveland:

On June 25, 1908, the Hon. Grover Cleveland, the first-named Charter Member of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, died at his home in Princeton, N. J., at the age of 71 years.

In the event which has bereaved the Nation of its illustrious ex-President, this Commission has sustained an irreparable loss. Although the pressure of the large affairs which engaged Mr. Cleveland's attention prevented his personal attendance at our meetings, yet his loyal devotion to the State which he served with distinguished honor as Governor from January 1, 1883 to January 6, 1885, and his realization of the great significance of the events which the Commission is preparing to commemorate, caused him to lend to this body the influence of his preëminent name as one of its Incorporators, Trustees and Vice Presidents and as Chairman of the Committee on Official Invitations; and in his correspondence to express his cordial interest in and wishes for the success of the plans made for the celebration in 1909.

To the members of this Commission, the loss of his moral support and generous sympathy is an occasion for sincere sorrow; while the remembrance of his confidence is their much prized legacy.



As a testimony of respect to his memory as a Statesman, as a Citizen, as a Member of the Commission and as the Personal Friend of many of its members, be it

Resolved, That this minute be spread upon the records of the Commission, and that a copy thereof be sent to Mr. Cleveland's widow, with assurances of the affectionate esteem in which she is held by the American people and of this Commission's sincere sympathy for her and her children in their great grief.

The minute was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

*Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Treasurer was read as follows:  
To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

I have the honor to report the state of the Treasury on September 23, 1908, as follows:

DEBIT.

To balance on hand May 27, 1908. . . . . \$5,857 47

CREDIT.

By paid on approved vouchers:

79. New York Law Journal, advertising annual meeting . . . . .	\$2 50
80. J. B. Lyon Co., printing. . . . .	25 97
81. Henry Romeike, Inc., press clippings in April . . . . .	1 05
82. Joseph Hawkes, reproducing photos. . . . .	3 50
83. J. A. Cooke, mimeographing. . . . .	1 35
84. Polhemus Printing Co., stationery. . . . .	6 80
85. E. H. Hall, disbursements. . . . . \$33 95	
E. H. Hall, salary for May. . . . . 250 00	
	<u>283 95</u>

Total credit . . . . .	\$325 12
Total debit . . . . .	<u>5,857 47</u>

Balance September 23, 1908. . . . . \$5,532 35

Respectfully submitted,  
ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,  
Treasurer.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee:

J. B. Lyon Co., 1,000 copies minutes of April 22	\$32 00
J. B. Lyon Co., 1,000 manila envelopes.....	4 50
J. B. Lyon Co., 800 copies minutes of May 6 and 27.....	46 43
J. B. Lyon Co., 1,000 letterheads.....	2 88
J. B. Lyon Co., 1,000 white envelopes.....	1 35
Henry Romeike, Inc., press clippings, May- August.....	2 76
Nautical Gazette, 13 extra copies.....	1 95
Ames & Rollinson, engrossing five diplomas.....	\$25 00
Ames & Rollinson, five tin tubes..	2 00
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	27 00
Miss J. A. Cooke, mimeographing letters.....	4 90
Polhemus Printing Co., stationery.....	3 05
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$47 85
E. H. Hall, salary, June, July, Au- gust, September.....	1,000 00
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*Appropriation of \$150,000 and Reappropriation of \$12,500.*

The Secretary reported that Chapter 466 of the Laws of 1908, (the "Supply Bill,") which became a law May 22, 1908, contained the following appropriation:

"The sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (re. 12,500), being the unexpended balance of an appropriation made by chapter three hundred twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred six for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose, and the further sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), is hereby appropriated and made immediately available for the same purpose, and the further sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), which is hereby appropriated and made available therefor on and after January first, nineteen hundred nine."

*Report of Special Committee on Carnival Parade.*

The Secretary read from the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held September 18, 1908 (see pp. 528-537), the portions relating to the proposed Carnival Parades and the appointment of Mr. Ridder and Mr. Sackett as a special committee to report upon the subject to the present meeting of the Trustees. He then read the following report:

The subject of securing the services of suitable persons to organize and supervise, on behalf of the Commission, certain forms of celebration, and particularly the carnival and pageantry features which would require much time in their preparation, was, at the last meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday, September 18, referred to the undersigned as a Committee, with the request that we report at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The appointment of this Committee grew out of the appearance before the Executive Committee at that meeting of Mr. A. H. Stoddard, the Master of Ceremonies of the Mardi Gras Carnival in New Orleans, and of Mr. William Parry of New York, who assisted Mr. Lascelles, the Pageant Master in the recent celebration at Quebec. As what was there said by them is fully reported in the minutes of that meeting of the Executive Committee it will be unnecessary to quote at length from the remarks of those gentlemen in substantiation of our conclusions.

Both of them expressed the strong conviction that the main features of the Carnival Parade and of the historical pageantry contemplated for our Celebration would require the whole of the year that remains to us for satisfactory preparations. It is also manifest that such preparations must be placed in the hands of competent and experienced experts who will devote their time and talents to the undertaking, if it is to be, as we all hope and expect, the greatest and most instructive exhibition of this character ever presented. It will probably be found necessary to secure the services of one expert like Mr. Stoddard to supervise and manage that portion of the Carnival parade to be held on the last day of the Celebration that bears a close analogy, so far as concerns the labor of preparation and the details of presentation, to the New Orleans Carnival. For the historical pageantry and other like portions of the Celebration, particularly if they are to be laid out on a large scale on the Hudson River, it seems desirable that we secure a stage manager who has had such experience as Mr. Parry

obtained at Quebec and who has handled other enterprises requiring similar executive qualities. It also seems to your Committee desirable to secure, if possible, the services of some person of commanding abilities in that direction, upon whom could be imposed the general business and directorial management of the entire Celebration, under the control and supervision, of course, of this Board of Trustees and of the officers.

It may be that we shall be so fortunate as to find in one person the qualities requisite to the satisfactory performance of the duties of general management and of the details of the historical pageantry. But the time at the disposal of this Committee has not been sufficient to enable them to make an investigation sufficiently thorough to justify recommendations by them either upon this point or as to the qualifications of any person or persons for appointment to the two positions first mentioned.

Your Committee, however, are convinced that some definite action on the subject should be taken at this meeting of the Board. The time has now arrived for prompt, expeditious and constant preparation for the Celebration, which will begin its programme almost exactly a year from the date of the meeting at which this report is presented. No harm can come from too prompt action; much injury may result from delay. It is unnecessary to point out that neither the members of this Board of Trustees nor the officers of the Commission are able individually to carry on the managerial duties incident to the enterprise. Experts trained for such work must be secured. It will be good economy to retain the best men obtainable, even though the rate of compensation should be high. Much of the ultimate success of the Celebration must depend upon them.

In all the circumstances of the case, therefore, your Committee recommend that the matter under consideration be referred to the Executive Committee of this Board, with full power to appoint, upon the recommendation of the President, a General Manager of the entire Hudson-Fulton Celebration, a Manager of the historical pageantry features of the Celebration, a Manager of the Carnival Parade of the Celebration; or to make one or more of such appointments; and to authorize the officers of the Commission to make contracts with such appointee or appointees at such rate of compensation and upon such conditions as shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

Your Committee asks leave to report at a later meeting of the Board their recommendations concerning the proposals

contained in the letter of Miss Mason which was referred to them. The suggestions of Miss Mason deserve more careful consideration than we have as yet been able to give to them.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RIDDER, Chairman.  
HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Committee.

Col. Satterlee moved, for the purpose of bringing the report before the meeting for discussion, that the report be adopted. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Kunz inquired if it was the intention to turn each division of the carnival parade and pageantry over to Mr. Parry and Mr. Soddard, or whether the Commission would retain supervising control. He was afraid that unless there were some regulation by the Commission, the carnival might run into opera bouffe at the sacrifice of historical correctness. There was historical ability of a high order available within the Commission which ought to be consulted in the designing of costumes and the preparation of historical reproductions; and if the costumes were historically accurate they might be welcomed by some such institution as the New York Historical Society whose distinguished President, Mr. S. V. Hoffman, was present at this meeting. He also suggested that if a contract should be made along the lines indicated in the report just read, a clause should be inserted to provide against unforeseen contingencies, which would permit the Commission to cancel the contract on payment of a suitable compensation.

In answer to Dr. Kunz's question, the President read from the report the clause indicating that the management should be "under the control and supervision, of course, of this Board of Trustees and of the Officers." He added that if the final responsibility concerning the contract were left with him, he would see that Dr. Kunz's suggestions were embodied in the contract.

Col. Satterlee said he was not sufficiently familiar with the former proceedings of the Commission to know whether it were committed to the carnival idea or not.

The President replied that the Commission was honorably committed to the idea of a Carnival Parade but not as yet to an historical pageant. Mr. Ridder, Chairman of the Carnival Parade Committee, had already begun tentative arrangements with the German singing societies with such a parade in view.

Col. Satterlee said that he believed it was possible to make a great success of the historical pageant; but if done here, it must be done better than anywhere else, and second to none. New Yorkers could do in six months what would require a year's preparation in Quebec or New Orleans. The practical problem which confronted the Commission, however, was to find a suitable place for it. He doubted the advisability of a historical pageant on the river. The floats would be so far from the spectators on land that the figures would be very small and would be recognizable only with an opera glass. Only great mass effects could be produced advantageously at such a distance. Furthermore, the idea of repeating the pageant at various points up the river did not comport with the suggestion that lineal descendants of the historical characters take the impersonations; for such persons, and indeed the other participants, would hardly care to travel from place to place for the purpose of a series of appearances. He thought the Commission should get down to the idea of holding the historical parade in the avenues of New York City, possibly in connection with Central Park or Van Cortlandt Park.

Mr. Stetson said that this subject was certainly as important as any matter that would come before the Commission and should not be decided without careful deliberation. Those who were present at the Executive Committee meeting Friday must have been impressed with the sagacity of Mr. Parry's remarks. Mr. Stoddard's proposition was also set forth by that gentleman very ably,— as ably, probably, as it could have been.— but Mr. Stetson was in great doubt as to whether the New Orleans plan was in itself what we wished. He therefore felt that the report of the Committee should be received but not adopted; and that it should be

printed in the minutes and sent to all the members, with the notice that it will be made the special order of business at a future meeting.

*Carnival Parade Report Made Special Order for October 14.*

Mr. Stetson therefore moved as a substitute for Col. Satterlee's motion, that the report be received and printed in the minutes; and that it be sent to all the members with notice that it will be the special order of business at an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees, to be held on Wednesday, October 14, 1908, at 3 p. m. Col. Satterlee accepted the substitute.

Mr. Sackett said he did rise to oppose Mr. Stetson's motion. On the contrary, he approved of it. But he hoped that the Commission would not rely too much on the capacity of New Yorkers, alluded to by Col. Satterlee, to accomplish in six months what would require a year in New Orleans or Quebec. New Yorkers have that capacity; but it should also be observed that no people has the capacity of postponement more highly developed than the people of New York. He pointed to the lack of readiness which caused the delay in the opening of the Philadelphia Exposition and the postponement of the Columbian Exposition from the anniversary year 1892 to 1893 and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition from 1903 to 1904, and cautioned against unnecessary delay. While it was right to postpone the consideration of this report, he felt that the Trustees should see to it that from this date till the opening of the celebration, not a day went by without accomplishing something practical in the direction of preparation.

Mr. Berri said that as there was to be a celebration in Philadelphia from October 5 to October 10, in which Mr. Parry had charge of the pageantry, it might be advisable for members of the Commission to go there and see how it was conducted. Information as to methods, cost, etc., could be obtained from those in charge, and the members could judge for themselves how successful the affair proved. If this feature should be decided on for New York and the Commission desired to repeat it, Mr. Berri wanted to present

the claim of the Borough of Brooklyn for a presentation of it. There were one and a half million people in Brooklyn who would like to see the pageant. The school children could not go over to Manhattan; and if they could, the line of march could not be made long enough for them all to see it. If a reproduction were given in Brooklyn, the enthusiastic cooperation of the local societies could be depended upon.

Mr. Ridder said that everyone was in sympathy with Mr. Berri's remarks. It was possible that the Carnival Parade might be given in Manhattan on Saturday, October 2, and repeated in Brooklyn the following Saturday. As to attending the Philadelphia celebration, Mr. Ridder said he would be there, as he was to deliver an address in the Academy of Music on that occasion.

Dr. Kunz said that in judging of the success of the Philadelphia pageants, the Trustees should make allowance for the tardiness of the Philadelphia managers in making their arrangements with Mr. Parry. The latter had said that he did not have time to do what was really necessary in Philadelphia.

After some further discussion, Mr. Stetson's motion was unanimously adopted.

*Members Requested to Attend Philadelphia Celebration.*

Mr. Berri moved that a committee be appointed by the President, of which the President should be a member, to attend the celebration of Founders' Week in Philadelphia from October 5 to October 10, 1908, and report their observations to the Trustees. Carried.

After the President had named Mr. Berri, Dr. Kunz, Mr. Muschenheim, Mr. Ridder and Col. Satterlee as members of the Committee, Mr. Ridder suggested that the President call for volunteers.

It was therefore voted that the Secretary be requested to send a notice to all the members of the Board of Trustees asking them to attend the Philadelphia celebration.



The President stated that it was understood that the appointed and volunteer members of the Committee should bear their own expenses.

*Medal Design Referred to Sub-Committee on Historical Exhibits.*

Dr. Kunz presented a report on the subject of the design for a commemorative medal submitted to the Executive Committee by the American Numismatic Society, the substance of which is embodied in the letter from Mr. Edward D. Adams printed on page 541 of the minutes. He added that the medal had been designed by Emil Fuchs, an expert medalist, who had designed four or five important medals for Mr. Archer M. Huntington, President of the American Numismatic Society; and that the design had already received high professional approval. It was the idea that medals in gold, costing \$300 or \$400 each, be struck for the rulers of nations; copies in silver, costing \$10, \$15 or \$20 each, depending on the size, be struck for Admirals and other especially distinguished guests; and that medals in bronze costing perhaps \$5 each, be struck for minor delegates and members of the Commission.

Col. Satterlee inquired if it were the intention to permit the Numismatic Society as well as this Commission to strike medals.

The Secretary read Mr. Adams' letter answering that point in the affirmative.

Col. Satterlee thought that if the medal were to be struck without limit, it would be deprived of its value to a monarch. The value of a medal depends very largely on its rarity.

Dr. Kunz explained that the medal was intended as the joint production of this Commission and the Numismatic Society. By the cooperation of the latter, the accuracy and standing of the medal in the numismatic world were ensured.

Mr. Berri said he understood that the medals for the members of this Commission were to be paid for by themselves. He did not approve of Aldermen, Commissioners, etc., having medals struck for themselves at public expense.

The President said that the value of such a medal as that proposed would be very great. It would provide perhaps

the most accurate recognition of the celebration that could be devised. If Holland sends us the "Half Moon," we should send something in return to go into the Royal Archives. If England should participate by sending a representation, we should send a gold medal to King Edward. One should also be sent to the President of the United States. Those sent abroad would remain forever in the Royal Treasuries and be perpetual memorials of the celebration.

Mr. Stetson suggested that Col. Satterlee's objection might be met by entering into an agreement with the Numismatic Society that no medal should be struck in gold except under the direction of the Commission. He therefore moved that Mr. Adams' letter be acknowledged with the sincere appreciation of the Commission; and that the subject matter be referred to such committee as the President should deem advisable. Carried.

The President referred the matter to the sub-Committee on Historical Exhibits, of which Dr. Kunz is Chairman.

*Nominated for Appointment to Commission.*

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a report recommending the appointment by the Mayor of New York, of the following named gentlemen as members of the Commission: Mr. Edward D. Adams, of No. 71 Broadway, financier, trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, member of many art and scientific organizations, and chairman of the Publication Committee of the American Numismatic Society; Mr. Frederick B. Dalzell, of the marine firm of Frederick B. Dalzell & Co., No. 70 South street; Mr. Morris P. Ferris, of No. 35 Nassau street, counsellor-at-law and member of several patriotic societies; Mr. John C. Sinclair of the Union League Club, 1 East 39th street, a retired banker and manufacturer; and William G. Ver Planck, descendant of one of the old Dutch families of New York and counsellor-at-law at No. 149 Broadway.

The report was adopted.

*Admiral Coghlan Elected a Vice-President.*

Mr. Fitch also presented a report nominating Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., as a Vice-President and Hon. Robert W. DeForest as a Trustee, respectively, in place of the Hon. Grover Cleveland, deceased.

The report was received.

Mr. Berri moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in behalf of the meeting for Admiral Coghlan for Vice-President. The motion was unanimously adopted; and the Secretary having cast the ballot as directed, the President declared Admiral Coghlan unanimously elected a Vice-President.

*Hon. Robert W. DeForest Elected a Trustee.*

Mr. Berri also moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in behalf of the meeting for Mr. DeForest for Trustee. The motion was unanimously carried; and the ballot having been cast as directed, the President declared Mr. DeForest unanimously elected.

*Request for Appointment of New Jersey Members  
Renewed.*

Mr. Stetson called attention to the action of Gov. Stokes of New Jersey, recorded on page 389 of the minutes, pursuant to proceedings recorded on pages 139, 191 and 192 recommending to Gov. Hughes for appointment on this Commission ten distinguished citizens of New Jersey, including four ex-Governors; also to the statement on page 498 of the minutes that Gov. Hughes had received the recommendations but had been too preoccupied to take the matter up. In view of the desirability of having New Jersey represented in the preparations for a celebration affecting that state as well as New York, and in view also of the prominence of the gentlemen proposed by Gov. Stokes, Mr. Stetson suggested the propriety of the President's writing to Gov. Hughes and inquiring if it would be agreeable to him to make the appointments.

The President said that he would be happy to act on Mr. Stetson's suggestion.

*Appointed by Mayor McClellan.*

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of Mayor McClellan, dated June 15, 1908, appointing Hon. Richard

Young and Mr. George Wilson as members of this Commission in accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees. The letter was ordered on file and the Secretary directed to place the names of the gentlemen on the roll of the Commission.

*Certificates Sent to Foreign Correspondent Councillors.*

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the action of the Trustees recorded on page 515 he had caused to be engrossed for the five Foreign Correspondent Councillors, Mr. C. G. Hooft, Dr. E. W. Moes, Dr. A. Bredins, Dr. W. Martin and Mr. D. Hudig certificates of their election in the following form:

THE HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION COMMISSION.

Chartered by Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906 of the State of New York.

This Certifies that the Trustees of this Commission which has been appointed by the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the City of New York to arrange for the Celebration in 1909 of the 300th Anniversary of the Discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in 1609 and the 100th Anniversary of the First Successful Application of Steam to the Navigation thereof by Robert Fulton in 1807, reposing Confidence in the Character, Ability and Public Spirit of

The Honorable C. G. Hooft  
have unanimously elected him to be a  
Foreign Correspondent Councillor  
of the Commission.

In Witness Whereof, the Commission has caused its corporate seal to be affixed to these presents and the same to be signed by its President and its Secretary at the City of New York, State of New York, U. S. A., this fourth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight.

STEWART L. WOODFORD,  
*President.*

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
*Secretary.*

These had been sent by the hand of Mr. Bergen who visited Holland during the past summer, and had been acknowledged with much appreciation.

*Call from Prof. H. Bavinck.*

The Secretary reported that on September 9 he had been honored by a call from Dr. H. Bavinck, a Professor of the Free University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, commended by a letter from the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Van Swinderen. Dr. Bavinck stated that he visited this country to lecture at Princeton University in November and to arrange for the publication of his lectures; that he was a member of the Committee appointed in Holland to cooperate with this Commission and that he desired to learn what he could do, during his travels in this country, to enlist the cooperation of the Dutch people in America with those in Holland in sharing in the celebration. After an informal exchange of views, Dr. Bavinck was requested to confer further with this Commission at his convenience.

Dr. Bavinck left with the Commission a copy of a circular, of which the following in a translation:

*Half Moon Committee in Holland.*

(Translation.)

HUDSON-FULTON MEMORIAL CELEBRATION.

1609-1809-1909.

On the 8th day of January, 1609, "the Directors of the East India Company of the Chamber of Amsterdam" closed a still existing contract with commission to "Henry Hudson, Englishman," to discover, in a "small ship or yacht" to be furnished to him, a passage to China by going to the northeast by way of Nova Zembla. The ship placed at his disposal was named the Half Moon. On April 4, 1609, Hudson sailed from Amsterdam with this ship, and finding no passage to the northeastward, turned his course to the westward and on September 9 following sailed by Manhattan Island, the present New York, up the stream which is named after him the Hudson River.

Two hundred years thereafter, in September, 1809, Robert Fulton, with Livingstone, the inventor of steam naviga-

tion, and the first one to navigate the Hudson river with an entirely steam-driven vessel, received a monopoly for steam-navigation on this stream.

These two events they desire to celebrate at New York in September, 1909, in an impressive manner and with great splendor, while at the same time the Holland Society will unveil a statue of William the Silent, the model for which has been designed by Henry M. Shradly, whose name has already been made by his statues of Washington and Grant. The sum of a hundred thousand guilders\* has been collected for this statue.

The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, which has been formed for the management of these grand celebrations, consists of 246 persons. Among their vice presidents are Andrew Carnegie, J. Pierpont Morgan and Joseph H. Choate, who are also well known among us.

This Commission, already formed in 1906, has proposed for the celebration the following plan:†

1. Saturday, 25 September, thanksgiving and prayer in the synagogues.

2. Sunday, 26 September, thanksgiving and prayer in the various Christian churches.

3. Monday, 27 September, arrival in the harbor of New York of reproductions of the Half Moon and the Clermont, Fulton's first steamboat; the reception of the guests of honor; and at the same time the inauguration of an Indian village on the shore.

4. Tuesday, 28 September, commemoration in all universities, high and common schools of the State of New York; and in the evening in New York City, in each of the five boroughs, literary meetings where men of distinction shall deliver orations.

5. Wednesday, 29 September, historical procession on land with historical and allegorical representations of everything connected with American labor and industry, arranged as an American carnival. In the evening, reception of the guests of honor in the Department of the East on Governor's Island.

6. Thursday, 30 September, dedication of a new park and unveiling of monuments in various places in towns along the Hudson River accompanied by aquatic sports. In the evening, great music festival in New York City.

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\*\$40,000. † The programme recommended by the Plan and Scope Committee April 22, 1908, differs somewhat from this outline. See pp. 459-467.

7. Friday, 1 October, Naval Parade of a procession of war-ships, merchant vessels and mail-boats from New York to Newburgh, with land festivals on both banks of the river. The Half Moon and the Clermont will lead the way. Bon fires will be kindled on both banks after sunset. A similar procession of ships will come down from Albany to Newburgh and both processions will unite at Newburgh.

And 8. Saturday, 2 October, return of the Half Moon and the Clermont to New York City; children's festivals along the whole coast on both banks; and in the evening the celebration will end with an illumination of the whole of New York City and with the lighting of a monumental historical firework.

Taking cognizance of these plans, the question immediately arose whether the Netherlands was not called, on its own part, also to participate in these festivities.

At the time of the celebration of the great Columbus festivals, Spain sent across the sea fac-similes of the three caravels of Columbus. Should not the way lie open also to us now to build a fac-simile of the Half Moon to sail within Sandy Hook on the third festival-day?

This idea, discussed at New York by our then envoy to Washington, Jonkheer de Marees van Swinderen, now Minister of Foreign Affairs, found warm approbation with the parties interested. Historically, the Netherlands itself was indeed concerned with the event to be celebrated; New York, shortly afterward founded by our people, formerly bore the name of New Amsterdam; to descend from the families of Old Holland is still considered in the entire state of New York as a patent of nobility.

Knowing that our non-participation in the celebration in America would be regarded as a disappointment and would thus injure us, the Messrs. Vice Admiral Ellis, E. Baron Mackay and J. C. de Marez Oyens invited a small number of gentlemen from the capital, from the residential City and from Rotterdam to a preliminary conference on this matter. This meeting took place at The Hague on April 11.

Those taking part in this meeting were unanimously of the opinion that our country must not hold back. The glory of our past as well as the national interest in the tie binding us to America should compel us to participate. And as little difference of opinion existed there concerning the question as to how our participation should manifest itself.

It was found desirable to form a Netherland Committee for this object. This Committee would send a fac-simile of the Half Moon to New York Harbor in September,

1909; and delegates from the Netherlands should go to show their interest in the great New York Celebration, in order at the same time to offer the Half Moon as a gift; while at the same time it might be supposed that our Government would add luster to this Dutch manifestation by sending a squadron.

The money needed for the building of the Half Moon, for her equipment and crew, as well as for the presentation at New York is estimated at the minimum of 75,000 florins \* — an amount that will possibly be exceeded.

Such a Committee was thereupon appointed, and entered upon its duties by immediately appealing to the great public of the Netherlands in order to collect the requisite sum by large and small contributions.

But the Committee does not intend to stop here. It must not be forgotten that in former times a great number of their fellow-countrymen emigrated to America, who, though permanently settled, especially in Michigan, Iowa and Illinois, nevertheless did not lose the memories of the old Fatherland and always knew how to unite patriotic sentiment for America with a warm sympathy for the Netherlands. They have therefore invited their fellow member, Prof. Dr. H. Bavinck, who had the intention shortly to visit the new Dutch colony, to bring this matter also to the attention of the families of Dutch descent.

It would be so beautiful if the Old Netherlands could then unite with these new colonists of Dutch descent as a deputation at New York in the Hudson-Fulton celebration, in order there to pay homage to the achievements of our common forefathers especially in the state of New York during the days of our glory.

The offer of the Half Moon to the Committee in charge of the Festivities at New York would then be a gift of honor to America, as well from the ancient Fatherland of the new Dutch colony as from that colony itself, and through the fund jointly contributed for this purpose the bond which, as members of the same race, we still feel toward each other, could impressively manifest itself.

The Committee is composed as follows:

PATRON,

His Royal Highness, the Prince of the Netherlands, Duke of Mecklenburg.

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\*\$30,000.



## HONORARY PRESIDENT

Vice Admiral A. G. Ellis, Adjutant extraordinary of Her Majesty the Queen.

Mr. J. E. Baron Mackay, Minister of State, at The Hague, *President*.

J. T. Cremer, President of the Netherland Commercial Association, at Amsterdam.

E. P. de Monchy Rzn., President of the Chamber of Commerce, at Rotterdam, *Vice-Presidents*.

J. W. P. van Hoogstraten, Adjutant of Her Majesty the Queen, at the Hague, *First Secretary*.

J. Heldring, at The Hague, *Second Secretary*.

Mr. R. van Rees, at Amsterdam, *Treasurer*.

The Directors of the Netherland-American Steam Navigation Company.

Mr. J. Baron d'Aulnis de Bourouill, Professor at the State University at Utrecht.

Dr. H. Bavincck, Professor at the Free University at Amsterdam.

Dr. P. J. Blok, Professor at the State University at Leiden.

S. P. van Eeghen, President of the Chamber of Commerce at Amsterdam.

Dr. A. Kuyper, ex-Minister of Interior Affairs, at the Hague.

Mr. W. F. van Leeuwen, Burgomaster of Amsterdam.

C. L. Loder, Director of Shipbuilding at the Department of Marine, at the Hague.

Mr. F. S. van Nierop, member of the First Chamber of the States General, at Amsterdam.

Mr. J. C. de Marez Oyens, ex-Minister of Water Department, Commerce and Industry, at the Hague.

Mr. L. H. W. Regout, member of the First Chamber of the States General, at Maastricht.

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D. W. Stork, member of the First Chamber of the States General at Hengelo.

Vice-Admiral J. H. L. J. Baron Sweerts de Landas Wyborgh, Director and Commandant of Marine, at Amsterdam.

Mr. C. J. Baron van Tuijll van Serooskerken, Treasurer of the Crown domains, at Arnhem.

J. J. G. Baron van Voorst tot Voorst, Adjutant extraordinary of Her Majesty the Queen, at Arnhem.

Jonkheer P. J. J. S. M. van der Does de Willebois, member of the First Chamber of the States General, at 's Hertogenbosch.

Mr. A. R. Zimmerman, Burgomaster of Rotterdam.

*Exhibit Representing Holland Life Proposed.*

The Secretary read the following letter from Mr. Eben E. Olcott, a Trustee of the Commission:

New York, September 23, 1908.

The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, Tribune Building, City.

Gentlemen.—I beg to send an extract from a letter received from Miss Van Santvoord while she was in Holland, suggesting that Baroness Harinxma and Miss Kuyper, a daughter of the former Prime Minister of Holland, should get up a collection representative of Holland life for an exhibit next fall. The Dutch Government paid \$4,000 for the Russian exhibit. I have written to know whether this sum will fully cover the expense. It is possible that the \$4,000 was merely a contribution by the Russian Government, and that Holland paid part of the exhibit.

I send herewith a Journal in Dutch, illustrating and describing the exhibit. I believe that it will be a fine thing to encourage; no doubt the American Museum would grant us space for this exhibit, which might be rushed here early in the year so as to attract attention to the fall celebration.

I regretted that I had to run away from the Executive meeting the other day to attend another engagement. Still more that I cannot possibly get down this afternoon, as I wrote you from the house this morning.

Very truly,

E. E. OLCOTT.

Accompanying the foregoing was the following extract from Miss Van Santvoord's letter:

Miss Kuyper was telling me the other day of an exhibition of the "Child-Life of Holland" that the Baroness

of Harinxma and she got up for Russia, and which was received there with great interest and enthusiasm.

It seems that for centuries toys have been made which have been exact reproductions of furniture, such as minute cabinets made with the same carving as the large ones, models of windmills, carriages, foot-stoves, cooking utensils, etc. Consequently these toys handed down from generation to generation are really reproductions of the old Holland life — say of the time of Hendrick Hudson. No other nation has anything like it. Besides this, in the Museums of Holland are dolls dressed in the great variety of costumes of the different provinces of this land.

Everything being small, a more interesting exhibition could be made for a comparatively small expense. It occurred to me that if something of this sort could be taken over to New York and exhibited in connection with the Hendrick Hudson Celebration, that it would give a great deal of local color and charm.

Miss Kuyper says that if the Tri-Centennial Committee would care to have them do it, that Baroness Harinxma and she would be willing to organize it — getting together the models from the Museums, through the help of the present Prime Minister, and having some made, and buying others."

Mr. Olcott's letter and accompanying extract were referred to the Plan and Scope Committee.

#### *Collegiate Reformed Church Offers to Participate.*

A letter dated 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, June 8, 1908, from the Rev. Edward B. Coe, was read, stating that the Consistory of the Collegiate Reformed Church,—the oldest Church in the city — had appointed a committee of which he was Chairman to consider what action should be taken by the Church looking to participation in the religious observances of the celebration. Referred to the Committee on Memorials, of which Mr. Bergen is chairman.

#### *Dobbs Ferry Improvement Society Tenders Cooperation.*

A letter from the Dobbs Ferry Improvement Society, dated Aug. 17, 1908, was read, tending the cooperation of that Society.

The Secretary was requested to acknowledge the letter with thanks and to make suitable suggestions.

*Exempt Firemen of New York Apply for Place in Land Parade.*

A letter from Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Assistant Foreman of Exempt Firemen of the former city of New York, dated Aug. 24, 1908, was read, applying for a place in the land parade. Referred to the Carnival Parade Committee.

*Daughters of the Empire State Apply for Place in Naval Parade.*

A letter from Mrs. Gerard Bancker, President of the Daughters of the Empire State, dated June 27, 1908, was read, asking to be authorized to secure a suitable boat at their own expense and to be assigned a desirable place in the water parade; also that the Society be represented on the Reception Committee. The application concerning the boat was referred to the Naval Parade Committee.

*Resignation of Col. Jay as Chairman of Banquet Committee.*

A letter from Col. Wm. Jay, dated June 30, 1908, was read, regretting that on account of his health and protracted absence abroad, he must insist on his resignation as Chairman of the Official Banquet Committee.

The resignation was accepted with much regret and with the thanks of the Trustees for the valuable services already rendered, and the President was authorized to appoint Col. Jay's successor.

*Report of Inwood Hill Park Committee.*

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the Inwood Hill Park Committee, dated September 15, 1908, stating that all through the summer he had had more or less negotiation about Inwood Hill with the result that one of the owners on the west side of the Hill had agreed to sell at \$2,000 a lot, buildings to be added. The land on the east side of the Hill is naturally very much less valuable. On any such basis, Mr. Parsons thought that the Hill should be acquired at something less than our original estimate, as stated to the Mayor. The letter referred to the combination formed by one of the owners on the basis of \$3,500 a lot, the aggregate of which would be

nearly double our original estimate and a total which Mr. Parsons would not feel justified in approving. If authority could be given to acquire parcels the price of which is satisfactory, he believed the adverse combination could be broken and a successful conclusion reached. Our difficulty was the financial condition of the City. He suggested that much could be accomplished if members of the Executive Committee would speak to the Mayor on this subject.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Monument to Henry Hudson on Spuyten Duyvil Hill  
Proposed.*

The Secretary read a letter dated June 20, 1908, from Mr. J. J. McKelvey, Secretary of the Park District Protective League, of which Mr. James Douglas is President, referring to the lack of progress thus far on the proposed Hudson Memorial Bridge across the Spuyten Duyvil Creek from Inwood Hill to Spuyten Duyvil Hill and proposing to erect a monument to Hudson on the latter eminence at the northerly terminus of the proposed bridge. The letter continues:

" Subject to the approval of your Celebration Commission we intend to initiate a movement to raise, by private subscription, the necessary funds for such monument. We realize that any monument of this character must, in design and structure, be acceptable to the Municipal authorities and meet with the approval of the Municipal Art Commission. The expense of such a monument cannot well be determined in advance, but with a substantial sum subscribed as a nucleus to the necessary amount to be raised, we believe that many citizens would be glad to take part in the completion of the fund and that there would be no difficulty in raising whatever amount might be deemed necessary.

" We beg to ask an expression as to the views of your Commission:

" (1) Upon the merit of the plan suggested for a Hendrick Hudson monument.

" (2) Upon the desirability of having some ceremony with respect to such monument, for example the laying of its corner-stone, a part of the commemorative exercises, of which your Commission will have charge.

" If the plan meets with your approval, we beg to request that you will appoint some Committee to cooperate with those who have expressed a willingness to initiate the movement, in the securing of appropriate designs, the ascertaining of the probable cost of construction and the securing of further contributions necessary to complete the amount required.

" We are enclosing herewith as evidence of the interest in this project which has been manifested by a number of our members to whom it has been submitted, a paper indicative of their willingness to further the plan by their personal contributions.

Yours very truly,

PARK DISTRICT PROTECTIVE LEAGUE,  
J. J. McKelvey,  
*Secretary.*

" The undersigned express their approval of the plan proposed by the Park District Protective League for the erection of a suitable memorial to Hendrick Hudson at a suitable site to be selected near the Northerly terminus of the proposed Hudson Memorial Bridge and request the co-operation of the Hudson-Fulton Commission in the carrying out of such plan. They also suggest that in the program for the Celebration there be included appropriate commemorative exercises in connection with said monument.

"As evidence of their interest in the plan and willingness to help carry it out they subscribe the amounts set opposite their respective names. Said amounts to be payable to such permanent Committee or Body, as shall take charge of the erection of said monument and to be used towards the cost of the construction thereof.

Names.	Amounts.
Estate of Isaac G. Johnson.....	\$1,000 00
Wm. C. Muschenheim.....	1,000 00
Emma M. Radley.....	500 00
Henry Kröger.....	500 00
Along the Hudson Co., by J. J. McKelvey.	
Sec'y. . . . .	1,000 00
J. J. McKelvey.....	500 00
Cleveland H. Dodge . . . . .	1,000 00 "

The communication was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

*Description of Half Moon Confirmed.*

In the absence of Admiral Coghlan, the Assistant Secretary reported that the Admiral had received the following letter from Vice-Admiral Röell of the Royal Dutch Navy, confirming the description of the "Half Moon" as contained in Admiral Coghlan's letter printed on pages 501-508 of the minutes:

3rd Bosch street 3.  
The Hague  
June the 1st-08.

Dear Admiral,

I received your letter of May the 12th containing information with regard to the "Half Moon," for which many thanks. I was pleased to see that the information you gave coincides with our own investigations about the said vessel. We are now ready to fulfill our plan of constructing a ship entirely similar to the "Halve Maan."

Believe me sincerely yours,

J. A. RÖELL,  
Vice Adm. Retired.

The letter was ordered on file.

*Cost of Naval Entertainment.*

The Secretary laid before the meeting a letter from Lieut. W. F. Bricker, U. S. N., aide to Admiral Goodrich, Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, dated May 28, 1908, giving information concerning the cost of entertaining foreign men of war and expressing his readiness to confer with the Commission and offer any information which his experience with the Atlantic fleet might suggest.

Also a letter from Mr. G. T. Sheppard, Secretary of the Jamestown Exposition, dated Norfolk, Va., May 23, 1908, giving information concerning the entertainment of visiting ships at Jamestown.

Ordered on file for future reference.

*Death of Mr. William L. Stone.*

Gen. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Official Literary Exercises, reported the death, on June 11, 1908, of a valued member of his Committee, Mr. Wm. L. Stone; and the Secretary was directed to make note of the same in the minutes.

Mr. Stone was a native of New York City where he was born in 1835. He graduated from Brown University in 1858 with the degrees of A. M. and LL. B., and was admitted to the bar the following year. He was an eloquent speaker and prolific writer on historical subjects, his writings including a Life of John Hay, late Secretary of State, who was his bedfellow at Brown, and about 90 sketches in Appleton's Genealogical Cyclopaedia and Appleton's Biographical Cyclopaedia. His home was in Mount Vernon, N. Y. He was highly esteemed as a gentleman and a scholar, and his death deprives the Commission of one of its most valuable members.

The President announced the appointment of Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall to the vacancy in the Committee on Official Literary Exercises caused by Mr. Stone's death.

*A Committee on Hudson River Scenery Authorized.*

In the absence of Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, the Assistant Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Trustees, Mr. Seward had received letters as follows urging the Commission to take some more definite action looking toward the preservation of the scenery of the Hudson River: From Mr. F. P. Albert of New York, June 16, 1908; Mr. George F. Neidlinger of West Park, N. Y., July 4, 1908; Mr. Charles R. Lamb of New York, July 7, 1908; Capt. George A. White of New York, Aug. 10, 1908; Mr. J. Horace McFarland, President of the American Civic Association, Philadelphia, Aug. 19, 1908; Mr. R. U. Johnson of New York, Associate Editor of the Century Magazine, Sept. 9, 1908; and Mr. F. R. Cruikshank of New York, Sept. 22, 1908. Strong editorials had also appeared in the New York Times, the Brooklyn Standard Union, and other leading papers expressing the view that the Commission should do something to promote the movement. These and other expressions from influential sources, both editorial and personal, Mr. Hall said, would seem to justify the Commission in taking some active steps to encourage the movement.



He believed that a Committee could be appointed which could lend very efficient aid without involving the expenditure of money by the Commission or any immediate call upon the State Treasury for funds.

Mr. Jaccaci heartily endorsed the suggestion for a committee on this subject. He believed that the Commission had a unique opportunity to lend its influence toward the crystallization of this sentiment which was too strong to be ignored. In some respects, the subject was more important than the Inwood Hill Park, for it involved miles of the most beautiful scenery of the river. If the Commission could do something effective in this direction, it would be to its lasting credit. The Commission has already approved of the general idea, he said, but he thought that it should do more than give a mere passive approval; it should do something assertive.

The President expressed the fear that if the Commission took the initiative the other laborers in the cause would transfer their burdens to the Commission's shoulders; and he thought that the Commission already had its hands full. He would prefer to have some other organization go to the front and have the Commission back it up.

Dr. Kunz advocated the appointment of a committee on the subject. He intimated that information would become public in the near future which would show how important the matter was regarded by certain influential citizens.

After some further discussion, it was voted that the President be authorized in his discretion to appoint a committee to represent this Commission in promoting the movement for the preservation of the scenery of the Hudson River.

The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday, October 14, 1908, at 3 P. M.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.



# Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

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ration of the Ter-Centenary of  
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River by Henry Hudson in the  
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Use of Steam in the Navigation  
of said river by Robert Fulton  
in the year 1807." \* \* \*



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Minutes of October 14 and October 28, 1908

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 Herbert Adams.  
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 Henry K. Bush-Brown.  
 Hon. E. H. Butler.  
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 Henry W. Cannon.  
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 Rear Adm. J. B. Coghlan.  
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Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

October 14, 1908.

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held pursuant to adjournment at the headquarters of the Commission in the Tribune Building, at No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, Wednesday, October 14, 1908, at 3 o'clock P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: The President, Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Hon. James M. Beck, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Hon. Walter B. Crane (by Mr. A. W. Van Gaasbeek), Mr. Theodore Fitch, Hon. Charles H. Gaus, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Henry Hudson, Gen. Horatio C. King, Hon. Benjamin McClung, Mr. Wm. J. McKay, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Mr. Louis C. Raegenar, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, and Gen. James Grant Wilson, of the Board of Trustees. Also Naval Constructor William J. Baxter, U. S. N., Mr. Frederick J. Collier, and Hon. Charles A. Elliott, members of the Commission. Also Mr. Cornelius F. Burns, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Troy, and Mr. William Wortman, City Clerk of Hudson.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. William Berri, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Dr. George F. Kunz, Commander Jacob W. Miller, Mr. Herman Ridder, President Jacob Gould Schurman and Mr. James Speyer, and they were excused.

*Minutes Corrected and Approved.*

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved with the following corrections: On page 551, in the 12th line from the top, insert the word "not" after the word "did," so that the sentence will read, "Mr. Sackett said he did not rise to oppose Mr. Stetson's motion." On page 552, in the 7th line from the bottom, insert the name of Mr. Boldt after Mr. Berri's name. On page 554 in the 6th line from the bottom, change the middle initial of Mr. John Sinclair from C. to J.

*Executive Committee Authorized to Engage Manager of Pageant, etc.*

The special order of the day — the report of the special committee on Carnival Parade, (pp. 547-549) — was first taken up.

In the absence of Mr. Ridder, Mr. Sackett, the other member of that committee, quoted the recommendations of the report to the effect that the Executive Committee be empowered to engage, upon the recommendation of the President, a General Manager of the entire Celebration, a Manager of the Historical Pageantry features of the Celebration and a Manager of the Carnival Parade, or any one or two of such managers, at such rate of compensation and upon such conditions as should be fixed by the Executive Committee. He also called attention to the desirability of engaging some person who should make it his business to give proper publicity to the preparations of the Commission for the celebration next year. He read an extract from a newspaper editorial, urging the Commission to greater expedition in its arrangements, which, while it contained a foundation of truth, disclosed a lack of information about the progress which had already been made. He believed that the appointment of a qualified person to give the

public full information concerning the movements of the Commission would do much to correct such misapprehensions and also greatly facilitate the work of the Commission. In behalf of his committee, therefore, he asked permission to make the additional recommendation that the Executive Committee be authorized, upon recommendation of the President, to engage such other persons as may be deemed necessary to assist in the preparations for the Celebration.

The President: "The Special Committee on Carnival Parade asks permission to amend its report by inserting the further recommendation that the Executive Committee be authorized, upon recommendation of the President, to engage such other persons, in addition to those mentioned in the report, as may be deemed necessary to assist the Commission in its preparations for the celebration. Is there any objection? There being none, the report is so amended, and as amended, is now before you for action."

Mr. Seward said he entirely approved of the measures proposed. The only suggestion that occurred to him was that we had now reached the point when we were about to begin to spend, or contract to spend, the public money, and it might be wise to put some restriction on ourselves. He thought it might be well to know just what these engagements would cost before authorizing them.

Mr. Sackett said that some figures had already been obtained. If Mr. Stoddard were employed in connection with the pageantry, he had stated that the Commission would be obligated to him for an amount not exceeding \$5,000, which sum would include his office expenses. The only other expense would be that of bringing on from New Orleans a special designing artist for two or three months at an expense not exceeding \$900. His expenses would, therefore, all come within \$6,000. Mr. Stoddard had stated since the last meeting that he would be willing to

make an arrangement with the commission for three months at a proportionate rate of the \$5,000 sum named, plus the \$500 for the artist, and that the Commission could then decide whether it wanted him to go on with the work. This, it should be understood, however, did not include the expense of such a man as Mr. Parry for General Manager.

Mr. Raegener spoke in terms of high approval of the recent celebration of Founders' Week in Philadelphia. He said that while the pageant of the Red Men on Thursday evening was very monotonous and uninteresting, partly for lack of proper illumination, the Historical Pageant on Friday afternoon was very fine; and he described the groups and costumes in some detail. The lighting of the streets was superb and he doubted if New York could equal it. The illumination of the City Hall was particularly beautiful. The management of the great array of viewing stands was also very good and there were no accidents.

It being stated that Mr. Stoddard, the Captain of the New Orleans Mardi Gras carnival, who was in an adjacent room, had attended the Philadelphia celebration, he was invited to enter the meeting and give his impressions of the affair.

Mr. Stoddard said that he regarded the Philadelphia celebration very creditable for a first attempt. Pageantry was new in this part of the country and managers had much to learn about it. The Philadelphia night pageants were not properly lighted, which detracted a great deal from their effectiveness. In New Orleans, they had tried all kinds of lighting, including electricity, and had settled down to gasoline lamps carried by men as described by him to the Executive Committee. This was an effective and economical method. In New Orleans they hired men at a dollar each to carry the reflector lamps and never had less than 400 or 500 lamps. The floats in Philadelphia were constructed entirely of wood, cloth and trees, while in New

Orleans they use papier mache work almost exclusively, producing very artistic effects. The New Orleans floats were also on a much larger scale than those in Philadelphia. For the money spent, he believed that New Orleans accomplished more than Philadelphia. He had been informed that the Red Men in Philadelphia spent in the neighborhood of \$300,000. For much less than that he could give a better show in New York. In New Orleans they never spent more than \$100,000 a year on pageantry. His artist had been in the work over 30 years. A very nice item of revenue was made in New Orleans by building the floats so that they could be used elsewhere. The New York floats could readily be built so that the display could be repeated in Brooklyn or elsewhere. He said he did not believe in too long parades, as the people, who, perhaps, had been standing an hour or two waiting for the procession, grew tired when they stood 3 or 4 hours more looking at it.

Mr. Sackett said it was obvious that what the Commission needed, and needed at once, was to get a thorough expert who would instruct it what to do as well as help it to carry out its plans. It needed a general manager immediately.

Mr. Seward inquired what was meant by a general manager.

Mr. Sackett explained that by that term was meant a person, who, under the direction of the officers of the Commission, should devote himself entirely to the mapping out and execution of the details of the general plan adopted.

Mr. Stetson said that what the Commission needed most was to wake up and get to work. If it did not, it was liable to be made a laughingstock. He agreed entirely with Col. Sackett's statement of the need of greater activity. The Commission had been planning for a year and a half. Now it should get to work. But it needed money. It

needed \$500,000. If the State would not give it, then it must be raised by subscription. First, the Commission should raise the money, and then cut its garment according to the cloth. Quebec had paid Mr. Lascelles \$50,000 and this Commission would have to pay for genius. He was not getting discouraged, he said; but everybody should now wake up. Meet again to-morrow if necessary, or the next day. He hoped that having in view the necessities of the situation, all would go to their members of the legislature and make their lives uncomfortable until they had provided the means for a celebration creditable to the city and the State. He hoped the authority asked for by the report under discussion would be given. He, therefore moved that the report be received and the recommendations be adopted.

Mr. Raegenier said he would like to know more about what it would cost, but if it were necessary to spend \$10,000, or \$20,000 or \$30,000, it ought to be spent.

Mr. Phillips asked if any idea had been given as to how much the pageantry and other features of the programme would cost. He was used to handling money and getting it, and he thought the Commission ought to know what it was going to do. It was well enough to talk about worrying your legislators — he had been one himself and did not think that they were easily worried; — what was necessary was to get at the man higher up. If the Governor were favorable, the legislators would be all right. If the Commission tried to raise money by subscription it would have great trouble. People who formerly gave \$100 were now giving \$50; and those who formerly gave \$5 now gave \$2.

Mr. Stetson referred Mr. Phillips to page 360 of the minutes upon which would be found a general estimate of expenses, amounting to \$255,000. The Commission had asked for \$300,000 and the Governor had been heartily in favor of it; but Senator Armstrong, Chairman of the



Finance Committee of the Senate, had stood in the way of giving that sum this year. Philadelphia had raised \$300,000; Quebec had raised \$300,000; and New York should do the same.

The President said that the Commission had considered the subject of the celebration for a year and a half, and it was his opinion that with what the Commission hoped to get from New York City, the Celebration would cost \$500,000. "We shall have to spend half a million dollars," he said, "to keep our birthday south of Newburgh. Gov. Hughes wanted the Legislature to appropriate \$300,000 at the last session, but it appropriated only \$150,000, and we shall have to secure \$350,000. The New York city government should contribute \$150,000, and we ought to receive \$200,000 from merchants, banks and other sources. The men who have made their money here ought to do their share. The State probably will not give any more than \$300,000 for the celebration below Newburgh. If it does give more, it will be devoted to the celebration north of Newburgh. Our friends north of that point want \$150,000 and ought to have it."

Mr. Beck said with reference to the Philadelphia celebration that the city fathers gave \$100,000, and \$65,000 was raised by subscription. The expenses, however, were over \$300,000, and the city would make good the deficit. In times past, whenever there had been such celebrations in Philadelphia, the greatest available source of funds outside of the public authorities was the railroads. Last week, the railroad receipts increased \$100,000, and doubtless a large part of the \$65,000 subscriptions came from the railroads. He recalled that when the Commission's committee went to Mayor McClellan, the latter gave them to understand that we could not look to the city for any financial aid. If we are to raise \$500,000, Mr. Beck said, we should begin now, and should look to the railroad companies as a liberal source of support.

The President called attention to the fact that so far as the street car lines of New York City were concerned, the whole system, except two arteries, was in the hands of receivers and could not give a cent if it wanted to.

Mr. Beck said that aside from the street car lines, the great transportation lines leading to the city were still available. With respect to popular subscriptions, he agreed with Mr. Phillips as to the difficulty of securing them, and cited as an illustration an incident of the popular subscription which finally took the form of the gift of a house to Admiral Dewey. The subscriptions came in slowly, and the Hon. Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury, said he would send a circular to every national bank in the country asking for \$100 from each. He expected the money to roll in and the required sum to be raised with great ease. As a matter of fact, they did not receive enough from this source to pay for the printing and postage. Mr. Beck was of the opinion that the merchants of the town were probably not in favor of large expenditures for spectacular purposes; but if they *were* approached, we should concurrently look to the transportation companies.

Mr. Phillips said that while campaign exhibitions were being held in our streets aiming to show how city funds were wasted, the Board of Estimate would be reluctant to make appropriations for the celebration. For the benefit of those who might approach the city authorities, however, he would say that if the appropriation were not included in the regular budget, it might be raised by revenue bonds on the passage of a resolution by the Board of Estimate.

The President: "The question is on Mr. Stetson's motion that the report of the special committee on carnival and pageantry as amended be approved and the recommendations adopted. Are you ready for the question?"

There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

*Report of the Treasurer.*

The regular order of business was then taken up.

The Treasurer's report stated that no disbursements had been made since the last report and that the balance in the treasury remained the same as on September 23, namely, \$5,532.35.

Received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to approval by the Auditing Committee:

Miss J. A. Cooke, mimeographing.....	\$2 70
E. H. Hall, Salary for October.....	250 00
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*Appointed by the Mayor.*

The Secretary read a letter from the secretary of Mayor McClellan, dated October 1, 1908, appointing Messrs. E. D. Adams, F. B. Dalzell, M. P. Ferris, John J. Sinclair and William G. Ver Planck as members of the Commission upon the recommendation of the Trustees.

The letter was ordered on file and the Secretary instructed to place the names on the roll of the Commission.

*Mr. Ridder Appointed Acting President.*

The Secretary read a letter from the President of the Commission dated October 12, stating that he expected to sail for Europe on Wednesday, November 4, and should probably be absent from New York during the winter. In conformity with the by-laws, he therefore designated Vice-President Herman Ridder to act as President during his absence.

*Letter from Hon. Alton B. Parker Concerning Hudson River Scenery.*

The Secretary read the following letter from the Hon. Alton B. Parker, late Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals:

New York, September 30, 1908.

General Stewart L. Woodford, President, Hudson-Fulton Commission, 18 Wall Street, New York City.

My dear General.—It has been suggested to me that the Ter-Centennial Celebration in 1909 should not pass without some decided action taken by our Commission to protect the scenery of the Hudson River from the ravages which are rapidly destroying many of its most attractive and prominent features. That initiative taken by the Commission, with the stimulation that would be given to the measure by the coming celebration, would result in accomplishing a great public benefit, and in providing a memorial that would be worthy of our state and lead to general approval throughout the country.

I respectfully submit the matter for your consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

ALTON B. PARKER.

The letter was referred to the Committee on Hudson River Scenery authorized at the last meeting of the Trustees, the members of which the President said he would appoint before the next meeting.

*House Boats on the Hudson.*

A letter from Mr. George F. Neidlinger, dated October 1, 1908, was read, suggesting that the gathering of a large number of house-boats along the shores of the Hudson river during the celebration next year, after the fashion of the house-boats on the Thames, would afford an excellent view of the river parade, while they, in their turn, by their grouping in colonies and by their decorations, would present a beautiful and enlivening picture.

Ordered on file, with reference in the minutes.

*Publicity on Merchants' Envelopes.*

A letter from Mr. Frederick R. Cruikshank, dated October 8, was read, suggesting that in addition to the proposed memorial coinage and postage stamps, attention might extensively be called to the celebration by following the custom, practiced by other cities, of having the title and dates of the anniversary printed on the envelopes used by merchants in their correspondence.

Ordered on file, with reference in the minutes.

*Art Exhibit and Medal.*

In the absence of Mr. De Forest and Dr. Kunz, chairmen of the two sub-committees on Art and Historical Exhibits, the Assistant Secretary stated for Dr. Kunz that the latter and Mr. De Forest had been in conference and that he could report encouraging progress concerning the Art exhibit.

In regard to the medal, Dr. Kunz requested that it be stated that Mr. Adams had said that there would be no trouble, so far as the American Numismatic Society was concerned, in meeting the suggestions of Mr. Stetson about restricting the issue of the medal.

In this connection, the following letters from Mr. Adams are given:

New York, September 30, 1908.

Dr. George F. Kunz, 401 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Dr. Kunz.—We are quite willing to agree to any reasonable restriction, as to the striking of gold medals, that the Commission may desire, as we contemplated the striking of only two gold medals, and these only if wished by the President of the Numismatic Society and a member of the Society who has had the privilege of taking in gold a copy of each of the medals issued by the Society since it established its Committee on the Publication of Medals.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD D. ADAMS.

New York, September 30, 1908.

Col. Henry W. Sackett, Secretary, Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, Tribune Building, New York City.

Dear Sir.—Your letter of September 29th respecting the Hudson-Fulton medal communication, that I had the pleasure of presenting to you under date of September 18th, has been received and I thank you for the information therein contained.

Dr. Kunz has conferred with me regarding the striking of gold medals, and I have answered him to-day.

Since writing you, it has occurred to me that the Numismatic Society, as the future custodian of the dies, might undertake to strike from time to time hereafter, as a continuing recognition of the activities of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, as they might be desired, medals bearing on the obverse either the Hudson or the Fulton design, while the reverse might bear an appropriate inscription, so that such medals might be used as an award, under conditions to be determined by the School Board of the City of New York, for superiority in historical compositions by the scholars in the High Schools or in the College of the City of New York.

I have already suggested such use of the Hudson design for the schools of New Jersey, but as yet no action has been taken, as the reference has not yet reached the representatives of the Educational Boards of the State of New Jersey.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD D. ADAMS,

Chairman,

Committee on the Publication of Medals  
of the American Numismatic Society.

*Inwood Hill Park.*

In the absence of Mr. John E. Parsons, chairman of the Inwood Hill Park committee, the Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Parsons, dated September 30, indicating that he was still working on the problem, and that those who were holding their property at im-

practically high figures were showing a disposition to come down. The Secretary said he believed that a favorable plan could eventually be worked out.

*Building of the Half Moon.*

Mr. Bergen said that during the past summer he had been in The Netherlands and had personally delivered the certificates of appointment to the five Foreign Correspondent Councillors. The recipients, he said, received the certificates with great appreciation. He had seen many members of the Half Moon committee and they had assured him that the Half Moon would be built from solid oak, from keel upward, according to the original design. They propose to furnish the vessel according to the period of Henry Hudson, and to man it with a crew in costumes of that period. He said that when he was asked what we would do with it after the celebration, he answered that we would find a place for it on some lake or in some park where it would remain as a permanent memento of the donors and of the celebration. Mr. Bergen declared that if nothing else were done by the Commission, the discovery of the Hudson would be duly celebrated when the Half Moon arrived and was greeted by the navy and the army. He said that personally he was not very keen about historical floats unless they were well done. If there were three or four pageants well executed in original costumes they would be an honor to the occasion. Otherwise, with our college, school and official literary exercises, and the Half Moon, we would have a celebration of which to be proud.

In this connection, he said that there were certain other distinguished men in the Netherlands who ought to be appointed as Honorary Councillors, and he would report their names at the next meeting.

As chairman of the Committee on Memorials, he reported that he was in correspondence with the Postmaster-General and the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to commemorative postage stamps and coinage, and hoped soon to be able to report designs.

*Final Plan of Clermont Adopted.*

Admiral Coghlan, chairman of the Committee on Naval Parade, presented the final plan for the reconstruction of the fac-simile of the Clermont, and stated that while he had not yet received the written commitment of the Maritime Association to build it, he had just received information by telephone that that Association would undertake it. He recommended that in recognition of this generous gift, a tablet bearing the names of the donors be placed in the Clermont, and after the celebration erected permanently in some other appropriate place.

He said that the data upon which his committee based their conclusions concerning the design of the Clermont were not now in suitable shape for embodiment in the minutes, and asked leave to present them at a later date.

The report was accepted and the plan adopted.

In anticipation of the more detailed report concerning the plan of the Clermont, it may be stated here that it is the result of prolonged and critical historical research with the aid of the best naval constructive authorities as consultants. It is a curious fact that the Naval Parade Committee has had greater difficulty in determining the appearance of the Clermont which was built in 1807, than in determining the appearance of Henry Hudson's Half Moon which entered the river in 1609. There is no contemporary picture or drawing to be found in Europe or America of either the Half Moon or the Clermont, but there are so many references to the masting, rigging and draught of the Half Moon in Juet's Journal of Hudson's



voyage, that with the aid of contemporary pictures of the harbor of Amsterdam and its shipping, the Half Moon can be accurately reconstructed. The findings of the Committee, with respect to the Half Moon, have been approved by the highest naval authorities in Holland and the ship is now being built by the people of Holland, to be presented to the Commission. But in making the fac-simile of the Clermont the Committee not only lacked contemporaneous pictures of the vessel, but authentic descriptions of its details were also almost entirely lacking; and still further, the Clermont being a pioneer vessel, it was not one of a type and no aid could be drawn from the appearance of other vessels of that period. The anomaly was thus presented of a greater difficulty in reconstructing a vessel 100 years old than in reconstructing a vessel 300 years old. The plan adopted by the Commission, being the product of the most critical and painstaking technical and historical research, is, therefore, of great interest not only to persons interested in marine matters but also to historians and the public generally.

Admiral Coghlan inquired whether the Trustees thought it would be better to have a separate committee on the building of the Clermont, or to leave it to the Naval Parade Committee.

Mr. Raegener moved that the building of the Clermont be left to the Naval Parade Committee, with power to appoint its own sub-committee if it so wished. Carried.

Mr. Raegener moved that the tablet be placed on the Clermont at the expense of the Commission. Carried.

#### *Official Landing Places Requested.*

Admiral Coghlan asked if the jurisdiction of his Committee extended to the matter of providing landings for the visiting vessels, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that it did.

The President stated that at Admiral Coghlan's request he had addressed the following letter to the Commissioner of Docks:

New York, October 13, 1908.

Hon. A. N. Spooner, Commissioner of Docks, Pier A,  
North River, City.

Dear Sir.—In behalf of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, appointed by the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the City of New York to arrange for the celebration next year of the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River and the 100th anniversary of the first successful application of steam to the navigation of that stream, I respectfully apply to you to provide and place at the disposal of this Commission suitable and adequate dock landing facilities on the North River at about the following named streets for the proper reception of the Guests of Honor from the Navies of the United States and Foreign Nations:

West 44th, 60th, 80th, 96th, 129th, 144th and 157th streets.

The Celebration will begin formally on Saturday, September 25, 1909, and continue at least one week. The exercises may be prolonged another week. As some of the ships may arrive considerably in advance of September 25th, we would be pleased to have the landings placed at our disposal as early as the 1st of September, 1909.

We would also be gratified if you would have these landings and their vicinities, as far as your jurisdiction extends, cleaned up and made as attractive as possible, so that the first impressions of our Guests of Honor upon landing in this city may be both agreeable to them and creditable to the city.

Assuring you in advance of this Commission's great appreciation of your courteous cooperation, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

STEWART L. WOODFORD,

President.

*Report on Official Literary Exercises.*

General Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Official Literary Exercises, reported that there had been no meeting of his Committee since the last meeting of the Trustees. He said he was waiting for the expected tender of the use of the Brooklyn Academy of Music to arrange for a meeting in addition to those proposed to be held in the Metropolitan Opera House and Carnegie Hall.

The Secretary said that he would call Mr. Berri's attention to the subject and that doubtless the offer of the Academy of Music would be forthcoming.

*Desire for Appropriation for Upper Hudson.*

Mayor Gaus of Albany, chairman of the committee which had been organized by representatives of the cities and villages of the Upper Hudson, spoke in behalf of the people of that section for an appropriation for an adequate celebration along the upper reaches of the river. "As has been stated," he said, "all the money thus far appropriated by the Legislature has been for the celebration below Newburgh; but we above Newburgh feel that we would like to participate, and we will have to go to the Legislature at the next session and get a special appropriation. We, therefore, want the support of this Board of Trustees in getting it. The Hudson River is the Hudson River of all the people and we all want to take part in the celebration. I represent the city of Albany, the oldest city in this State and older than the oldest city of many other states; and we feel that we should be represented. We expect to put up some kind of permanent monument and not to spend all our money in fireworks. We sincerely ask the Trustees to help us get an appropriation and give us their kindly cooperation."

Mr. Raegenar was very much in favor of the suggestion. He thought it was the duty of the Trustees to go to the Legislature and get another \$300,000.

The President said that there was an honorable understanding between him and the representatives of the Upper Hudson Valley that if the additional \$150,000 were obtained from the Legislature, it should be spent at and above Newburgh; and he asked if that were not so.

Mr. Stetson, who was of the committee which had gone to Albany on this subject last spring, amplified the President's statement by saying that the distinct understanding was that we should have \$300,000 for use south of Newburgh and \$150,000 more for use at and north of Newburgh.

Mayor Gaus coincided with Mr. Stetson's statement.

Mr. McKay of Newburgh suggested a conference between the chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation (Mr. Stetson), and the members of the up-state committee. He believed that if it could be shown that it was the wish of their constituents that the money be appropriated, the Legislature would give it.

Mr. Stetson said he would be glad to meet the gentlemen of the up-state committee and settle on a bill to be introduced in the next Legislature. He did not give up hope for more money from that source.

Mr. Burns of Troy said: "The reason why we did not get what we asked for in the last session was that the state felt poor. Our understanding was that you were to have your part and we to have ours. We will help you to get yours, and we want you to help us to get ours. If you do not intend to ask for any more for yourselves, then help us anyway. I do not see why we should not be able to get more, and I feel encouraged to believe we will be successful."

Mr. Sackett asked if it were the desire of Mayor Gaus and his colleagues to have a special committee of the Trustees appointed on this subject.

Mayor Hudson and Mayor Gaus replied in the negative.

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After a brief discussion of the date of the next meeting, adjournment was taken to the next regular date provided by the by-laws, namely, Wednesday, October 28, at 3 P. M.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.



Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

October 28, 1908.

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, Wednesday, October 28, 1908, at 3 o'clock P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: President Stewart L. Woodford, presiding; and Hon. William Berri, Hon. A. J. Boulton, Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. William McCarroll, Mr. William J. McKay, Hon. Levi P. Morton, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. William B. Van Rensselaer, and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Maj.-Gen. Frederick D. Grant, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Hon. Seth Low, Rear Adm. George W. Melville, Hon. John E. Parsons, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. George G. Raymond, Mr. Herman Ridder, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, President Jacob G. Schurman, Col. John W. Vrooman, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Mr. Charles R. Wilson, and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, and they were excused.

*Approval of Minutes Deferred.*

As the minutes of the last meeting had not yet been printed and sent to the members, owing to the shortness of the interval since that meeting, their approval was deferred.

## Minutes of Trustees

*Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Acting Treasurer, Hon. George W. Perkins, was read, showing the state of the treasury October 28, 1908, as follows:

## DEBIT.

Balance on hand September 23, 1908..... \$5,532 35

## CREDIT.

Paid on approved vouchers:

86. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....	\$32 00	
87. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....	4 50	
88. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....	49 31	
89. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....	1 35	
90. Henry Romeike, press clippings..	2 76	
91. Nautical Gazette, papers.....	1 95	
92. Ames & Rollinson, engrossing....	27 00	
93. J. A. Cooke, mimeographing.....	4 90	
94. Polhemus Printing Co., stationery.	3 05	
95. E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	47 85	
E. H. Hall, salary June-September.	1,000 00	
		1,174 67

Balance on hand October 28, 1908..... \$4,357 68

The report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee:

J. A. Cooke, mimeographing .....	\$1 20
Polhemus Printing Co., 1 doz. note books....	50
Polhemus Printing Co., 1 ream paper.....	2 75
J. B. Lyon Co., Minutes of September 18-23...	52 33
	<u>\$56 78</u>



*The Proposed New Jersey Appointments.*

The President reported that on September 29, 1908, in pursuance of Mr. Stetson's suggestion (recorded on page 555 of the minutes), he had written to Governor Hughes respectfully inviting his favorable consideration of the recommendations made by Governor Stokes of New Jersey concerning the appointment of ten distinguished citizens of that state as members of this Commission, and had received a letter dated October 20, 1908, from Mr. Robert H. Fuller, Secretary to the Governor, saying: "I think the Governor will be glad to make the appointments which you endorse as soon as he takes up the matter of additional appointments to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, as he intends to do in the near future."

*Hudson River Scenery Committee Appointed.*

The President announced that in pursuance of the resolution adopted by the Trustees September 23 (pp. 568-569), he had appointed the following committee on the subject of the preservation of the scenery of the Hudson River: The Hon. Alton B. Parker, chairman; Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, the Hon. George W. Perkins, Gen. Charles F. Roe, and Col. Herbert L. Satterlee. In making these appointments, the President stated that he had named Judge Parker as Chairman, not only on account of his distinguished position as a citizen, but also on account of his deep interest in the perpetuation of the natural beauty of the river in the valley of which he had lived the greater part of his life. Mr. Gregory had been one of the most earnest workers in this cause. Mr. Hall was Secretary of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society. The sympathies of Mr. Perkins, President of the Interstate Palisades Park Commission, were not limited to the jurisdiction of that Commission, but embraced the whole river. Gen. Roe was Chairman of the

Association for the Protection of the Highlands, and Col. Satterlee was a member of the Executive Committee of that Association.

*Resignation of Gen. Grant Tabled.*

A letter dated Governor's Island, New York, October 23, 1908, from Major-General Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., commanding the Department of the East, was read, tendering his resignation as a member of the Commission. Gen. Grant stated that he would leave New York for Fort Wayne, Detroit, on October 23, on court martial duty and would not return until between November 1 and 4, and continued as follows:

I regret to say that on or about November 9, 1908, I will leave New York to take command of my new command, the Department of the Lakes, and consequently will not be able to attend the meetings of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration in the future. It seems to me proper, therefore, to submit my resignation as member of the Commission, which I do with regret.

Will you say to the Commission that this parting with them is a great distress to me, as I had laid great stress on being of assistance to them and a part of their great celebration?

Thanking you and them for the many courtesies and the great consideration shown me, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

FREDERICK D. GRANT,

Major-General, U. S. A.

The President expressed the very hearty appreciation felt by the Trustees for the valuable and active cooperation of Gen. Grant thus far and their great regret at his prospective removal to Chicago; but he said that it was just possible that matters might be arranged so that Gen. Grant could serve the Commission, particularly in connection with the Military Parade, and he suggested that action on the resignation be deferred.

The letter was, therefore, laid on the table.

*Subject of Historical Pageant Referred to Plan and Scope Committee.*

The Secretary stated that at the last meeting of the Trustees, the recommendations of the special committee on Pageantry and Carnival Parade had been approved, authorizing the Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the President, to engage a manager of the Historical Pageant, a manager of the Carnival Parade, and such other persons as might be necessary to assist in the preparation of the celebration. Since that meeting there had been no meeting of the Executive Committee, and it was thought that as a matter of both propriety and practical assistance, the views of the Plan and Scope Committee should be invited. In the programme as outlined by the Plan and Scope Committee, no provision was made for an Historical Pageant as a feature separate from and in addition to the Carnival Parade proposed for Saturday night. It would seem to be advisable, therefore, to determine first, whether we should have such an Historical Pageant; second whether it should be a day or night parade; and third, who should have charge of it. In connection with the latter phase of the subject, applications had been received from Mr. William Parry of New York, who, as has been stated before, was assistant to Mr. Frank Lascelles, Pageant Master at Quebec; Mr. William A. Ellis of New York, who had planned pageants, etc., at Coney Island and had contributed largely to the success of "Dreamland;" Mr. Joseph Jackson of Philadelphia, who was assistant director of the recent Historical Pageant in Philadelphia; and Mr. Nelson Roberts of New York.

Mr. Stetson moved that the matter of an Historical Pageant, together with the applications for the directorship, be referred to the Plan and Scope Committee. Carried.

*Proposal of Pain Manufacturing Co. as Official Illuminators.*

The Secretary laid before the Trustees the proposition of Mr. James F. Graham, in behalf of the Pain Manufacturing Co. of New York, to be designated as Official Illuminators and to take charge of the illumination of the Hudson River from New York to Troy on Saturday night, October 2, 1909. Following is a summary of the plan proposed:

The Pain Manufacturing Co. proposes that the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission shall designate that Company as Official Illuminators and Pyrotechnists of the Celebration. The Company, without expense to the Commission, will assume all the labor and responsibility for carrying out a chain of scientific bon-fires and illuminations from New York to Troy, subject in every respect to the approval of the Commission. The Commission is desired to issue to the Company proper authority with which it can approach the officials of the various towns, cities and villages interested and cause them to enter into the scheme as a whole, each community assuming the expense of its local illumination. With such authority, the Company will visit the various communities and offer to build three grades of bon-fires on the mountains, hill-tops, or other eligible points selected, as follows:

Grade A: This fire, to be placed at the most important points, will have a base about 24 feet in diameter and be about 30 feet high. This will burn brilliantly for 4 hours and cost \$1,000.

Grade B: About 18 feet in diameter, and 24 feet high, and will burn about 3 hours. Cost \$500.

Grade C: About 12 feet in diameter and 18 feet high, to burn about 2 hours. Cost \$250.

These bon-fires are not to be made of tar-barrels, faggots or other ordinary materials, requiring constant addition of fresh fuel to maintain their brilliancy and subject to the vicissitudes of the weather. They will be constructed of scientifically prepared combustibles, consisting chiefly of peat which has been dried and then saturated with a special preparation. Made of these materials and built up in a special form so as to ensure perfect draft and complete

combustion, the fire will burn brightly even in a rain storm. In the big bon-fires the flames will closely resemble the Pillars of Fire of Bible times. The principal fires are to be connected by electricity and ignited simultaneously upon the touch of an electric button by the President of the United States if he will consent to perform that ceremony.

In conjunction with the bon-fires there will be displays of aerial fireworks at intervals during the evening, ending at mid-night with salvos which will reach from shore to shore. The displays will consist of Aerial Salutes, Heavy Colored Lights, Exhibition Rockets, Parachute and Floating Effect Rockets, Tourbillions, Batteries of various assortments, Magnesium Lights, Mines of Serpents, Colored Bombs, etc., in quantities according to grade.

Among the eligible points suggested are Beldoe's Island, Riverside Drive near Grant's Tomb, and Fort George in New York City; Fort Lee, N. J., 300 feet high, and at intervals along the Palisades, 400 to 500 feet high; Hook Mountain, 610 feet; Bear Mountain, 1314 feet; Dunderberg, 1120 feet; Anthony's Nose, 900 feet; Sugar Loaf Mountain, 785 feet; Cro' Nest, 1,405 feet; Taurus, 1,425 feet; and Breakneck and South Beacon, 1,635 feet. The Catskills offer North Mountain, 3,000 feet; Platterskill, 3,135 feet; Outlook, 3,150 feet; Stoppel Point, 3,420 feet; Round Top, 3,470 feet; High Peak, 3,660 feet; Sugar Loaf, 3,782 feet; and Plateau, 3,855 feet. Some of the points where beacons were erected during the Revolution under the direction of Lord Sterling, the American General, might also be selected.

The project proposed is the most stupendous of its kind in history, but is deemed entirely practicable. At the time of the Queen's Jubilee in England, a chain of such fires was executed with great success for a distance of seventy-five miles north of London. The peat proposed to be used in the Hudson celebration will be imported unless the Pain Company is successful in the search now being made for a suitable grade in this country.

The Pain Company say that "The grand effect which will be produced by this unique illumination can hardly be told in words—a chain of beacons from New York to Albany in sight of each other, and the aerial signal being

responded to by the next station, forming a live link for 164 miles, and both banks of the river being brought together at intervals by the arching of the sky with beams of light. . . . As soon as we are officially confirmed, we will begin operations to get all the cities, towns and villages to cooperate. But no literature will be put out until it has received the approval of your committee, for it is to be distinctly understood that we work under your direction, so that the celebration will be official and a whole, no one having any advantage over another. . . . We guarantee success for the reason we have done something similar before, only not quite so long."

The Secretary added that from what Mr. Graham had said he believed Mr. Berri could express an opinion concerning the responsibility of the Pain Company.

Mr. Berri said that he knew nothing about the financial responsibility of the Company, but that as Vice-President of the New York Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition he had had some relations with this company and its service had been very conscientious and even generous, and it had carried out satisfactorily everything which it had undertaken. Personally, he would have abundant confidence in the company. We were now within eleven months of the celebration, with three summer months to come out. If the Commission should assume the responsibility of attending to the multitude of details of the illumination and should fail, it would be exposed to criticism, but if it entrusted the work to the most responsible parties that could be found, it would be acquitted of its full duty. Somebody must go along the river, arouse the interest of the local communities, tell them how to do this thing and what it will cost. Circulars will not do it. It will require months of personal work. It did not matter who did it, provided it was done by some reliable party.

Mr. Seward said that when the Plan and Scope Committee first considered Mr. Berri's suggestion of the signal

fires, the members were highly pleased with it, but they had considered that it would be carried out spontaneously by the local communities as an expression of popular enthusiasm. They had thought that the boys and young folk would build the fires without expense to the Commission. The idea of expensive illuminations and fireworks might be a good one, but it would be a departure from what he understood to be the original idea of the Plan and Scope Committee.

Mr. Berri said that the original idea was not departed from. The Pain Manufacturing Co. did not expect the Commission to assume any expense unless for one or two fires to serve as connecting links where hiatuses might occur.

After some further discussion the matter was referred to the Plan and Scope Committee, with power. (For the action of the Plan and Scope Committee, see page 615 following).

*Additional Secretarial Assistance Authorized.*

The Secretary laid before the Trustees the applications of Mr. Eduardo Breker of New York and Mr. Clement H. Congdon of Philadelphia for engagement as assistants in connection with the secretary's office to perform duties which the demands upon the Assistant Secretary precluded him from performing. While he did not know enough about either of these gentlemen to recommend them, he was of the opinion that the engagement of an assistant with the right capabilities was eminently desirable, not only for the facilitation of work within the office, but also for the purpose of communicating to the public necessary information concerning the arrangements for the Celebration. He thought that such a person might be secured at a salary of from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Mr. Berri expressed the idea that as a public commission accountable to the people, we should do everything possible

by correspondence, etc. to elicit expressions of popular opinion and to put the people in the fullest possession of the commission's plans. He would suggest, however, that the assistant be engaged not permanently, but only while his services were needed and satisfactory.

Mr. Stetson approved of the suggestion and moved that the Secretary be authorized to employ a suitable person to perform such duties in connection with his office as he might deem necessary.

After further remarks by Dr. Kunz, General Wilson and the President, the motion was carried.

*Progress with Art Exhibit.*

Upon the regular call for reports from standing committees, the chairmen of several advised the Trustees of progress.

Dr. Kunz said that the subject of the proposed Art exhibit had received important consideration during the past few weeks and that at the next meeting Mr. De Forest would probably make an interesting report.

*Mr. Stetson Appointed Chairman of the Banquet Committee.*

Upon reaching the Banquet Committee, the President announced the appointment of Mr. Stetson to the vacant chairmanship. He said that the dinner of the New York State Bar Association of which Mr. Stetson is President, given at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel last January, at which Hon. Joseph H. Choate, late United States Ambassador to Great Britain, and the Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States, were guests of honor, was one of the most brilliant affairs of its kind ever given in the city. He did not ask Mr. Stetson to give an immediate answer, but asked him to take the appointment under consideration.



*Mr. Stoddard's Proposal Referred to Carnival Parade Committee.*

In the absence of Mr. Ridder, chairman of the Carnival Parade Committee, the proposal of Mr. A. H. Stoddard of New Orleans in connection with this feature of the celebration was referred to the Carnival Parade Committee.

*Inwood Hill Park.*

In the absence abroad of Mr. John E. Parsons, chairman of the Inwood Hill Park Committee, the Secretary stated that before Mr. Parsons went away he had asked him to attend to certain details. The exaggerated prices demanded by some of the owners of real estate on Inwood Hill had deterred the city authorities from taking any action hitherto; but now, fortunately, some of the property owners were coming to their senses and under the leadership of one very sensible citizen were evincing a disposition to sell at a satisfactory price. He hoped that at the November meeting the Committee would be able to report very distinct progress.

*Official Literary Exercises.*

Gen. Wilson reported that the plans of the Committee on Official Literary Exercises were well advanced so far as the meetings in the Metropolitan Opera House and Carnegie Hall were concerned, but that they were at a standstill with respect to the Brooklyn Academy of Music. It had been intimated to the committee that the latter auditorium would be placed at the service of the Commission without money and without price, as the former two had been, but the committee was still awaiting this generous tender.

The President suggested that a letter to the Hon. Charles A. Schieren, President of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, would elicit a definite statement of the terms upon which that auditorium could be secured.

*Verplanck's Point Park.*

Mr. Pugsley, Chairman of the Verplanck's Point Park Committee, reported that this committee intended to renew its application to the next legislature for legislation creating the park and hoped to secure favorable action.

*Resignation of President Woodford Tabled.*

At the end of the call for committee reports, the President spoke substantially as follows:

"I am sorry that the inclement weather has kept away so many Trustees from this meeting, but I am encouraged to see so many here. I greatly regret that I have to leave the country on Wednesday, November 4, to spend the winter either on the Riviera or in Rome. I have worked so hard to get the affairs of this Commission organized that it is a real grief to me that I shall be absent. But I feel that we are now so near to the celebration that it is my duty to resign the presidency of the Commission so that you may choose a successor who will be on hand during the winter to attend to the duties of this office. No honor during my life have I appreciated so much as that of being President of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission; no duty has ever been so pleasant; and no one can have a greater or more affectionate interest in what you are doing. Yet duty and judgment unite in compelling me to present my resignation. If you do not act upon it to-day, I have, in accordance with the by-laws, designated Mr. Ridder as Acting President until you can select my successor. I cannot express to you my appreciation of the friendship and helpful relations which I have enjoyed in this office, and if accident should prevent my coming back in the spring, I want to assure you now of the gratitude which I feel for the manifold evidences of your confidence and of my sincere wishes for your welfare and success. As I said before, it is my judg-

ment that I should resign the office of President of this Commission, which I do now hereby resign."

Mr. Brower expressed great regret that the President felt it necessary to resign. He moved that the resignation be laid on the table and that the President be given a leave of absence.

Mr. Stetson suggested that Mr. Brower divide his motion, and he would second the first half, to the effect that the resignation be laid on the table. "All of us who have been following the proceedings of the Commission," he said, "cannot but be profoundly regretful at the resignation. We cannot overestimate the great value of the President's contributions of time, interest and intelligent effort to this work. I am usually apprehensive of the consequences of swapping horse while crossing the stream. But I know the sincerity of our President and I know the conditions that exist, and it is impossible to suppose that this great celebration can be carried through without some one acting and on the ground performing the duties of this office. We must have a President during these important six months, and I second the motion to lay the resignation on the table until we can consider the matter. If it shall prove best to accede to his request and choose a successor, we cannot, perhaps, ask him to resume the presidency; but we trust that he will come back with renewed health to resume his place as a member of this Board of Trustees — and to take the position of Chairman of the Banquet Committee.

Mr. Berri thought it would be best for us to proceed during the winter till Gen. Woodford returned. "Our plans," he said, "are progressing in splendid shape, and we can almost see the celebration. The situation is so good that it doesn't seem fair to have someone else as President to carry out the plans when General Woodford has been so assiduous in forming them."

Mr. Seward, addressing the President, said: "I heartily concur in what Mr. Berri and Mr. Stetson have said. We want you as President at the celebration. We can get along without you for a while, but we want you here as President at the end as you were at the beginning."

Mr. Van Rensselaer: "Mr. President, can't you withdraw your resignation?"

The President: "I am deeply touched by your most generous sentiments but I feel that I must adhere to my resolution. The motion is that my resignation be placed upon the table. Are you ready for the question?"

After several other expressions similar to those already made, the motion was put and carried.

The President: "Gentlemen; I can only say, I thank you."

*Assistant Secretary's Salary.*

At this point, the President asked the Assistant Secretary to attend to some matters in the adjoining office.

The Secretary then said that he was only repeating what had been said to him by the President when he proposed that the salary paid to Mr. Hall as Assistant Secretary should be increased to an amount more nearly commensurate with the actual worth of his services to the Commission. No one, Mr. Sackett said, could appreciate so well as the President and Secretary the real value of what Mr. Hall was doing and how indispensable his services were. But all the members familiar with the undertakings of the Commission knew that the salary that had been paid to the Assistant Secretary was meagre compensation, considering the quality of his work. During the next year, the labors of the Assistant Secretary would be greatly increased and it would not be just to allow the salary to remain at the present rate of \$250 per month. In making a recommendation for an increase of that salary, the Secretary said that he would not name as large an amount as

should be paid Mr. Hall; but he believed that the scantiest justice required that he should receive a salary at least at the rate of \$3,600 per year. He therefore moved that beginning November 1, 1908, the salary of Mr. Hall as Assistant Secretary be increased from \$250 to \$300 per month.

The motion was seconded by several Trustees. Before putting the motion, the President spoke in emphatic terms of the value of Mr. Hall's services. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.



Minutes of  
Plan and Scope Committee

October 28, 1908.

*Pain Manufacturing Co. Appointed Official Illuminators.*

Immediately after the adjournment of the Board of Trustees, on Wednesday, October 28, 1908, a meeting of the Plan and Scope Committee was held at the headquarters of the Commission.

Present: The Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman, presiding; and Hon. William Berri, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. William McCarroll, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Gen. James Grant Wilson and Gen. Stewart L. Woodford.

The Chairman said that while the Committee had several subjects to consider, it would now take up the proposal of the Pain Manufacturing Co. to act as official illuminators and defer the other matters until a future meeting. As all the members of the committee present were also present at the Trustees' meeting earlier in the afternoon, they were familiar with the proposition and he need not recapitulate it. He said that Mr. Graham, representing the Pain Co., was in the adjacent room and was ready to answer any questions that might be asked.

A brief discussion of the general subject by Mr. Berri, Mr. Stetson, Dr. Kunz and Mr. McCarroll ensued.

Mr. Berri was inclined to favor the arrangement if the Pain Co. was the best party, but he advised imposing such conditions that the Company would be entirely under the control of the Commission.

Mr. Stetson remembered the amateur attempts to illuminate the Hudson on July 4, 1876, and thought they were not very effective. If it were distinctly understood that this Commission should not be financially responsible for more than two \$1,000 fires, he was disposed to regard the

project of the Pain Co. favorably. That concern had been in business many years and had a good reputation.

Dr. Kunz suggested extending the illumination along the Erie canal to Lake Erie.

Mr. McCarroll hoped the illumination of the Hudson would not detract from the interest in the Celebration in New York City.

Mr. Graham was then invited to enter and explained his proposal on the lines already indicated in the minutes of the Trustees' meeting (p. 604). He said that his Company would assume all responsibility for accidents, etc. and would submit the terms of its arrangements with the local authorities to this Commission for approval.

Referring to Dr. Kunz's suggestion, Mr. Stetson suggested that the illumination might, with propriety, be extended to the Champlain Valley, as the ter-centenary of the discovery of Lake Champlain was to be celebrated also next year.

After some further discussion, Mr. Stetson moved that an arrangement in writing with the Pain Manufacturing Company on the basis outlined by Mr. Graham, be authorized, with the understanding that the expense to this Commission should not exceed \$2,000. Carried.

Adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.







# Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

Incorporated by  
Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906  
of the  
State of New York



To arrange for the "Commemora-  
tion of the Ter-Centenary of  
the Discovery of the Hudson  
River by Henry Hudson in the  
year 1609, and of the First  
Use of Steam in the Navigation  
of said river by Robert Fulton  
in the year 1807." \* \* \*



Minutes of November 20 and 30, 1908  
with  
Full list of Committees and  
Full list of Members and Addresses.

## Officers of the Commission and Assistants

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### President

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, 18 Wall Street, New York.

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Mr. Herman Ridder, Presiding Vice-President and Acting President.  
182 William Street, New York.

<p>Mr. Andrew Carnegie, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Rear Adm. J. B. Coghlan, U.S.N. Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant, U.S.A. Hon. Seth Low, Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, Hon. Levi P. Morton,</p>	<p>Mr. John E. Parsons, Gen. Horace Porter, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Hon. Oscar S. Straus, Mr. Wm. B. Van Rensselaer, Hon. Andrew D. White.</p>
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### Treasurer

Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, No. 1 William Street, New York.

### Secretary

Mr. Henry W. Sackett,  
Tribune Building, New York.

### Assistant Secretary

Mr. Edward Hagan Hall,  
Tribune Building, New York.

### Assistants to the Secretary

Mr. George N. Moran,                      Mr. David T. Wells.

### General Executive Assistant

Mr. William Parry.

### Captain of Pageantry

Mr. A. H. Stoddard.

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A list of Committees and a list of Members with their  
addresses will be found on pages 665-686 following:

Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

November 20, 1908.

The thirtieth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held, pursuant to special call, at headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, Friday, November 20, 1908, at 3 P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Acting President Herman Ridder, presiding; and Hon. James M. Beck, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. William McCarroll, Mr. William J. McKay, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Ludwig Nissen, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, President Jacob G. Schurman, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Spencer Trask, Col. John W. Vrooman, Hon. Nathan A. Warren and Gen. James Grant Wilson. Also Mr. Howland Pell of the Carnival Parade Committee.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. Thomas Powell Fowler, Gen. Horatio C. King, Hon. Seth Low, Rear Adm. George W. Melville, U. S. N., Com. Jacob W. Miller, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, Dr. Samuel B. Ward and Mr. Charles R. Wilson, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the meetings of October 14 and October 28, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved as printed.

## Minutes of Trustees

*Report of the Treasurer.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Seligman, concerning the State fund of \$12,500 received under Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906, was as follows, there having been no disbursements since the last meeting:

## DEBIT.

To balance on hand October 28, 1908.....	\$4,357 68
To interest on deposits June 30, 1908.....	103 31
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Total debit and balance Nov. 20, 1908.....	\$4,460 99

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee:

Henry Romeike, clippings .....	\$1 62
De-Fi Manufacturing Co., carbon paper.....	3 50
J. B. Lyon Co., note-heads.....	5 00
J. B. Lyon Co., envelopes and letter-heads.....	11 00
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$59 43
E. H. Hall, salary for November....	300 00
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	359 43
State Treasurer, interest on deposits, June 30..	103 31
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	\$483 86

*Nominated for Appointment on Commission.*

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented a report recommending the following named gentlemen for appointment by the Mayor of New York as members of the Commission:

Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., at No. 99 John street, New York; a director of the National City Bank, the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., and other financial institutions; a Trustee of Princeton University and a Trustee of the John F. Slater Fund;

James Douglas, LL.D., mining engineer of No. 99 John street, New York, formerly Professor of Chemistry at Morrin College, Quebec; President of the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Co., and other copper companies;

author of "Canadian Independence," "Old France in the New World," etc.; and twice President of the American Institute of Mining Engineers;

Commander Wm. B. Franklin, of the firm of W. B. Franklin & Co., brokers, at No. 111 Broadway, New York; formerly Lieutenant in the United States Navy and for eight years Commander of the 1st Battalion of the Naval Militia of the State of New York;

Lieut. Charles E. Heitman, of No. 40 Wall street, late of the United States Navy;

Mr. John J. McKelvey, attorney and counsellor-at-law, No. 84 William street, New York;

Captain Aaron Ward of the United States Navy, Army Building, New York;

And Major General Leonard A. Wood, U. S. A., who has succeeded Major Gen. Frederick D. Grant in command of the Department of the East with headquarters at Governor's Island.

Upon motion of Mr. Fitch, the nominations were unanimously approved.

*Gen. Roe Appointed Chairman of Military Parade  
Committee.*

Mr. Fitch also reported with reference to the resignation of Gen. Grant as a member of the Commission which was laid on the table at the meeting held Oct. 28 (page 602) that he had been in correspondence with Gen. Grant, and that Gen. Grant had withdrawn his resignation as a member of the Commission, while resigning as chairman of the Military Parade Committee. Mr. Fitch therefore offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the report of the Nominating Committee be approved; that we are highly pleased that Gen. Grant has withdrawn his resignation and will remain a member of our Commission; that his resignation of the Chairmanship of the Committee on Military Parade be accepted, and that we recommend the appointment of Maj. Gen. Charles F. Roe as Chairman of such Committee.

The resolution was adopted, and the Acting President announced that in accordance with the recommendation he appointed Gen. Roe as Chairman of the Military Parade Committee.

*Historical Pageant Question Referred to Carnival Parade Committee.*

Mr. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, reported that immediately prior to the present Trustees' meeting, a joint meeting of the Plan and Scope Committee and the Carnival Parade Committee had been held, (Gen. Wilson, presiding) at which was discussed the subject of the proposed Historical Pageant which was referred to the Plan and Scope Committee by the Trustees on October 28 (page 603). He said that the Plan and Scope Committee did not wish to make a recommendation on the subject until it could learn whether a separate Historical Pageant during the day-time would interfere with the Carnival Parade on Saturday evening, or whether the two parades could be combined satisfactorily. The result of the joint discussion was that the two committees recommended that the subject be referred to the Carnival Parade Committee for further consideration and report.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

*Recommendations by the Acting President Concerning Committees and Employed Assistants.*

The Secretary read the following report of the Acting President, made pursuant to the action of the Trustees recorded on pages 580-586 of the minutes:

To the Board of Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, Gentlemen:

In pursuance of the resolution passed Oct. 14, authorizing the Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the President, to engage certain assistants to carry out the plans for the celebration next year, I respectfully make the following recommendations:

1st. I recommend that we engage Mr. Parry\* at once, under a revokable contract, as Business Manager or General Executive Assistant, at a salary not to exceed \$625 per month. Until his duties in that capacity absorb all his time, I would suggest that he formulate a preliminary

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\*Mr. Wm. Parry of New York. See pages 532 et seq.



scheme for an Historical Pageant, find out just what it will cost and prepare his plans so that if we find we can afford it he will be ready to begin work at once. If the Pageant scheme is abandoned, we can drop him or retain him in some other capacity. If we do have the Pageant, we may want to change the allotment of his duties by giving him the Directorship of the Pageant and getting somebody else as General Executive Assistant or making him General Executive Assistant and making somebody else Director of Pageant.

2nd. I recommend that we engage Mr. Stoddard† under a revokable contract as Captain of the Carnival Parade for Saturday night at a salary not to exceed \$416.66 per month, with an additional allowance not to exceed \$1,000 for services of artists, and set him to work at once on that feature of the celebration. It is possible that as preparations progress, the relations of Mr. Stoddard to the celebration, like those of Mr. Parry, may advantageously be readjusted.

3rd. I recommend the prompt engagement of a secretarial assistant, to prepare for current publication matter which will keep the public fully advised of the Commission's preparations and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or Secretary.

4th. And this I think is extremely important — I recommend that the Acting President be authorized to appoint a full complement of Committees to take charge of every branch of work that we can foresee. These committees should be requested to go to work at once; to formulate the details of their particular part of the programme and to submit an estimate of cost at the December meeting of the Trustees. It will then be possible for the Ways and Means Committee to make these estimates up into a budget before the Legislature meets, so that we can get some concrete idea of our financial requirements. Our present notions on this subject are only the most general and unscientific. Then we must arrange our plans according to our resources. If we are going to raise a subscription we must begin work on that also.

I submit herewith a scheme for a full set of Committees. The Philadelphia celebration in October was carried on by 94 different committees, with a membership of 898 persons. We have in the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission 359 members, including 46 Mayors of Cities

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† Mr. A. H. Stoddard of New Orleans. See pages 528 et seq.

throughout the State and 38 Presidents of Villages along the Hudson river.

We have at present 19 Committees. I suggest herewith a scheme of 39 Committees, namely, the 19 present Committees and 20 more. These, I think, can take care of everything that has thus far shown any prospect of entering into our plans. If this plan meets with the approval of the Trustees, I propose to assign every member of the Commission to some Committee, so that we may have the benefit of the counsel and active work of every member of the Commission.

5th. Following is the proposed list of committees by titles, existing committees being indicated by a cross mark. After this list of titles is an outline of the duties of each committee.\* If this plan is adopted, I recommend that a meeting of the whole Commission be held on Monday, Nov. 30, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, for the use of which we have already secured permission by the courtesy of Borough President Ahearn. By that date, I will endeavor to have the Committees made up, so that the membership can be announced and from that date every member of the Commission will know, not only that he is to have an active share in the preparations for the Celebration, but also that he shares the responsibility for its success.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RIDDER,

Acting President.

*Titles of Committees.*

\*Aeronautics.

\*Art and Historical Exhibits.

Aquatic Sports.

\*Auditing.

Badges, Flag and Poster.

\*Banquet.

\*Carnival and Historical Parades.

Children's Festivals.

Clermont.

Decorations and Reviewing Stands.

Dedications.

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\*For outline of duties of committee, see list of committees on pages 665-679 following:

- \*Executive.
- \*General Commemorative Exercises.
  - Half Moon.
  - Historical.
  - Hospitality.
- \*Hudson River Scenery.
  - Illuminations.
- \*Invitations.
- \*Inwood Park.
- \*Law and Legislation.
  - Lectures.
  - Local Celebrations.
  - Medal.
- \*Memorials.
- \*Military Parade.
  - Music Festival.
- \*Naval Parade.
  - Newburgh Ceremonies.
- \*Nominations.
  - North Hudson.
- \*Official Literary Exercises.
  - Old Home Week.
- \*Plan and Scope.
- \*Reception.
  - Religious Services.
  - Transportation.
- \*Verplanck's Point Park.
- \*Ways and Means.

*Scheme of Committees, With Additions, Approved.*

Commissioner McCarroll moved the approval of the proposed scheme of committees. He said that the need for a complete organization was obvious and the plan proposed was valuable in putting the responsibility for the success of the celebration on all the members and arousing their interest.

General Wilson suggested the addition of two more committees, one on Public Health and Convenience and one on Public Safety.

These additions were approved, and with this amendment Commissioner McCarroll's motion was adopted.

*Meeting of the Commission Called for November 30.*

Judge Higley moved that the Acting President's recommendation for a meeting of the whole Commission, to be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Monday, Nov. 30, at 3 P. M., be adopted.

Mr. Stetson moved to amend by changing the hour to 2 o'clock.

The amendment was adopted and the motion as amended was carried.

*Meeting of the Trustees Called for November 30.*

Commissioner McCarroll moved that a meeting of the Trustees be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Monday, Nov. 30, at 1.30 P. M., in order that the list of members of the committees might be read for information and informal suggestion before presentation to the Commission meeting at 2 o'clock. Carried.

*Engagement of Wm. Parry as General Executive Assistant Authorized.*

Mr. Stetson moved that the Acting President's recommendation concerning the engagement of Mr. William Parry as General Executive Assistant at a salary not to exceed \$625 a month be approved. He urged that it was necessary for the Commission to start on its actual work, and it was essential to obtain information by means of some competent person like Mr. Parry in order to find out our position.

After a brief discussion the motion was carried.

*Engagement of A. H. Stoddard as Captain of Carnival Parade Authorized.*

Mr. Stetson also moved that the Acting President's recommendation concerning the engagement of Mr. A. H. Stoddard as Captain of the Carnival Parade at a salary not to exceed \$416.66 a month, with an extra allowance not to

exceed a total of \$1,000 for artists, be approved. The remarks which he had previously made in regard to the necessity of employing Mr. Parry applied equally to Mr. Stoddard.

The motion was carried.

*\$15,000 Appropriated for Metropolitan Museum of Art.*

Dr. Kunz, member of the Committee on Art and Historical Exhibits and chairman of the sub-committee on Historical Exhibits, reported that after a number of conferences with Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Hon. Robert W. De Forest, Chairman of the sub-committee on Art Exhibits, he was pleased to report that the Museum would use the new wing of the building for an art exhibition which would be a notable event in the American art world. The exhibition would probably last from three to six months and would be known as the Hudson-Fulton Exhibition of Art. It would be composed of works of the Dutch and English and possibly the Colonial schools of painters. Admission to the exhibition would be free. It was proposed to issue a popular priced catalogue of the pictures and possibly the Museum would also issue a catalogue de luxe. Toward the expenses of the exhibition and the popular catalogue, the Museum authorities and the Committee of which Dr. Kunz was a member thought that this Commission should appropriate \$15,000. Dr. Kunz said he had made a careful estimate of expenses and had thought that the Museum would ask for \$30,000. He therefore offered a resolution (which he subsequently submitted in writing) as follows:

Resolved, That the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission hereby appropriates the sum of \$15,000 to the sub-committee on Art Exhibits toward the expenses attending what is to be known as the Hudson-Fulton Exhibition of Art, to be held in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the year 1909; that this Commission does not assume any financial responsibility for the exhibition beyond the sum above named; and that this appropriation is made with the understanding that each painting exhibited is to be labeled

with the name of the artist, the name of the owner, and, if possible, the subject; that out of the appropriation hereby made the committee is to issue a simple catalogue for general distribution, to be sold at a price not exceeding twenty cents a copy, and which may be mailed as a Bulletin of the Museum to be known as the Hudson-Fulton Exhibition Number; and that said committee may act in cooperation with any committee appointed for that purpose by the Metropolitan Museum of Art from the Museum staff or others, whether members of the Commission or not.

President Schurman heartily endorsed the proposed appropriation. He thought that in view of the great value of the exhibition, the amount asked was small.

Mr. Trask said that the amount asked was so small that he should not wait a moment.

The resolution was adopted.

*\$1,000 Appropriated to the American Museum of Natural History.*

Dr. Kunz also reported that he had been in conference with Dr. H. C. Bumpus, Director of the American Museum of Natural History, and that that Institution was also ready to cooperate actively. Under date of November 6, 1908, Dr. Bumpus had written to him as follows:

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

New York, November 6, 1908.

Dr. George F. Kunz,  
401 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

In reply to your letter of October 30, I would say that I have consulted with the officers of the Department of Ethnology, and would say that not only is the Museum prepared to make a special exhibit illustrative of the life, character, and industries of the aborigines at the time of the discovery of the Hudson, but it will prepare a publication for general sale and circulation at the time of the celebration, which shall embody a full description of the material exhibited and a general treatment of the subject that will be of popular interest and of scientific authority. In order to do this, however, it will be necessary for us to have a sum of money set apart, say \$1,000, which shall be used exclusively in the preparation of the publication,

and for author and clerical assistance, for outline drawings, maps, reproductions of photographs, field work, etc. Since the time is none too long, we would like to be able to begin work at once, and to this end I would ask if it would be possible for your Committee to advance the sum of \$200.

Thanking you for the interest that you are taking in this matter, and assuring you of our disposition to cooperate in every way within our power, I am

Very cordially yours,  
H. C. BUMPUS,  
Director.

Dr. Kunz offered a resolution, (which he subsequently submitted in writing) as follows:

Resolved, That the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission hereby appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the American Museum of Natural History, toward the expenses of an exhibition to be held in the year 1909 illustrative of the life, character and industries of the aborigines at the time of the discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson; that this Commission does not assume any financial responsibility for the exhibition beyond the sum above named; and that this appropriation is made with the understanding that the Museum is to prepare for publication, for general sale and circulation at the time of the Celebration, a catalogue which shall embody a full description of the material exhibited and which may be published as a separate number of the American Museum of Natural History Journal to be known as the Hudson-Fulton Memorial Number.

(The remarks of President Schurman, Mr. Stetson and Mr. Trask concerning the appropriation for the Metropolitan Museum of Art applied equally to the appropriation for the Museum of Natural History, both recommendations having been laid before the Trustees simultaneously but separated in these minutes.)

The resolution was adopted.

#### *Progress With Other Exhibits.*

Dr. Kunz also reported progress in the arrangements with Mr. Archer M. Huntington, President of the American Geographical Society, the American Numismatic Society, and the Hispanic Society, and with Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, President of the New York Historical Society, etc.

Mr. Hoffman, supplementing Dr. Kunz's remarks, said that up to the present time his Society had been uncertain as to its ability to cooperate in this matter, owing to the incomplete condition of the new building at Central Park West and 77th street. He said that the Society had recently moved into its new quarters, but that the Museum was unfinished, and the Society did not want to commit itself to a Hudson-Fulton exhibition unless it was sure it would be prepared to hold one. He was happy to state that on that very morning, Mr. Henry M. Dexter, who had so generously patronized the Society in the past, had offered to complete the Museum.

*Dr. Kunz Thanked.*

Mr. Stetson spoke in high terms of Dr. Kunz's efficient services in connection with the art and historical exhibits and moved that the very hearty thanks of the Board of Trustees be offered to him.

After remarks in a similar vein by the Acting President and other Trustees the motion was carried.

*Design of Medal Referred to Medal Committee.*

Dr. Kunz laid before the Trustees a photograph of the design for the Hudson-Fulton medal as prepared by Mr. Fuchs,\* under the direction of the American Numismatic Society.

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\* Emil Fuchs, the medalist, sculptor and painter, is a Viennese. He studied in the Berlin Academy from 1888 to 1891; in Rome from 1892 to 1897, and went to London in 1899. While in London, he designed by royal command the "Queen Victoria," "Queen Alexandria," "Prince and Princess of Wales," "Princess Henry of Battenberg," "Official Coronation," "Science, Art and Music," and "South African War" medals; also the portrait of King Edward VII, now used on the postage stamps of Great Britain. He has also designed portrait medals of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, Governor General of Canada Earl Grey, and Field Marshal Sir George White. He has designed for the Hispanic Society of New York, of which Mr. Archer M. Huntington is president, its annual medal and membership medal. He has been president of the "Langham Club" (officially known as the The Artists' Society) of London and has painted pictures which have been hung at the Munich Exposition in 1905, in the Paris Salon in 1907, and in other notable exhibitions.





REVERSE



OBVERSE

Design for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Medal. Modeled by Mr. Emil Fuchs and submitted by the American Numismatic Society. See pages 630-631.



The obverse of the medal is devoted to the Hudson commemoration. The central and main design represents inboard of the Half Moon, Henry Hudson and a group of six sailors, watching the heaving of the lead. In the background is a suggestion of the scenery of the Hudson River. In the margin are the legends: "Discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson, A. D. MDCIX," "The American Numismatic Society" and "Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission," divided by small representations of the Half Moon, the seal of the American Numismatic Society, the seal of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, an astrolabe, a jack-staff and a sextant.

Upon the reverse, the Fulton idea is treated with a classical design consisting first of three seated, draped, female figures. The central figure holds in her lap a model of the Clermont, and represents the genius of steam navigation. The figure at her right rests one hand on an anchor and represents commerce, while the figure at her left holds a pen and scroll, representing history. Upon a tablet in the central back ground between two columns is a portrait of Fulton, made after West's painting, surrounded by a wreath. Under the portrait are the name and dates: "Robert Fulton, 1765-1815." In the dexter back-ground is a view of New York from the Hudson River in 1807 and in the sinister back-ground a recent view of the same. At the bottom of the design is the legend: "First Use of Steam in Navigation on the Hudson River, 1807."

Dr. Kunz said that the proposition of the Numismatic Society was that this Commission should contribute \$1,000 toward the cutting of the dies; that the Numismatic Society should have the privilege of striking two copies in gold and the first 100 copies in silver or bronze; that this Commission should control all other issues; and that the dies should ultimately be entrusted to the custody of the Numismatic Society.

Dr. Kunz said that after the first dies were cut, replicas could be cut in other sizes by mechanical means at compara-

tively small cost. Thus there could be one large size exclusively for royalty, and graduated sizes smaller for other purposes, down to a small pocket piece. At the cost of a few cents per medal, the name of the recipient could be struck on the medal by means of an "inset," if the medal were so designed.\*

Mr. Stetson said concerning the proposed restriction of the issue of gold medals (mentioned on page 554 of the minutes) that he saw no objection to the striking of two copies in gold for members of the Numismatic Society who usually had copies in that metal.

Mr. Hall said that he had Mr. Adams' consent to say that the members of the Numismatic Society for whom the two gold medals were intended were the President of the Numismatic Society and the President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The subject of the medal was finally referred to the new Committee on Medal, to be appointed in pursuance of the action of the Trustees earlier in the session.

*The Half Moon — Mr. Adams Thanked.*

Dr. Kunz said that the Assistant Secretary, who had made a careful study of the design of the Half Moon, could make some statement in regard to that feature of the medal design.

Mr. Hall said Mr. Edward D. Adams, Chairman of the Publication Committee of the American Numismatic Society, had taken the utmost pains to secure an accurate representation of the Half Moon on the medal. In view of the many fanciful and erroneous pictures of this vessel which appeared in printed histories, it was a matter of congratulation that such care had been taken in the medal design. Mr. Adams had secured from Vice-Admiral Röell retired of the Royal Dutch Navy a print of the design by which the people of Holland are constructing the fac-simile of the Half Moon. This design agreed entirely with the

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\* Since the meeting of the 20th, Mr. Fuchs has expressed his approval of the suggestion that the foundations of the arch be used for insets. A few other minor changes have also been adopted.

conclusions reached by this Commission (recorded on pages 500-509). Mr. Adams had also been aided by a small plaster relief made by Mr. Baay, assistant at the Rijks Museum at Amsterdam, who is draftsman of the working drawings of the Half Moon now being constructed. He was also aided by the vignette of Amsterdam Harbor as it appeared in 1606 which had been so useful in arriving at the correct design of the Half Moon. The latter, a framed print five feet long and thirteen inches wide, Mr. Adams had sent to the Commission with the following letter:

New York, November 19, 1908.

Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Asst. Sec'y.

Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,  
Tribune Building, New York City.

Dear Sir: Herewith I send you a framed reproduction of an engraving, now in the possession of the Rijks Museum, Amsterdam, Holland, bearing the date 1606 and representing the harbor of Amsterdam and numerous examples of the various types of ships and boats then in use.

The three-masted vessel on the extreme lower left of the picture is the type of the "Halve Maen" that is now being reproduced as a contribution of modern Holland to the Hudson Celebration proposed for next year.

I take much pleasure in presenting this picture to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission upon the understanding that when the Commission ceases its activities this picture shall be delivered to the City History Club for preservation among its possessions.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD D. ADAMS.

Mr. Hall moved that the cordial thanks of the Trustees be given to Mr. Adams for his generous gift. Carried.

#### *Reports of Progress.*

Mr. Stetson, who was appointed chairman of the Banquet Committee on October 28, stated that he held the appointment under consideration but had not yet accepted it.

President Schurman, Chairman of the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises, reported progress. He

expressed the strong desire to have Hon. Andrew S. Draper of Albany, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, a member of this Commission.

Mr. Sackett (referring to page 459 of the Minutes) said that Commissioner Draper had been recommended to Gov. Hughes for appointment but that the Executive had thus far been too much preoccupied to attend to this and some similar recommendations of the Trustees.

Mr. Gregory, from the Committee on Hudson River Scenery, reported that a meeting of that Committee had been held at the office of the Chairman, Chief Justice Parker, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at which, after a general discussion of the subject, it was decided to secure the cooperation of Mr. F. P. Albert as Secretary of the Committee if possible.

Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Law and Legislation Committee, reported that he proposed to go before the Governor at an early date and endeavor to secure the balance of the appropriation asked for at the last session of the Legislature, and to aid the up-state representatives to get their appropriation.

Mr. Bergen, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, reported progress in regard to the commemorative coinage, commemorative postage stamps and souvenir programme.

Gen. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Official Literary Exercises, reported that his Committee had gone as far as possible in its preparations and was now awaiting word in regard to the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Mr. Pugsley, Chairman of the Committee on Verplanck's Point Park, reported progress.

#### *Hudson Monument Project Approved.*

Mr. Bergen reported in favor of approving the project for the erection of a Hudson monument on Spuyten Duyvil Hill by private subscription, as recorded on pp. 565-566 of the minutes. He thought that if public-minded citizens were willing to erect such a memorial, they should be encouraged.

In response to an inquiry as to the location of the proposed monument, Mr. Hall said that he had been informed that it was intended to place the monument at the northern end of the land acquired by the city on Spuyten Duyvil Hill for the northern terminal of the proposed Hudson Memorial Bridge.

Mr. Samuel Parsons thought that the question of site should be very carefully considered. He favored the approval of the general idea of the monument without committing the Commission to the approval of details.

Dr. Kunz pointed out that the Art Commission of the City of New York would have a veto power over the design and the Park Department would have a voice in its location. He thought that the public interests in those respects were well safeguarded in advance.

Mr. Muschenheim, one of the subscribers to the proposed monument, said that he was greatly interested in the beautification of the city, and he was one of the projectors of this monument. He was also engaged in three or four similar enterprises. He said that his own house on Spuyten Duyvil Hill stood on the foundation of Fort No. 1, one of the supporting works of Fort Independence of the Revolutionary period. He contemplated moving his house and suitably marking the historic site himself. This would be but one of a chain of landmarks extending southward to Claremont and Morningside Heights. Next south would be the Hudson monument. Across the Spuyten Duyvil, on Inwood Hill, was the site of the Cock Hill Fort and he was making inquiries as to ownership in order to have that marked. A little further south was Fort Tryon, and he was in negotiations with the owner for the erection of a tablet there. Less than a mile further south was Fort Washington, already marked by a monument. And so on down to the scene of the Battle of Harlem, now marked by a tablet on Columbia University. On account of the location of the old Indian castle of Nipinichsen on Spuyten Duyvil Hill and the battle between Henry Hudson and the Indians from this village, he regarded Spuyten Duyvil Hill as pre-eminently the proper location for a Hudson monu-

ment. He said that one of the hardest things in the world was to give anything to the City. He induced Mr. Astor to give two isles of safety to the City in Long Acre Square (now Times Square) and when he tried to give two electroliers to the City he could hardly persuade the authorities to accept them. He said that it was intended to raise the money for the Hudson monument by subscription and not ask the City for a cent, and they wanted the official endorsement of this Commission.

Mr. Sackett asked how much money they expected to raise.

Mr. Muschenheim said that such projects were always a process of evolution. He was not sure, but thought between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Mr. Bergen moved that this Commission approve of the general idea of erecting a monument to Henry Hudson, without committing the Commission to its details, and asking Mr. Muschenheim and his colleagues to proceed.

Mr. Seward said that the only question was whether the Commission would approve of a very laudable movement. He thought the Commission might properly say that it had received with interest and pleasure the information that a number of public-spirited citizens were desirous of erecting a monument to Henry Hudson, that it expressed its cordial thanks to them for their generous undertaking, and that it wished them success.

Mr. Bergen accepted Mr. Seward's statement as the substance of his motion, and as such, it was carried.

#### *Appointments on Invitation Committee.*

When the Committee on Invitations was reached in the call of committees the Acting President announced the appointment of the Hon. Joseph H. Choate as Chairman, in place of the late Hon. Grover Cleveland. This, he said, was with Mr. Choate's consent. He also appointed the Hon. Alton B. Parker as a member of that Committee.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Stetson, Judge A. T. Clearwater was also added to the Committee.



*Inwood Hill Park Committee Report.*

Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the Inwood Park Committee called attention to the fact that preliminary to the first interview with the Mayor a careful investigation and inquiry had been made by a competent real estate broker which demonstrated that a fair price for the property sought to be acquired would be something less than \$2,000,000; that this was satisfactory for two reasons, first, because the amount was such as the City authorities would be more likely to consider, and, next, because it protected against the scandal which is liable to happen when the City seeks to acquire property for a public use. Mr. Parsons said that later on there had been negotiations, the outcome of which were claims by some of the property owners on a basis of almost twice that which had been assumed. He said that some of the owners had made an offer to sell at a price which corresponded substantially with the figures originally submitted to the Mayor; but that others were claiming prices almost twice as large. He said that it was to be regretted that this had happened for the reason that the delay had tarried the situation along until the embarrassment coming from the present financial situation of the City; that he had endeavored to impress upon the property owners that any attempt to obtain abnormal prices meant the possible defeat of the project altogether; that recently he had received a letter, and upon coming to the meeting this afternoon there had been put in his hands another letter to the effect that there might be a compromise between the Committee's figures and the amounts asked by property owners. Mr. Parsons said that he would call his Committee together during the coming week for such further action as seemed to be suitable.

Mr. Parsons' report was followed by an informal discussion, participated in by Mr. Seligman and others.

*Construction of the Clermont.*

Admiral Coghlan, Chairman of the Committee on Naval Parade reported letters dated October 27, 1908, and No-

vember 8, 1908, received from Commander Edward McC. Peters of Hoboken, N. J., tendering the services of the Naval Reserve of New Jersey in manning the Half Moon and Clermont.

The letters were referred to the Half Moon Committee and the Clermont Committee.

Mr. Sackett asked Admiral Coghlan if the Maritime Association of New York had formally undertaken to build the Clermont.

Admiral Coghlan replied in the affirmative. He said that it would require about three months for the construction.

*Secretarial Assistant.*

Mr. Sackett reported that in accordance with authority previously given, he expected to be able to secure in a few days a competent secretarial assistant at a salary not exceeding \$2,500 a year. The person whom he had in view was a college graduate, now connected with one of the leading New York newspapers, and so far as he could learn, was excellently qualified for the position.

*Civil Service Exemption.*

Mr. Sackett moved that the Secretary be authorized to make the necessary application to the State Civil Service Board for the exemption, from civil service examination, of the persons authorized by the Trustees to be employed by the Commission. Carried.

*Communications Referred.*

Communications were referred to various committees as follows:

From Mr. Seth Thayer Stewart of 856 Quincy street, Brooklyn, dated October 22, requesting that the Parks and Playgrounds Association of New York be appointed a Committee on children's festivals. To Children's Festivals Committee.

From Mrs. Robert Abbe, President of the City History Club of New York, dated October 30 and November 17, requesting that the City History Club be given a place in the Historical Pageant or some other recognition. To Historical Pageant Committee.

From Miss C. E. Mason of Tarrytown, dated November 7, renewing request for approval of the proposed historical pageant at Tarrytown. To Local Celebrations Committee.

From Mr. Edward G. Unitt of New York, making suggestions as to the illumination of the land and water parades. To the Committees on Naval Parade and Carnival Parade.

From Mr. Edgar Mayhew Bacon of Tarrytown, author, dated November 12, applying for position of historical agent and lecturer of the Commission. To Historical Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

November 24, 1908.

The thirty-first meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was called, pursuant to the by-laws, to be held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, on Wednesday, November 24, 1908, at 3 o'clock p. m.

There being no quorum present, on account of the date of the meeting falling on the day before Thanksgiving Day, no business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

November 30, 1908.

The thirty-second meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held pursuant to resolution of November 20, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, New York, on Monday, November 30, 1908, at 1. 30 P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Mr. Herman Ridder, Acting President, presiding; and Hon. James K. Apgar, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. William Berri, Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. Theodore Fitch, Hon. Charles H. Gaus, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Hon. Henry Hudson, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Dr. George F. Kunz, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Mr. William J. McKay, Commander Jacob W. Miller, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Hon. Alton B. Parker, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Hon. Nathan A. Warren and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

*Absentees Excused.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. James M. Beck, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Gen. Horatio C. King, Hon. Seth Low, Hon. William McCarroll, Hon. Elias P. Mann, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N., Mr. Frank D. Millett, Hon. George W. Perkins, Mr. Thomas R. Proctor, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, and Lieutenant Commander Aaron Vanderbilt, and they were excused.

*List of Committees Submitted.*

In accordance with the suggestion made at the meeting of the Trustees on November 20, the Secretary, in behalf of the Acting President, laid before the meeting the list of Committees made up by the Acting President for presentation to the meeting of the Commission at 2. P. M. He said that the Acting President desired to make one change from the printed list handed to the Trustees, namely, to separate the reception and hospitality functions assigned in the list to one committee and to give to a special committee the duties of providing hospitality for the guests of the Commission.

The Acting President said that it was probable, that in the haste of preparation, some names might have been omitted and he desired to supply such omissions and make such additions as might make the committees more effective. He then asked the Trustees for suggestions.

A few suggestions were made informally and embodied by the Acting President in the list submitted to the Commission later.

*Additional Assistants to the Secretary Authorized.*

The Secretary asked authority to engage Mr. George N. Morau and Mr. David T. Wells as additional assistants to the Secretary at salaries not exceeding the rate of \$3,500 per annum for the former and not exceeding the rate of \$2,500 per annum for the latter. He said that when he reported on this subject at the meeting of November 20, he had one of these gentlemen in mind. Since that time the Acting President and the Secretary had had interviews with the other gentleman and they were convinced that both were exceptionally qualified for the duties contemplated and that both were needed immediately. He therefore moved that he be authorized to engage them, such engagements to continue at the pleasure of the Board. The motion was carried.

*Additional Room Authorized.*

The Secretary also said that it was necessary to have additional room for the working staff of the Commission.

The rent of room 805 in the Tribune Building is paid for by the City. The adjacent office, 806, and equipment are placed at the disposal of the Commission by Mr. Hall without charge. The next room, 807, can be obtained for an annual rental of \$400 or less. He therefore moved that he be authorized to engage room 807 at a rental not exceeding that figure, with the understanding that the City is to pay for it if it can so be arranged, otherwise the Commission is to pay for it. The motion was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
The Commission

November 30 1908

The fourth meeting of the entire Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held, pursuant to special call, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, New York, on Monday, November 30, 1908, at 2 P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Mr. Herman Ridder, Acting President, presiding; and Mr. Abraham Abraham, Mr. Alphonse H. Alker, Mr. Louis Annin Ames, Hon. James K. Apgar, Constructor William J. Baxter, U. S. N., Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. William Berri, Mr. E. W. Bloomingdale, Mr. Herbert L. Bridgman, Mr. George V. Brower, Dr. E. Parnly Brown, Hon. M. Linn Bruce, Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Hon. A. T. Clearwater, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Mr. Frederick R. Cruikshank, Mr. Frederick B. Dalzell, Capt. Charles A. DuBois, Hon. Charles A. Elliott, Mr. Morris P. Ferris, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Hon. Charles H. Gaus, Hon. Theodore P. Gilman, Capt. Richard Henry Greene, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Mr. Benjamin F. Hamilton, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Mr. James P. Holland, Mr. William Homan, Hon. Henry Hudson, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Dr. George F. Kunz, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Mr. Charles W. Lefler, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, Mr. Clarence E. Leonard, Mr. William J. McKay, Hon. St. Clair McKelway, Commander Jacob W. Miller, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Nathan Newman, Mr. Percy B. O'Sullivan, Hon. Alton B. Parker, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Mr. Samuel H. Parsons, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Mr. Louis T. Romaine, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Charles A. Schieren, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. Louis Seligsberg, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. John J. Sinclair, Mr.



Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. George R. Sutherland, Dr. Irving Townsend, Mr. J. Leonard Varick, Hon. Nathan A. Warren and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

Dr. H. Bavinck, professor in the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and a member of the Committee of Hollanders who are building the replica of the Half Moon, was present by invitation.

*Excused for Absence.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. R. B. Aldcroft, Jr., Dr. George C. Batcheller, Hon. James M. Beck, Hon. James H. Callanan, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, Hon. James F. Fitzgerald, Hon. Lyman C. French, Hon. C. W. Higley, Mr. Colgate Hoyt, Gen. Horatio C. King, Hon. Seth Low, Hon. Elias P. Mann, Hon. William McCarroll, Mr. Donald McDonald, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N., Mr. Frank D. Millet, Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Hon. George W. Perkins, Mr. Thomas R. Proctor, Col. William Cary Sanger and Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, and they were excused.

*Deaths of Members Announced.*

The Acting President said that it was his sad duty to announce the death of the following named members of the Commission:

Gen. John H. Ketcham of Dover Plains, who died November 2, 1906; Mr. Edward Wells, Jr., of New York, who died July 19, 1908; Hon. Joseph H. Senner of New York, who died September 28, 1908; Mr. George Wilson of New York, who died October 8, 1908; Hon. Hugh Kelly of New York, who died October 30, 1908; and Mr. E. V. Skinner of New York, who died November 7, 1908.

The Secretary was requested to make a proper entry in the minutes of the Commission.

*Appointments by Mayor McClellan.*

The Secretary read a letter dated November 25, 1908, from the Executive Secretary of his Honor the Mayor of New York, appointing the following named gentlemen as

members of the Commission upon the recommendation of the Trustees (see pp. 620-621); Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, James Douglas, LL. D., Commander William B. Franklin, late lieutenant, U. S. N., Lieutenant Charles E. Heitman, late U. S. N., Mr. John J. McKelvey, Captain Aaron Ward, U. S. N., and Major General Leonard A. Wood, U. S. A.

The Secretary was directed to notify the gentlemen of their appointment.

*Committees Announced.*

The Acting President then stated that the special purpose of the present meeting was to announce a full set of working committees to carry out the plans for the celebration next year. (See report of Acting President to the Trustees on pp. 622-625.) Hitherto, the task of mapping out the celebration had been performed by the Trustees. They had received suggestions from members of the Commission and from outside sources, and had formulated what they believed to be a suitable and workable plan. It now remained to carry that plan into execution, and the time had arrived for every member of the Commission to assume his share of responsibility and do his share of work. He had therefore assigned the members to the committees named in the printed list placed in their hands. The list doubtless contained imperfections, and later in the meeting he would be happy to receive suggestions from any of the members.

*Mr John E. Parsons Speaks of New York City's  
Opportunity.*

The Acting President then asked Mr. John E. Parsons if he would address the meeting on the significance of the approaching celebration.

Mr. Parsons spoke substantially as follows:

So far as this request involves questions of details, I am not sufficiently well posted to speak upon the subject. So far as the general plan is concerned, however, I know that our work assumes a celebration in the City of New York and along the length of the Hudson river. The plan includes invitations to foreign nations to be represented by

their delegates. It is hoped and believed that they will respond by sending distinguished representatives and naval vessels, and that this, as well as the other features of the celebration with which you are familiar, will meet with success. But to attain this success, great individual effort is needed. This is not a case where the duties of the committees are to be discharged by their chairman. Every individual of every committee must do his share of work and get his share of honor.

Within the last month I have seen two very great cities of the world—Paris and London. When I walked about the streets and parks of Paris, I thought of New York. When I visited the parks and public places of London, I thought of New York. In some respects we cannot compete with those old cities which have 2,000 years of history behind them; but we have much of which to be proud. It is sometimes said of us by foreigners that we are a vain-glorious people. When I hear this my answer is,—and I find it difficult to satisfy them that it is so,—that we are conspicuously modest; but that we have so much of which to boast that we cannot help referring to it. The real trouble is that with the ocean between they cannot realize what we have become.

Are we willing, now, by our labors on this Commission, to make our contribution to such a result as that New York, which is recognized to be large and rich and to have great institutions, shall have nothing on which we need to turn our backs or of which to be ashamed? I wish that the members of this Commission would take a map of New York and recall what the City to-day is; what the Hudson River, the East River, Manhattan Island, the Bay, and their adjacent boroughs are. We sometimes forget we have a population of 4,000,000. London has a population of 6,000,000. It has only a few islands from which to draw. We have the whole world. What in the future is the City to be?

In the Hudson-Fulton celebration for which we are arranging, we have a notable opportunity for doing something of permanent value, something of which we can boast and

to which we can point with pride. But every detail of our work must be safeguarded and every committee and every member must work. I speak for one committee which I know will do its share.

*Admiral Coghlan Speaks of the Half Moon and Clermont.*

Rear Admiral Coghlan, at the request of the Acting President, spoke of the preparations for building the facsimiles of the Half Moon and Clermont. He said, in substance:

I am chairman of the Naval Parade Committee which has been entrusted, among other responsibilities, with the reproduction of the vessel in which Henry Hudson entered our river in 1609 and the vessel in which Robert Fulton first navigated the river by steam in 1807.

We have had great success with the Half Moon and in communicating with the government and people of Holland in regard to building the reproduction. At the very courteous request of Vice Admiral Röell of the Royal Dutch Navy, retired, and aide-de-camp to Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, we made a critical study and analysis of every available authority concerning the appearance of the Half Moon and when we sent the results of our research to him (see pages 500-509) we were pleased to find that they coincided with the researches made by the committee of distinguished citizens of Holland who have generously undertaken to build the Half Moon and present her to this commission.\* We had no trouble to speak of in getting the data about the Half Moon and we are sure of having a faithful reproduction.

We had more trouble with the Clermont, however. As has been said before, there were no contemporary pictures of Fulton's vessel and she was not one of a type. She was a pioneer, and we had hard work to find out just what she was like. There is a plenty of people who have information which they think applies to the Clermont, but it belongs to Fulton's second or remodeled boat. The second boat differed in many particulars from the first. We decided to

have the first — the more primitive, the better. There was not so much care bestowed on the first vessel, as it did not have so many conveniences as the second. We are receiving a great many suggestions nowadays, but they all refer to the second boat. As this celebration is to commemorate the beginning of steam navigation, we are going to reproduce the outward appearance of the first, as nearly as possible.

It was through our fellow Commissioner Mr. S. V. Hoffman, President of the New York Historical Society, that we secured our first definite data about the Clermont. It was found in a letter written by Fulton to Robert R. Livingston on November 20, 1807, in which he mentions the width of his original boat. The letter in full is as follows:\*

Washington November the 20th 1807

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. after all accidents and delays our boat has cleared 5 per cent on the capital expended and as the people are not discouraged but continue to go in her at all risques, and even increase in numbers I think with you that one which should be complete would produce us from 8 to 10,000 dollars a year or perhaps more and that another boat which will cost 15,000 dollars will also produce us 10,000 dollars a year therefore as this is the only method which I know of gaining 50 or 75 per cent I am on my part determined not to dispose of any portion of my Interest on the North river but I will sell so much of my funds as will pay my part of rendering this boat complete and for establishing another so that one will depart from Albany and one from New York every other day and carry all the passengers. It is now necessary to consider how to put our first boat in a complete state for 8 or 10 years — and when I reflect that the present one is so weak that she must have additional knees and timbers, new side timbers deck beams and deck, new windows and cabins altered, that she perhaps must be sheathed, her boiler taken out and a new one put in her axels forged and Iron work strengthened with all this work the saving of the present hull is of little consequence

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\* Admiral Coghlan in his remarks quoted briefly from the letter. In view of its historical importance, however, it is here inserted in full.

particularly as many of her Knees Bolts timbers and planks could enter into the construction of a new boat, my present opinion therefore is that we should build a new hull her knees and floor timbers to be of oak her bottom planks of 2 Inch oak her side plank two Inch oak for 3 feet high She to be 16 feet wide 150 feet long this will make her near twice as Stiff as at present and enable us to carry a much greater quantity of sail, the 4 feet additional width will require 1146 lbs additional purchase at the engine moving 2 feet a second or 15 double strokes a minuet this will be gained by raising the steam 5 lb to the inch as 24 Inches the diameter of the cylinder gives 570 round Inches at 3 lb to the inch = 1710 lb purchase gained to accomplish this with a good boiler and a commodious boat running our present speed, of a voyage in 30 hours I think better and more productive to us than to gain one mile on the present boat.

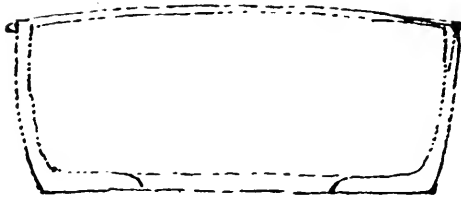
The new boat Cabins and all complete including our materials will cost perhaps .....	2000 \$
Boiler .....	800
Iron work in the best manner and mens wages during the winter .....	1200
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	4,000

To meet this I find that our copper boiler weighs 3930 lb which at 40 cents all the price paid by government will produce .....	1570 \$
Profits of this year .....	1000
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	2570

So that we shall have to provide about 1,500 \$ added to 3,000 Bills against us in the Bank with this arrangement we shall have one Boat in complete play producing about 10,000 dollars a year to enable us to proceed with the second to come out in the spring of 1809, and then our receipts will be about 20,000 dollars a year.

Please to think of this and if you like it to try to contract with the carpenter at Hudson for the hull and let him immediately prepare his timbers, knees and planks —

She should be almost wall sided if 16 feet at bottom she need not be more than 18 on deck Streight Sides will be strong it fits the mill work and prevents motion in the waves — thus



It is now time to lay her up for the winter nothing should be risked from bad weather — the gain will be trifling the risque great.

I cannot be with you before the first week of January  
Compliments to all friends write me again

“Yours truly

*R. Fulton*

Do not risque the engine in the winds  
and Waves of this Season.

From this letter as a starting point and after a critical analysis of every available authority, we have drawn our final plans which have been adopted by the Trustees; and the Maritime Exchange of New York has generously undertaken to build the Clermont for the Commission.\*

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\*The accompanying illustration of the Half Moon is redrawn from a picture sent by Admiral Röell, and gives the design of the vessel as it is now being built in Holland. There have been many fanciful attempts in modern histories to depict Hudson's little ship (or yacht, as it was called), but this is the first picture that can be pronounced technically accurate, with respect to the number and character of the masts, sails and rigging. Her dimensions are: Length between perpendiculars, 63 feet; length over all, 80 feet; breadth, 18 feet, 2 inches; depth, 10 feet, 9 inches; draft, 7 feet, 6 inches; *old Amsterdam measures*. The old Amsterdam foot was 0.284 metres long.

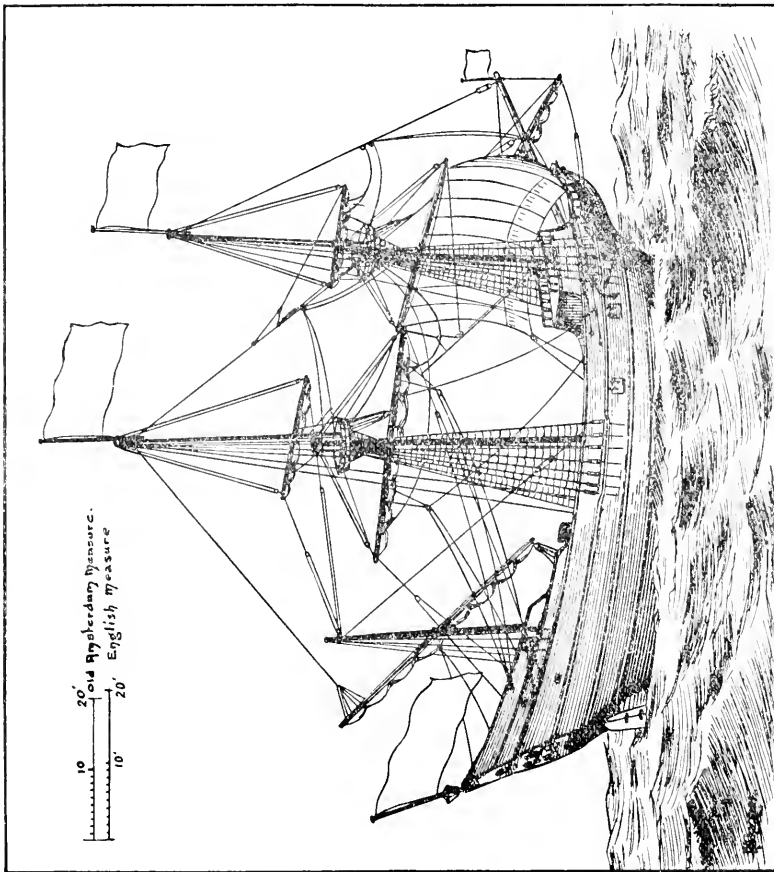
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1 Old Amsterdam foot.....	=	0.284 meters
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1 Old Amsterdam incl.*.....	=	1.01646 English inch

\*The Amsterdam foot is divided into 11, not 12, inches.

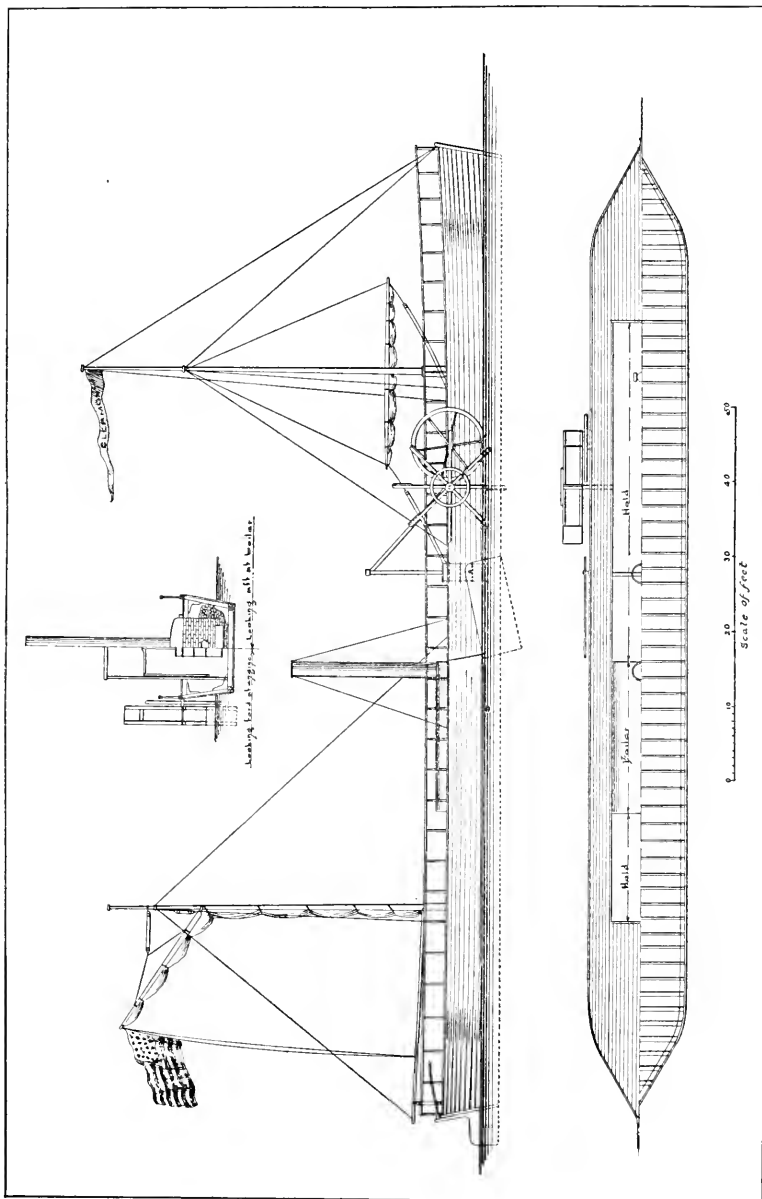
Dimensions of Half Moon Converted into English Feet.

Old Amsterdam	English
Length over all 80 feet.....	= 74.54 feet
Length between perpendiculars 63 feet.....	= 58.70 feet
Breadth 18 feet 2 inches.....	= 16.94 feet
Depth 10 feet 9 inches.....	= 10.08 feet
Draft 7 feet 6 inches.....	= 7.03 feet



Design for facsimile of the Half Moon. (See pages 500-509, 648, and 651).





Plans for facsimile of the Clermont — See pages 648-651.

*Prof. Bavinck Speaks of Holland's Interest.*

The Acting President then introduced Dr. H. Bavinck, a professor of the Free University of Amsterdam and a member of the Committee of Hollanders who have the building of the Half Moon in charge, who is in this country for the purpose of lecturing at Princeton University and elsewhere.

Dr. Bavinck said that he was very glad to attend this meeting and to assure the Commission of the most cordial and deep sympathy of his fellow countrymen for the Hudson-Fulton celebration. Referring to Mr. Parsons' comparison of European and American cities, he said: In our country we feel very deeply the difference between Europe and America. One difference is that Holland and Europe generally have a past, while America is very young, historically speaking. In America, as Prof. Stanley Hall says, all is being, not become. In our country, all is completed. In a certain sense, the past and the present meet in our country, and I feel that there is a kind of marriage in this celebration in New York, and we are very glad that we are to have a part in it. We are proud that our country, small as it is, has had such a large part in the history of New York. I thank you very much for the privilege of being here and addressing you.

The Acting President, on behalf of the Commission, thanked Dr. Bavinck for his message of sympathy and for his very interesting remarks, and cordially reciprocated the sentiments which he had uttered.

*Mr. Stetson Speaks of the State-wide Significance of the Celebration.*

Mr. Stetson, in response to the Acting President's request, spoke substantially as follows:

Mr. Parsons has given us an interesting "tale of two cities" in the continent of Europe. I am now affected by two cities of comparative youth in the continent of North America—Quebec and Philadelphia. These two cities have celebrated important events—one, the 300th anniversary of its foundation; the other, the 225th anniversary of the granting of its charter of liberties. Each city

acquitted itself with a sense of duty and with a spirit of beauty which may serve as a stimulus to the people of New York — and when I say "of New York," I mean not the City alone, but the whole State, for our celebration concerns most of all this Empire State.

The Hudson river! Was there ever a river which, within the limits of a small territory, self-governed but populous, did so much for its people as the Hudson river? The Nile passes through an immense country and has nourished the children of its banks for centuries. The Ganges has stimulated the reverence of millions for countless generations. Other rivers have had reciprocal relations that have commanded from the world perhaps more general observation than the Hudson, but for our own commonwealth, united by the Hudson river from New York Bay to Lake Erie and from New York Bay to Lake Champlain, no river could appeal — if it had personification and voice — to those who have been sustained by it as the Hudson river can appeal. With its tributaries coming out of 20 counties and with its contributaries — the Erie and other canals — from almost all the other counties, it is a glorious possession for this State.

Besides, by a happy coincidence of date and place, here, almost precisely 200 years after the discovery of the river, was developed that which has made all rivers valuable — steam navigation. What more happy juxtaposition could there be than the commemoration at the same time of the discovery of the river and the development of its highest use to man!

And what would the State have been without the canals? I saw an impressive statement on this subject in a recent editorial in the *New York Sun*. In 1826, 19,000 vessels coming out of the canals passed down the Hudson river. In a few years after the canal was opened, the cost of transporting a ton of freight from Buffalo to Albany fell from \$88 to \$5.98. What do we not owe to the Hudson river and its extension, the Erie Canal!

Now I emphasize the importance to the State of New York of this network of water ways of which the Hudson

river is the chief, because properly to celebrate the historic events connected with them we must go to the Legislature for more money. We asked the last Legislature for \$300,000 for use below Newburgh and \$150,000 more for use at and above Newburgh. In this request we were grandly supported by the Mayors of the upper Hudson. In aquatic preparations, log-rolling of this description is appropriate. But we received for the lower Hudson only \$150,000, and for the celebration above Newburgh nothing at all. This was not fair and I pledged our friends from up the river my support in an effort to get their \$150,000, and it is proper that we should have \$150,000 more for New York City.

Now, why was this done? Even more generous appropriations than we asked have been made by our Legislature for celebrations in other places—in Chicago, St. Louis, Portland, and Jamestown. We willingly make appropriations for these celebrations elsewhere; why not for our own people?

The criticism has been made that this is a New York City celebration. That is not so; but what if it were? We ask for \$450,000—\$300,000 for use at New York and below Newburgh and \$150,000 for use above Newburgh. It is generally conceded that New York City pays at least 60% of the taxes of the State.

Mr. Ridder here interrupted Mr. Stetson to say 88%.

Mr. Stetson continued: Our President says 88%, but I will say 60% to be on the safe side. Now 60% of \$450,000 is \$270,000 and we ask only \$300,000. So New York City itself would pay for all it gets but \$30,000 of its part of the combined appropriation, or more than all upon Mr. Ridder's estimate.

But is this the spirit in which to consider this event of State importance? The question is: how can we contribute most to the dignity of the State of New York? We can do it by beginning at the Metropolis of the State and then proceed to Albany, the Capital of the State,—the two greatest and oldest Cities of the Hudson,—and ask the Mayor and the Governor for their support. We do not

want to be considered a local commission. This is not a local affair and the Commission is not local. It comprises the Mayors of every City in the State and the President of every village along the Hudson. The members from New York City at any time can be out-voted by the out-of-town members. We appeal to all the members throughout the State to go to their Senators and Members of Assembly and ask them to give us a full appropriation and we hope that New York City will do its share. We want to invite the representative navies of the world to come here, and very properly the President of the United States hesitates to extend the invitation without assurance that our Celebration is assured of adequate financial provision. In Quebec they spent nearly half a million dollars. In Philadelphia they spent the same, and the governments gave abundantly. We want half a million for our celebration.

The days ought to be proclaimed legal holidays so that the people can give themselves up to the great commemoration.

Mr. Stetson then gave a resumé of the plan of the celebration as outlined in the plan and scope report on pages 459-467 of the minutes. With reference to the art exhibition he said:

One of the greatest opportunities ever afforded in this country for the enjoyment and study of art, particularly Dutch art, will be presented by the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Museum will set apart its new wing for a Hudson-Fulton loan exhibition which will be absolutely free to all, and for educational purposes will be made as effective as possible by labels and by catalogues, each giving the subject and the name of the painter, so that he who runs may read. The bulk of the expense of this great exhibition will be borne by the Museum.

In speaking of the significance of the fac-similes of the Half Moon and the Clermont, Mr. Stetson made a graceful allusion to Dr. Bavinck, and added: And again we see how our mother country is affected when the people of

Holland prepare and present to us this replica of the Half Moon without expense.

In concluding, Mr. Stetson said: I am enthusiastic about this celebration. I was born in New York and my parents were born in New York; and I feel somewhat as Judge Clearwater feels when he says he has been going to church in the old historic city of Kingston for 250 years. I am enthusiastic because it is a New York City anniversary; but I am more enthusiastic because it is a New York State affair. Should this celebration prove a failure, it would prove also a mortification to the whole State; but it will not fail, and it will be an occasion, not for shame, but for gratification, that the people of this Empire State at least have equalled the Metropolis of the Keystone State and the lower Laurentian province, in the illustration and magnification of the origins of their greatness.

*Mr. Secretary Seward Speaks of the World-Wide  
Significance of the Celebration.*

The Acting President asked the Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, if he would speak.

Mr. Seward said in substance:

The plan of the celebration was inaugurated several months ago and has since been enlarged and perfected, thanks to the suggestions of various members. You have heard from Mr. Stetson the leading features of the programme for next year. Each day, however, covers a multitude of details. I am glad that our Acting President has risen to the emergency by appointing committees to attend to all the minutiae of our preparations. We began our work with a Commission of only about a hundred members, half appointed by the Governor and half by the Mayor. As our plans developed, more and more members were found to be necessary until now we have 360. The Acting President has very properly come to the conclusion that no one is to be merely an ornamental figure-head. There is no detail in our plans that is not now covered by some

committee, and there is no member who is not on some committee, and charged with responsibility for its success.

We are to celebrate two events — not merely events in the history of New York, but events in the history of the world — the discovery by that little craft of Henry Hudson's of our river, one of the chief arteries of the world; and that equally important voyage of the Clermont which opened the way for steam navigation throughout the world. The Half Moon and the Clermont are going up and down the river again, but instead of going through the unfrequented wilds of three centuries ago, they will pass between densely populated cities and will be accompanied by the fleets of nations and the argosies of the world. Philadelphia and Quebec had interesting celebrations; but here, we celebrate more than the history of a city — we commemorate events important to the state and the world. The naval parade alone will be historic.

And now that we all have our tasks assigned to us, I trust that we will apply ourselves to them and perform them with credit to ourselves and to the State and City which we officially represent.

*Dr. Kunz Speaks of the Art Exhibit.*

In response to the Acting President's request, Dr. Kunz, from the Committee on Art and Historical Exhibits, spoke of the proposed art exhibit. Following is the substance of his remarks:

When Philadelphia, Chicago, Buffalo and St. Louis decided on their great expositions, art and history were important considerations. In each case, a large sum of money was necessary for the erection of structures in which to place the exhibits. These structures were of staff and inflammable materials. The result was that no one knew but what the valuable works stored therein one day might cease to exist the next. The question therefore occurred to us: Why should we put up dangerous buildings, at great expense, for our art and historical exhibits, when we have fire-proof museums, carefully policed, and accessible to a

greater number of people than those of any other exhibition in this country?

This Committee therefore arranged with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, the New York Historical Society, the American Geographical Society, the American Numismatic Society, the Hispanic Museum, and the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society to hold appropriate exhibitions in their institutions. In the Metropolitan Museum there will be gathered together a great collection of Dutch art, and the works of the best painters of England—Reynolds, Gainsborough, etc.—and the products of our own colonial artists. The museum possesses the greatest collection of colonial furniture that there is, and it is believed that it can secure a great loan collection of colonial silver. The exhibition at the museum will be arranged by its own staff and thus the expenses will be kept low. It will issue a catalogue for each principal group of exhibits, which will sell at 10 cents a copy. The sales of these will operate on the endless chain principle,—the sales of one edition providing means for printing another.

We also realize that in this state there are many patriotic societies all of which, we feel, will coöperate in making such exhibitions. And there are descendants of Robert Fulton among us who are willing to lend their aid. One of his descendants to-day has offered to gather relics identified with his career.

*The Secretary Speaks of the Work of the Committees.*

The Secretary, at the Acting President's request, spoke concerning the work of the committees substantially as follows:

In speaking of the work of the committees, I should like to add one word as to the State character of this Commission. When, at the invitation of the late Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, a company of gentlemen met at his house in February, 1905, to consider the project of this celebration, it was recognized at that time and has always been borne in mind that this was to be a state celebration. When the



Commission was first named, the general character of the commemoration was indicated by the Governor appointing the members residing outside of the New York City limits, while the Mayor appointed those residing within. There never was a commission of higher character than those who were appointed and who have done this work. The first meetings were held in the Governor's Room of this City Hall. At those meetings gentlemen were present from Buffalo, Syracuse, and other cities of the State.

When the charter was given to the Commission, the work devolved upon the Board of Trustees, and they have carried it on so far. With great care and at no small labor, they have formulated a plan, and the committees now named are appointed with special reference to carrying out the work. This work must be begun at once. In the ten months which intervene between the present time and the celebration, we have not too much time for preparation. We should take hold of our labors with the determination that no such situation should arise in connection with our celebration as has arisen in connection with some notable celebrations elsewhere. We should not be behind time.

Each committee should meet and take up the details of its duties, and particularly it must make an estimate of its financial needs and determine what funds are requisite. It is important for each committee to meet before December 15 and go over its particular part of the programme and report to the Trustees what is needed before the committee of which Mr. Stetson is chairman goes to Albany to lay our request for an appropriation before the Legislature. I think it will be found that \$300,000 will be inadequate. But the attention of each chairman is called to the necessity of assembling his committee and learning the facts of the situation, so that he can report intelligently to the Trustees at their December meeting.

*Mr. Ridder Invites Suggestions Concerning the Committees.*

The Acting President said that the committees as named in the printed pamphlet submitted to the members were subject to such changes as experience might dictate. He

therefore invited from the floor any suggestions that might occur to those present. He said he wanted the advice of all the members. The main idea of the Commission was that there was no favored class. This celebration is to be an education for our citizens from the other side as well as for our native born. Everything is to be open, even to the poorest.

*Mayor Gaus Speaks of the Claims of the Upper Hudson.*

Comptroller-elect Gaus, Mayor of Albany, said that he had come to this meeting to be enlightened. This was the third time he had attended. He had observed the relative number in attendance on each occasion of the gentlemen named in the original charter. He appreciated fully what Mr. Stetson had said about the importance of this celebration to the whole state and particularly to the upper part of the Hudson river. He did not think it was right to cut out one section of the State and say that it was the best. Albany was settled 286 years ago, and he asked why Albany, and Hudson and other old cities up the river should not have full recognition. He believed that the State would appropriate \$500,000. With a population of between seven and eight millions, the State could afford to appropriate that amount. He would say at this meeting what he would say as Comptroller of the State—that Albany, Troy, Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Catskill, Kingston and all other sister cities and villages were part of the State of New York and should have their part in the approaching commemoration. He thought that New York would actually need 80% of the funds, but the people up the river should be properly recognized. As to the objects upon which the money was to be spent, he did not believe in blowing it up in fireworks and parades. He advocated a permanent monument on the river front of every city. At Hudson there should be a bronze statue of Henry Hudson. At Albany there should be a bronze statue of Peter Schuyler. And there should be other appropriate statues at other places. We must all join together and not cut a dividing line at Newburgh. We must all work in harmony.

Each city should have its pro rata of money. They all wanted to take part in the celebration, no matter how small that part was. They all wanted to be in it.

*President Elliott Speaks in Behalf of the Upper Hudson.*

Mr. Elliott, President of the Village of Catskill, followed Mayor Gaus in a similar vein. He said that his fellow-citizens along the upper river thought that they would have a stop-over at places above Newburgh, and in the bill which is to be introduced in the Legislature they would like to have provision made so that their towns would receive a pro rata. Their local feelings were such that they felt that they should be considered in the bill.

*Attention Called to Provision for Upper Hudson Observances.*

The Acting President and the Secretary called Mr. Elliott's attention to the appointment of Committees on North Hudson, Local Celebrations and Old Home Week which were designed to give the communities of the upper Hudson ample opportunity to participate; and also to the provision in the original report of the Plan and Scope Committee, presented in June, 1906, which contemplated such participation.

*Committees Announced.*

The Acting President then invited further suggestions concerning the Committees, and there being none, he announced their appointment as printed at the end of this report.

*Letter from the Colonial Dames.*

The Secretary read the following letter from the Society of Colonial Dames of America, of which Mrs. Edward King is President. The letter is signed by Mrs. Henry P. Loomis of 58 East 34th street, Mrs. Ira Davenport of

31 East 39th street, and Mrs. Arthur T. Sutcliffe of 171 Lexington avenue, the latter a descendant of Robert Fulton.

New York, November 30, 1908.

To the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee.

Dear Sirs.—The Colonial Dames of America appreciating the historical interest and importance of the proposed celebration during September, 1909, are desirous of taking such co-operative part in the exercises as yr. Committee may deem appropriate to allot to us.

We hope also to be able to contribute to some tangible & permanent memorial.

We await with deep interest any suggestions on these two points which yr. Committee will offer.

Hoping for a favorable & prompt reply,

We remain

Very truly yours,

Julia T. Loomis,  
Katharine S. Davenport,  
Alice Crary Sutcliffe.

The letter was referred to the Plan and Scope Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

## Committees

of the

### Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

Announced by Herman Ridder, Acting President, at a meeting of the Commission held in the City Hall, New York, Monday, November 30, 1908.

On pages 680-686 following will be found an alphabetical list of all members of the Commission with their addresses.

Committees marked with an asterisk (\*) are substantially as before. Committees not so marked are new. The addresses of chairmen are New York City unless otherwise stated.

#### *\*Aeronautics Committee.*

To consider the feasibility of, and, if practicable, arrange for an exhibition of flying machines.

Hon. James M. Beck, Chairman, 44 Wall Street.  
 Hon. William Berri, Peter Cooper Hewitt. Hon. Theodore P. Gilman,

#### *\*Art and Historical Exhibits Committee.*

To invite and to co-operate in securing exhibits of paintings, prints, books, models, relics, plants and animals of the historic periods, etc., by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, the Hispano-American Museum, the American Numismatic Society, the New York Public Library, the New York Historical Society, the New York Botanical Garden, the New York Zoological Garden, the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Webb's Academy and Home for Ship-builders, the New York Yacht Club, and similar institutions;

To co-operate with institutions in the publication of catalogues of exhibits;

And to secure, if practicable, with the co-operation of the American Museum of Natural History, the establishment of a typical Indian Village at Inwood or on the site of Nipnichsen Castle at Spuyten Duyvil.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, Chairman, 23 Wall St., New York.

Sub-Committee on Art Exhibits.	{	Hon. Robert W. DeForest, Chairman. Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, George A. Hearn, Edward Robinson.
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Sub-Committee on Historical Exhibits.	{	Dr. George F. Kunz, Chairman. S. V. Hoffman, Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn.
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## Committees

*Aquatic Sports Committee.*

To arrange for aquatic sports on the Hudson River on Thursday, September 30, to be participated in by crews from the men-of-war, and by yacht, motor and rowing clubs.

Commander Jacob W. Miller, Chairman, Pier 19, North River.  
 A. H. Alker, Fred. B. Dalzell,  
 E. C. Converse, Hon. Nathan A. Warren.

*\*Auditing Committee.*

To examine and approve bills for payment in concurrence with the Board of Trustees;

And to audit the reports and accounts of the Treasurer.

Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Chairman, 280 Broadway, New York.  
 Hon. Warren Higley, Hon. William McCarroll.

*Badges, Flag and Poster Committee.*

Upon request of the Trustees or any Committee, to provide metal or ribbon badges for the official use of members of the Commission;

To recommend a design for an official flag;

And to recommend a design for an official Poster.

(This Committee will, upon request, furnish to any Committee desiring badges an estimate of cost of the same, so that the Committee desiring the badges may include the cost in the estimate of its expenses presented for the general budget.)

August F. Jaccaci, Chairman, 7 West 43d Street.  
 Herbert Adams, Frank D. Millet,  
 Louis Annin Ames, Louis Stewart,  
 Barr Ferree, C. Y. Turner.

*\*Banquet Committee.*

To arrange for the Official Banquet in its various details. This includes the engagement of the banquet hall, the decoration of the hall, the engagement of the music, the selection of the bill of fare, the choice of speakers, the invitation of guests of honor, the printing, sale and distribution of tickets, and the printing of the menu.

(Concerning the issuing of invitations see note under Invitations Committee. Concerning printing, see note on Printing at end of list.)

Francis Lynde Stetson, Chairman, 15 Broad Street, New York.  
 Hon. William Berri, Henry W. Sackett,  
 Gen. Howard Carroll, Cornelius Vanderbilt.  
 E. S. A. De Lima,

*\*Carnival and Historical Parades Committee.*

To arrange for the Carnival Parade on Saturday evening, October 2, and for an Historical Pageant if one be determined upon. These duties include:

- The selection of the places for the parades;
- The selection of subjects to be represented, subject to the approval of the Historical Committee;
- The designing and building of the floats;
- The selection of the participants;
- The designing and manufacture of costumes and equipments;
- The selection of the Grand Marshals and Staffs;
- The hiring of music;
- The control of the official reviewing stands for these occasions;
- And the issuing of invitations to the reviewing party.

(Concerning the issuing of invitations, see note under Invitations Committee. Concerning printing of tickets, see note on printing at end of list.)

Herman Ridder, Chairman, 182 William Street, New York.

B. Altman,	Eben E. Olcott,
August Belmont,	William Church Osborn,
Hon. William Berri,	Bayard L. Peck,
George C. Boldt,	Howland Pell,
Hon. David A. Boody,	Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley,
Hon. George C. Clausen,	Louis C. Raegener,
George Ehret,	Carl J. Roehr,
Frank S. Gardner,	Jacob H. Schiff,
James A. Hearn,	Louis Seligsberg,
Colgate Hoyt,	William Sohmer,
Gen. Horatio C. King,	James Speyer,
Hon. Gustav Lindenthal,	Hon. Louis Stern,
William C. Muschenheim,	J. Leonard Varick,
Hon. Lewis Nixon,	Edmund Wetmore,
	Charles B. Wolffram.

*Children's Festivals Committee.*

To encourage public school children and juvenile institutions and organizations to hold children's festivals out-of-doors on Saturday, October 2.

Hon. Samuel Parsons, Chairman, 1133 Broadway.

Mrs. Anson P. Atterbury,	Willis Holly,
Morris P. Ferris,	George R. Sutherland,
Dr. E. R. L. Gould,	Hon. Richard Young.

*Clermont Committee.*

After its construction, to receive the fac-simile of the Clermont;

To arrange for its berthing or anchorage, protection and exhibition prior to the Naval Parade of Friday, October 1;

To manage it during the Naval Parade to and at Newburgh;

To conduct it on the following day with the North Hudson squadron to the head of navigation;

To make recommendations to the Commission concerning its final disposition after the Celebration; and to attend to the execution of the Commission's decision on that subject.

(The Naval Parade Committee will be responsible for the design and construction of the Clermont. In the Naval Parade, the Clermont Committee, like the commanders of all other vessels, will be subject to the arrangements of the Naval Parade Committee.)

Eben E. Olcott, Chairman Desbrosses Street Pier, N. R.

Constructor, William J. Baxter, U. S. N.

Robert Fulton Cutting,

Robert Fulton Ludlow,

Frederick B. Dalzell,

Stevenson Taylor.

#### *Decorations and Reviewing Stands Committee.*

To invite the public authorities and owners of great office buildings, by individual letters, to decorate their buildings during celebration week;

To suggest to the public authorities the erection of suitable street decorations, such as arches, courts of honor, etc.;

To make suitable appeals through the press to citizens generally to decorate their houses during the festival;

Upon request of any other Committee to provide the decorations which it may need;

And to attend to the construction of reviewing stands for the open air functions, upon request of the Committees having such functions in charge.

(The control of the use of the reviewing stands will be in the hands of the Committees having charge of the functions for which they are used.)

Charles R. Lamb, Chairman, 23 Sixth Avenue.

John C. Eames,

W. R. O'Donovan,

Albert E. Kleinert,

George Henry Sargent,

Homer Lee,

John W. Simpson,

William Allen Marble,

Isaac Stern,

Ludwig Nissen,

Henry R. Towne.

#### *Dedications Committee.*

Upon request of the Committee on Memorials, to assist in the arrangements for the dedication of monuments or tablets which have been erected either by the Commission



itself or which have been erected by other organizations with the official countenance of this Commission;

And to promote generally the dedication of memorials of various sorts by other organizations as contemplated in the programme for Thursday, September 30.

Hon. Warren Higley, Chairman,	165 Broadway.
George Clinton Batcheller,	James de la Montanye,
George V. Brower,	Hon. Garret J. Garretson,
Frederick R. Cruikshank,	Walter G. Hudson,
Hon. Charles de Kay,	T. D. Huntting,
	John J. Sinclair.

*\*Executive Committee.*

To perform the usual duties of the Executive Committee as prescribed in the By-Laws.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Chairman,	18 Wall Street, New York.
	John E. Parsons, Vice-Chairman.
Hon. James M. Beck,	Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien,
Tunis G. Bergen,	Eben E. Olcott,
Hon. William Berri,	Hon. George W. Perkins,
Andrew Carnegie,	Hon. N. Taylor Phillips,
Hon. Joseph H. Choate,	Gen. Horace Porter,
Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke,	Louis C. Raeger,
Rear Ad. J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N.,	Herman Ridder,
William J. Curtis,	Henry W. Sackett,
Theodore Fitch,	Isaac N. Seligman,
Austen G. Fox,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Gen. F. D. Grant, U. S. A.,	J. Edward Simmons,
Edward Hagaman Hall,	Hon. John H. Starin,
Col. William Jay,	Francis Lynde Stetson,
Dr. George F. Kunz,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus,
John La Farge,	Spencer Trask,
Hon. Seth Low,	Wm. B. Van Rensselaer,
Hon. William McCarroll,	Lt.-Com. Aaron Vanderbilt,
Comdr. Jacob W. Miller,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Frank D. Millet,	Hon. Andrew D. White,
J. Pierpont Morgan,	Hon. Wm. R. Willcox,
Hon. Levi P. Morton,	Gen. James Grant Wilson.

*\*General Commemorative Exercises Committee.*

To request and to assist, by pamphlets, correspondence, and other appropriate means, universities, colleges, public schools, historical and patriotic societies, and institutions of learning generally throughout the state, to hold commemorative exercises on Historical Day, Tuesday, September 28.

President Jacob G. Schurman, LL.D.,	Chairman, Ithaca.
Hon. James N. Adam,	Hon. David A. Boody,
Hon. William H. Barker,	Hon. E. H. Butler,
Hon. F. Beebe,	Hon. Samuel A. Carlson,

Andrew Carnegie,	Hon. W. H. Mandeville,
Hon. A. T. Clearwater,	George E. Matthews,
Hon. Charles W. Cool,	Hon. Grove T. Maxon,
Hon. Jacob H. Dealy,	Hon. St. Clair McKelway,
Hon. Eugene de Kleist,	Hon. Thomas A. McNamara,
Hon. Anthony C. Douglass,	Hon. W. B. Mooers,
Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton,	Hon. Jared T. Newman,
Hon. Meyer Einstein,	Hon. Richard M. Prangen,
Hon. Allan C. Fobes,	Hon. Edward Quirk,
Hon. William Follette,	Hon. Arthur P. Rose,
Hon. C. A. Frost,	Col. William Cary Sanger,
Dr. E. R. L. Gould,	Hon. A. B. Santry,
Hon. Edward M. Grout,	Hon. Daniel Sheehan,
Hon. John Hannan,	Hon. Edward M. Shepard,
Hon. Francis M. Hugo,	Hon. C. M. Slauson,
Hon. Albert Kessinger,	Hon. John K. Smith,
Hon. C. August Koenig,	Hon. E. B. Vreeland,
Hon. Robert Lawrence,	Hon. Thomas Wheeler,
Dr. Henry M. Leipziger,	Charles R. Wilson,
	Hon. Frederick M. Young.

#### *Half Moon Committee.*

To keep in touch and collaborate with the Committee of citizens of Holland who are building the fac-simile of the Half Moon;

To receive it upon arrival, and have the care of its berthing or anchorage, and its protection and exhibition prior to the Naval Parade;

To have charge of it during the Naval Parade to and at Newburgh on Friday, October 1;

To conduct it with the North Hudson squadron to the head of navigation on Saturday, October 2;

And to make recommendations to the Commission concerning its final disposition after the celebration and to execute the decision of the Commission on that subject.

(The Reception and Hospitality Committees will, upon request of the Half Moon Committee, co-operate with the latter in properly receiving and entertaining the Hollanders who bring the Half Moon. In the Naval Parade, the Half Moon Committee will be subject to the arrangements of the Naval Parade Committee.)

Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, Chairman, 120 Broadway.	
Tunis G. Bergen,	Capt. Chas. H. Loring, U. S. N.,
George G. De Witt,	Charles A. Schermerhorn,
Lt. Wm. B. Franklin, U. S. N.,	John R. Van Wormer,
William G. Ver Planck.	

#### *Historical Committee.*

To pass upon and if necessary revise any historical publication of the Commission, such as the "Book of the

Pageant," the "Historical Souvenir Book," etc., if such be printed;

To approve of the subjects proposed for representation by the Carnival and Historical Parades Committee;

And to advise with any other Committee of the Commission upon any question of historical fact or propriety.

Samuel V. Hoffman, Chairman, 258 Broadway.  
 Theodore M. Banta, William Homan,  
 Reginald P. Bolton, Clarence E. Leonard,  
 Hon. John D. Crimmins, Hon. Townsend Scudder,  
 Arthur English, Hon. Theodore H. Silkman,  
 Winchester Fitch, Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke,  
 Hon. John S. Wise.

#### *Hospitality Committee.*

Upon request of any committee whose duties involve the invitation of official guests who are to be entertained at the expense of the Commission, to provide the necessary hotel accommodations for such guests and otherwise look out for their comfort and pleasure.

Dr. George C. Batcheller, Chairman, 696 Broadway.  
 E. S. A. De Lima, William A. Marble,  
 J. Leonard Varick.

#### *\*Hudson River Scenery Committee.*

To promote legislation;  
 To encourage private generosity;  
 To foster public sentiment, and  
 To co-operate with other organizations.

With a view to securing the preservation of the natural beauty of the Hudson River.

Hon. Alton B. Parker, Chairman, 3 South William Street.  
 Hon. John Bigelow, Hon. George W. Perkins,  
 Henry E. Gregory, Gen. Charles F. Roe,  
 Hon. Samuel Parsons, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee,  
 Hon. J. Du Pratt White.

#### *Illuminations Committee.*

To have oversight and control of the operations of the Pain Manufacturing Company as Official Illuminators;

And to promote the general illumination by public authorities and private individuals as contemplated in the programme for Saturday evening, October 2.

Hon. William Berri, Chairman, 526 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.  
 Capt. Richard H. Greene, Henry W. Wetmore,  
 Hon. William F. Sheehan, Fred C. Whitney.

*\*Invitations Committee.*

To have engraved or printed and issued to guests of honor the official invitations issued in the name of the Commission;

And upon request of any other Committee, to provide such Committee with the invitations which it requires for the function in its charge.

(All engraving and printing which is to be paid for out of subscription funds or sales of tickets or privileges may be ordered of any engraver or printer; but if to be paid for out of funds appropriated by the State, must be done by the State Printer at Albany and may be ordered through the Secretary of the Commission.)

Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Chairman, 60 Wall Street.  
 Hon. A. T. Clearwater, Gen. Horace Porter,  
 Hon. Levi P. Morton, Hon. Andrew D. White,  
 Hon. Alton B. Parker, The Secretary, ex-officio.

*\*Inwood Park Committee.*

To secure the creation of a Public Park at Inwood Hill in the city of New York.

John E. Parsons, Chairman, 52 William Street.  
 William J. Curtis, Eben E. Olcott,  
 Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. George W. Perkins,  
 Henry W. Sackett.

*\*Law and Legislation Committee.*

To pass upon questions of law arising in the course of the business of the Commission;

And to draft and secure such legislation as may be necessary to carry out the Commission's objects.

Francis Lynde Stetson, Chairman, 15 Broad Street, New York.  
 Hon. James M. Beck, Hon. John G. Milburn,  
 William J. Curtis, John E. Parsons,  
 Theodore Fitch, Nelson S. Spencer,  
 Col. William Jay, The President, ex-officio.

*Lectures Committee.*

To arrange for the delivery of free public lectures bearing on the history of the Hudson River under the auspices of the Board of Education of the city of New York, during celebration week.

Henry M. Leipziger, Ph.D., Chairman, 500 Park Avenue.  
 Richard B. Aldcroft, Jr. Herbert L. Bridgman.  
 Henry L. Stoddard.

*Local Celebrations Committee.*

To arrange for, or to extend the Commission's official countenance to, local celebrations in the various communities along the Hudson River.

Hon. Henry Hudson, Chairman,	Hudson, N. Y.
Hon. Horace W. Boyd,	Hon. Thomas Lynch,
Hon. D. A. Bullard,	Hon. Charles McElroy,
Hon. Clifford Bush,	Bayard L. Peck,
Hon. J. Rider Cady,	Hon. George G. Raymond,
Hon. John H. Coyne,	Hon. John K. Sague,
Hon. Walter P. Crane,	Hon. Isaac H. Smith,
Hon. Lyman C. French,	Hon. L. L. Stillman,
Hon. Chas. H. Gaus,	Hon. F. Herbert Sutherland,
Hon. John Gross,	Hon. Fred. W. Titus,
Abner S. Haight,	Hon. Arthur C. Tucker,
Hon. M. D. Hanson,	Hon. C. E. Vredenburg,
Hon. William D. Howe,	Hon. Nathan A. Warren,
Hon. Irving J. Justus,	Hon. Robert B. Waters,
	Hon. Anthony J. Weaver.

*Medal.*

To arrange for the striking of the official commemorative medal;

To attend to the presentation of such copies as are given gratuitously to rulers and distinguished officials; and

To attend to the sale of copies otherwise disposed of to the members of the Commission or the public.

Henry W. Cannon, Chairman, 10 Wall Street.	
Edward D. Adams,	John La Farge,
Archer M. Huntington,	Frank D. Millet,
August F. Jaccaci,	Charles H. Niehaus,
Dr. George F. Kunz,	C. Y. Turner.

*\*Memorials Committee.*

To consider and make recommendations to the Trustees concerning projects to erect monuments and tablets which seek the official endorsement of the Commission;

To co-operate in the execution of such projects as are approved by the Commission;

To attend to the erection of such monuments or tablets as may be ordered by the Commission itself;

To arrange with the United States Treasury Department for the issue of commemorative coinage;

To arrange with the United States Postoffice Department for the issue of commemorative postage stamps;

To arrange, either with the Postoffice Department, or with a private company for the issue of souvenir post-cards;

And to attend to the printing of a souvenir programme if one be authorized by the Trustees.

Tunis G. Bergen, Chairman, 55 Liberty Street.	
Walter Cook,	Hon. Seth Low,
Cleveland H. Dodge,	John Jay McKelvey,
Dr. James Douglas,	Wm. C. Muschenheim,
Samuel V. Hoffman,	Gustav H. Schwab,
Col. William Jay,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus,
Frederick S. Lamb,	Hon. William R. Willcox.

*\*Military Parade Committee.*

To arrange for the Military Parade on Wednesday, September 29, in all its details.

Gen. Charles F. Roe, Chairman, 280 Broadway.	
Col. Franklin Bartlett,	Gen. Anson G. McCook,
Capt. C. A. Du Bois,	Gen. A. L. Mills, U. S. A.
Maj. Gen. F. D. Grant, U. S. A.,	Gen. Horace Porter.

*Music Festival Committee.*

To arrange for a Music Festival to be held Monday evening, September 27.

Louis C. Raeger, Chairman, 141 Broadway.	
Gen. Horatio C. King,	Hon. Gustav Lindenthal,
Julius Lehrenkrauss,	Hon. Charles A. Schieren.

*\*Naval Parade Committee.*

To be responsible in the first instance for the proper reception of the American and Foreign naval vessels attending on the invitation of the Commission.

(In this duty, the Naval Parade Committee may call upon the Reception and Hospitality Committees for assistance.)

To make the preliminary arrangements for the construction of the fac-simile of the Half Moon.

(This has already been done; and the Half Moon Committee will be responsible for further co-operation with the Committee of Hollanders.)

To plan and make the preliminary arrangements for the construction of the fac-simile of the Clermont.

(The Naval Parade Committee will notify the Clermont Committee when the construction is so far advanced that further responsibility is turned over to that Committee.)

And to arrange for and conduct the Naval Parade from New York to Newburgh on Friday, October 1, and from Newburgh to New York on Saturday, October 2.

(In this parade, the Half Moon and Clermont Committees will be subject to the directions of the Naval Parade Committee.)

Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Chairman,  
29 Park Avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Const'r Wm. J. Baxter, U. S. N.,	Com. Jacob W. Miller,
Gen. Howard Carroll,	Chas. R. Norman,
R. Ad. C. F. Goodrich, U. S. N.,	Commander R. E. Peary,
Lt. Chas. E. Heitman, U. S. N.,	Louis T. Romaine,
August F. Jaccaci,	Hon. John H. Starin,
William J. McKay,	Lt.-Com. Aaron Vanderbilt,
Rear Adm. Geo. W. Melville,	Capt. Aaron Ward, U. S. N.
U. S. N.,	

#### *Newburgh Ceremonies Committee.*

To co-operate with the Committee of Citizens at Newburgh in arranging the exercises at Newburgh on Friday, October 1, and to co-ordinate their plans with those of the Commission.

Hon. Benjamin McClung, Chairman, Newburgh, N. Y.  
Henry K. Bush-Brown, William J. McKay,  
Hon. Michael H. Hirschberg, Gordon H. Peck.

#### *\*Nominations Committee.*

To consider and make to the Trustees recommendations concerning nominations for membership on the Commission;

To make nominations of Trustees for election at the annual meeting to be held on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in May, and to fill vacancies;

And to make nominations of Officers to be elected by the Trustees at their meeting on the fourth Wednesday in May.

Theodore Fitch, Chairman, 120 Broadway.  
William J. Curtis, Col. John W. Vrooman,  
Henry W. Sackett, The President, ex-officio.

#### *North Hudson Committee.*

To arrange for a naval parade from Troy or Albany to Newburgh on Friday, October 1, and from Newburgh to Albany or Troy on Saturday, October 2, in conjunction with the Naval Parade from New York City;

Or to co-operate with local committees arranging for the same.

(The North Hudson Committee may confer with the Committee on Local Celebrations as to whether the North

Hudson Committee will also co-operate in the arrangement of celebrations on land north of Newburgh.)

Hon. Charles H. Gaus, Chairman, Albany, N. Y.	
Hon. Walter P. Crane,	Hon. Roswell S. Judson,
Hon. William Draper,	Hon. Elias P. Mann,
Hon. Charles A. Elliott,	Hon. Arthur MacArthur,
Hon. James F. Fitzgerald,	Donald McDonald,
Hon. John T. Flynn,	Hon. Daniel P. Quinn,
Benjamin F. Hamilton,	Hon. A. Rowe,
Hon. C. W. Higley,	Prof. John C. Smock,
Hon. Henry Hudson,	Hon. John K. Sague,
Hon. John L. Hughes,	William B. Van Rensselaer,
	Hon. Horace S. Van Voast.

*\*Official Literary Exercises Committee.*

To arrange for the Official Literary Exercises on Tuesday evening, September 28, in the Metropolitan Opera House, Carnegie Hall, and any other place that may be decided upon.

Gen. James Grant Wilson, Chairman, 157 W. 79th Street.	
R. P. Bolton,	Edward Hagaman Hall,
Edward DeWitt,	Albert Ulmann.
	Edmund Wetmore,

*Old Home Week Committee.*

To consider and make recommendations upon the subject of having an Old Home Week in communities along the Hudson River during the week beginning Sunday, October 3:

And to co-operate in arranging commemorations during that week if such an extension of the celebration be adopted.

(The duties of the Old Home Week Committee are intended to apply to the week beginning October 3. The duties of the Local Celebrations Committee apply to the preceding week.)

Hon. John K. Sague, Chairman, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	
Hon. John E. Andrus,	Hon. John McLindon,
Hon. M. S. Beltzhoover,	Hon. Dennis Moynihan,
Hon. J. H. Callanan,	Hon. Vincent A. Murray,
Hon. J. H. Clarkson,	Hon. W. H. Myers,
Frederick J. Collier,	William Church Osborn,
Hon. Walter P. Crane,	Bayard L. Peck,
Hon. James H. Doyle,	Hon. Clarence E. Powell,
Hon. J. S. Fassett,	Hon. A. F. Quick,
Morris P. Ferris,	Hon. F. Herbert Sutherland,
Hon. James L. Freeborn,	Hon. E. L. Wemple,
Benjamin F. Hamilton,	Edward C. Wilson,
Hon. Clarence Lexow,	Hon. John Wirth,
Herman Livingston,	Hon. Edward J. Wood,
Hon. Joel D. Madden,	Hon. F. G. Zinsser.



*Patriotic Societies Committee.*

To secure the furtherance of patriotic societies in the exercises of the celebration, and particularly in those of the carnival and historical parades.

Edmund Wetmore, Chairman, 34 Pine Street, New York.  
 Louis A. Ames, Theodore Fitch,  
 Edward DeWitt, Howland Pell,  
 Morris P. Ferris, Chas. A. Schermerhorn.

*\*Plan and Scope Committee.*

To consider and make recommendations concerning the general plan and scope of the celebration.

Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman, Montrose, N. Y.  
 Hon. James M. Beck, Eben E. Olcott,  
 Tunis G. Bergen, John E. Parsons,  
 Hon. William Berri, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley,  
 Rr. Ad. J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N., Herman Ridder,  
 Hon. Robert W. De Forest, Francis Lynde Stetson,  
 Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant, U. S. A., Lt.-Com. Aaron Vanderbilt,  
 Dr. George F. Kunz, Cornelius Vanderbilt,  
 Hon. Seth Low, Dr. Samuel B. Ward,  
 Hon. Wm. McCarroll, Gen. James Grant Wilson,  
 J. Pierpont Morgan, The President, ex-officio.

*Public Health and Convenience Committee.*

To promote, during celebration week, by means of circulars, placards, bureaus of information, and other means, the health, comfort and convenience of the out-door public, and particularly of strangers unfamiliar with the facilities of the city.

Dr. Eugene H. Porter, Chairman, 181 West 73d Street.  
 R. B. Aldcroft, Jr., George F. Gregory,  
 George Wm. Ballou, Dr. LeRoy Hubbard,  
 Dr. James C. Bayles, Nathan Newman,  
 John F. Calder, Percy B. O'Sullivan,  
 E. D. Cummings, Dr. Irving Townsend.

*Public Safety Committee.*

To promote public safety during celebration week by arranging for the proper policing of reviewing stands and lines of march, and by such other means as may be necessary.

Hon. William McCarroll, Chairman, 154 Nasasu Street.  
 Abraham Abraham, Orrel A. Parker,  
 Hon. Thomas W. Bradley, Samuel H. Parsons,  
 James P. Holland, Hon. Theodore Sutro,  
 Jacob Katz, Hon. Charles G. F. Wahle,  
 Charles W. Lefler, Charles W. Wetmore,  
 Hon. Warner Miller, W. E. Woolley,  
 James A. Wright.

*\*Reception Committee.*

To represent the Commission in the formal reception of invited guests, either upon assignment by the Officers or Trustees of the Commission, or upon request of any Committee authorized to invite official guests.

Hon. Seth Low, Chairman, 30 East 64th Street.

Col. John Jacob Astor,	Ogden Mills,
Hon. James M. Beck,	J. Pierpont Morgan,
Hon. Frank S. Black,	Fordham Morris,
Hon. A. J. Boulton,	Hon. Levi P. Morton,
Andrew Carnegie,	Hon. Alton B. Parker,
Hon. Joseph H. Choate,	Gen. Horace Porter,
John Claflin,	Thos. R. Proctor,
Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke,	Herman Ridder,
R. Ad. J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N.,	Wm. Rockefeller,
Cleveland H. Dodge,	Henry W. Sackett,
Hon. Smith Ely,	Pres. Jacob G. Schurman,
Most Rev. John M. Farley,	Isaac N. Seligman,
Hon. Chas. S. Francis.	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant, U. S. A.,	Hon. Edward M. Shepard,
Hon. David B. Hill,	Francis Lynde Stetson,
Hon. Henry E. Howland,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus,
Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard,	Wm. B. Van Rensselaer,
Col. William Jay,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Hon. Phineas C. Lounsbury,	Hon. Andrew D. White,
Col. John J. McCook,	Hon. William R. Willcox,
Hon. George B. McClellan,	Gen. James Grant Wilson,
Hon. St. Clair McKelway,	Maj.-Gen. Leonard A. Wood,
R. Ad. G. W. Melville, U. S. N.,	U. S. A.,
Hon. John G. Milburn.	Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.

*Religious Services Committee.*

To take such steps as may be necessary, by correspondence, circular or public appeal, to secure appropriate religious observances on Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26.

Hon. John G. Agar, Chairman, 31 Nassau Street.

E. W. Bloomingdale,	Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet,
Hon. M. Linn Bruce,	Hon. James J. Fitzgerald,
Paul D. Cravath,	George A. Plimpton,
Robert Fulton Cutting,	Warner Van Norden.

*Transportation Committee.*

To arrange with railroad and steamboat lines for proper transportation facilities and favorable rates of fare.

Gen. Howard Carroll, Chairman, 41 Park Row.

Charles H. Armatage,	Hon. Chauncey M. Depew,
Edward P. Bryan,	Stuyvesant Fish,
William Lanman Bull,	Thomas Powell Fowler,
E. S. A. De Lima,	Thomas F. Ryan.

*\*Verplanck's Point Park Committee.*

To endeavor to secure the creation of a public park at Verplanck's Point by the State of New York.

Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Chairman,	Peekskill, N. Y.
Hon. James K. Apgar,	Hon. Warren Higley,
Dr. E. Parmly Brown,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Hon. J. Rider Cady,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Abner S. Haight,	Hon. W. L. Ward,
	Hon. Joseph S. Wood.

*\*Ways and Means Committee.*

To consider and make recommendations concerning the general financial plan of the Commission;

To receive and collate in budget form and to submit to the Trustees with recommendations the financial estimates of Committees;

To have charge of the raising of funds by public subscription if such a course be decided upon by the Trustees;

And to have charge of raising funds by such other means as are not undertaken by the Committee on Law and Legislation.

Herman Ridder, Chairman, 182 William Street.

Frederick S. Flower,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Henry C. Frick,	J. Edward Simmons,
Robert Walton Goelet,	Francis Lynde Stetson,
George J. Gould,	James Stillman.
John E. Parsons,	Spencer Trask.
Hon. George W. Perkins,	A. G. Vanderbilt,
Thomas F. Ryan.	The President, ex-officio.

*Note Concerning Printing.*

All printing or engraving which is to be paid for out of moneys appropriated by the State must be done by the State Printer at Albany and may be ordered through the Secretary of the Commission.

## List of Members

of the

### Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

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The names of Trustees are set in italics.

The names of the Mayors of the 46 cities of the State, who are members of the Commission and Trustees by virtue of their office, are designated thus (\*).

The names of the Presidents of 38 incorporated villages along the Hudson river who are members of the Commission by virtue of their office are designated thus (†).

- Abraham Abraham, 420 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 \*Hon. James N. Adam (Mayor), Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Edward D. Adams, 71 Broadway, New York.  
 Herbert Adams, 131 West 11th Street, New York.  
*John G. Agar, 31 Nassau street, New York.*  
 Richard B. Alderofft, Jr., 220 Broadway, New York.  
 Alphonse H. Alker, 338 Madison avenue, New York.  
 B. Altman, 25 Madison avenue, New York.  
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\*On January 7, the Executive Committee voted to merge into one committee, called the Upper Hudson Committee, the various separate committees formerly appointed to have charge of functions at and above Newburgh. The Upper Hudson Committee is to select its own chairman, and to divide itself into such sub-committees as it deems advisable.



## Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

Revised to January 7, 1909

The names of Trustees are set in italics.

The names of the Mayors of the 46 cities of the State, who are members of the Commission and Trustees by virtue of their office, are designated thus (\*).

The names of the Presidents of 38 incorporated villages along the Hudson river who are members of the Commission by virtue of their office are designated thus (†).

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Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

December 23, 1908.

The thirty-third meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, Wednesday, December 23, 1908, at 3 o'clock P. M.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Acting President Herman Ridder, presiding, and Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. William Berri, Mr. William J. Curtis, Hon. Robert W. de Forest, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Gen. Horatio C. King, Mr. Charles R. Lamb, Hon. William McCarroll, Captain Jacob W. Miller, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Mr. Louis C. Raegener, Major General Charles F. Roe, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Edmund Wetmore, and Gen. James Grant Wilson; also Naval Constructor William J. Baxter, U. S. N., present by invitation.

*Absentees Excused.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Hon. Seth Low, Rear Admiral Geo. W. Melville, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Hon. George W. Perkins, Hon. Thomas R. Proctor, Hon. George G. Raymond, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Col. John W. Vrooman, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved with Corrections.*

The minutes of the November meetings having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved with

the following corrections: On page 676, in list of members of North Hudson Committee, insert name of Hon. W. J. Rockefeller. On page 684, in second line from the bottom, change "New Rochelle" to "Rensselaer." On pages 667 and 682 change James A. Hearn to Arthur H. Hearn.

*Deaths of Commander Loring and Admiral Coghlan.*

The Acting President announced with great regret, the death of Commander Charles H. Loring, U. S. N., which occurred February 5, 1907, but of which information had only been received during the past week; and the death of Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., which occurred December 5, 1908.

Captain Miller, after paying tribute to the memory of Admiral Coghlan as a naval officer, a citizen, and a personal friend, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., this Commission has lost one of its most valued members. As Trustee, Vice President and Chairman of the Naval Parade Committee, Admiral Coghlan labored with the same devotion to duty as when, in the Naval service, through all grades from subaltern to Flag rank, he studied to fit himself for each succeeding position; until, with Dewey at Manila, he shared the glory of that famous victory. His patriotism was of the highest order, his civic pride great, while his wit and geniality endeared him to all his associates.

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to his widow as a slight token of sympathy, and in recognition of a brave officer who served his country well.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

*Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, was read as follows:

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report the condition of the \$12,500 State Fund drawn under Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906 as follows:

DEBIT.

Balance on hand November 20, 1908..... \$4,460 99

CREDIT.

By paid on approved vouchers:	
96. Miss J. A. Cooke.....	\$2 70
97. E. H. Hall.....	250 00
98. Miss J. A. Cooke.....	1 20
99. Polhemus Printing Co.....	3 25
100. J. B. Lyon Co.....	52 33
	309 48
Balance on hand December 23, 1908....	\$4,151 51

In addition to the above we have available in the State Treasury the reappropriation of \$12,500 made by Chapter 466 of the Laws of 1908, and the new appropriation of \$150,000 made by the same law.

Yours respectfully,  
 ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,  
 Treasurer.

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The following bills were approved for payment subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee:

W. J. Baxter, disbursements.....	\$17 62
J. B. Coghlan, disbursements.....	68 00
J. J. Conlon, lettering door.....	4 55
J. A. Cooke, mimeographing.....	10 15
De-Fi Manufacturing Co., 1 box carbon paper	3 50
Finn Bros., furniture.....	88 75
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$80 69
E. H. Hall, salary, December.....	300 00
	380 69
Joseph Hawkes, copying pictures of Half Moon, etc.....	5 40
J. B. Lyon Co., envelopes, letterheads, etc....	83 49
Geo. N. Moran, disbursements....	\$14 07
Geo. N. Moran, salary, December.....	291 66
	305 73
William Parry, salary, December.....	625 00
Polhemus Printing Co., stationery.....	15 44
Printers Ink Pub. Co., 1 directory.....	10 00

F. A. Ringler Co., engravings.....	\$8 50
Henry Romeike, press clippings, September, October, November .....	2 52
A. H. Stoddard, salary, December.....	416 66
Typewriter Exchange, rental of two type- writers, December .....	7 50
Lillie Vreeland, mimeographing.....	10 00
David T. Wells, salary, December.....	208 33
	\$2,271 83

*Nominated for Membership on Commission.*

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a report recommending that the following named gentlemen be nominated to the Mayor for appointment on the Commission:

Marcus Benjamin, A. M., Ph.D., Sc.D., author, editor of the United States National Museum, and member of juries of awards at various expositions, No. 689 West End avenue, New York, and No. 1703 Q street N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mr. Henry L. Bogert, Attorney-at-Law, and Secretary of the Holland Society, No. 99 Nassau street, New York.

Edward L. Partridge, M.D., Secretary of the Association for the Protection of the Highlands, No. 19 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Hon. Samuel R. Thayer, late United States Minister to the Netherlands, Union League Club, New York.

Col. Robert M. Thompson, formerly Master in the United States Navy, lawyer, member of Boston Common Council, aide-de-camp on staff of Governor of New Jersey, and now a financier at No. 41 Wall Street, New York.

The report was received and the recommendations adopted.

*Gen. Wilson Elected a Vice-President.*

Mr. Fitch also presented a report nominating Gen. James Grant Wilson as Vice-President in place of Admiral Coghlan, deceased.



The report was received and by ballot, duly cast, Gen. Wilson was unanimously elected.

*Trustees Elected.*

Mr. Fitch also presented a report recommending the election of Major-General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., and Gen. Howard Carroll as Trustees to fill vacancies.

The report was received and by ballot, duly cast, Gen. Wood and Gen. Carroll were unanimously elected.

*Resignation of Admiral Goodrich Tabled.*

The following letter from Rear Admiral Goodrich, U.S.N., was read:

NAVY YARD, NEW YORK,

December 14, 1908.

Mr. Henry W. Sackett,

Secretary, Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,

Tribune Building, New York City.

My Dear Sir: I have received your courteous notification of my appointment to the Naval Parade Committee as member, and beg to say that inasmuch as I shall be quitting this command in a few months, not to be present at the time of the celebration, I think it fairer to you to ask to resign as a member of the General and Special Committees.

As soon as I know who my successor is to be, I will send his name to you, that he may be asked to take the place that I shall be unable to fill.

Yours very truly,

C. F. GOODRICH,

Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy,

Commandant Navy Yard and Station.

As an expression of the unanimous desire of the Trustees that Admiral Goodrich remain both a member of the Commission and a member of the Naval Parade Committee, his resignation was laid on the table.

*Assistants Excepted from Civil Service Examination.*

The Secretary read the following communication from the State Civil Service Commission:

STATE OF NEW YORK,

STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

Albany, December 10, 1908.

Henry W. Sackett,

Secretary, Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,  
Tribune Building, New York City.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the State Civil Service Commission held yesterday, your communication of December fourth, relative to exception from examination of certain persons for special services with your Commission, was considered, and on motion the following resolution adopted:

Resolved: That the following named persons, to be employed by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission in the positions stated, be and hereby are excepted from examination under the provisions of civil service rule VIII-0, it appearing that said persons are engaged in private business, and that the services to be rendered are professional, technical or expert, and of occasional and exceptional character; provided, however, that the compensation shall not exceed the limit indicated in each case:

William Parry, general executive assistant, compensation at the rate of \$625 per month, but not to exceed \$7,000.

A. H. Stoddard, captain of the carnival parade, compensation at the rate of \$416.66 per month, but not to exceed \$5,000, with an additional allowance of not to exceed \$1,000 for artists' help.

George N. Moran, secretarial assistant, compensation at the rate of \$291.66 per month, but not to exceed \$3,500.

David T. Wells, secretarial assistant, compensation at the rate of \$208.33 per month, but not to exceed \$2,500.

Yours very respectfully,

JOHN C. BIRDSEYE,  
Secretary.

*Changes in Upper Hudson Committees Proposed.*

The Assistant Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Mayor Hudson, of Hudson, Chairman of the Local Celebrations Committee, dated December 22, 1908, embodying an important suggestion concerning the celebration along the Upper Hudson. As a preface to the letter, the Assistant Secretary stated that on Saturday, Decem-

ber 12, by invitation of Mayor Hudson and Mayor Sague, the latter of Poughkeepsie, he had been present at a conference which was held in the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie, and which was attended by about thirty gentlemen representing Newburgh, Troy and the communities between. Some were members of this Commission and some were not. Mayor Sague entertained the company at dinner, after which was held a business meeting, over which Col. MacArthur of Troy presided. The conference voted to make two recommendations to this Commission:

1st, that the naval parade, or so much of it as may be able, instead of proceeding from Newburgh to Troy on Saturday, October 2d, make one day halts successively at Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Catskill, Hudson, Albany and Troy, thus enabling those communities to make the facsimiles of the historic vessels, the "Half Moon" and "Clermont," the focus of their local celebrations.

2d, that the Commission request from the Legislature an appropriation of \$150,000 for use at and above Newburgh, in the following proportions: Newburgh \$50,000, Poughkeepsie \$25,000, Kingston \$10,000, Catskill \$5,000, Hudson \$15,000, Albany \$22,500, and Troy \$22,500, this request to be coupled with the indorsement of the Commission's request for \$150,000 more for use at New York.

The second recommendation would probably be presented to the Committee on Law and Legislation in due course. With respect to the first recommendation, the Assistant Secretary desired to offer two resolutions after reading Mayor Hudson's letter.

The Assistant Secretary also said that at the meeting in Poughkeepsie he was asked to explain the duties of the North Hudson, Old Home Week and Local Celebrations Committees and had said that he saw, in the light of that meeting, that it might be desirable to remodel them: that the formulation of the plan of a great celebration like this was a process of evolution: and that as the Commission's ideas became clearer, the plans became more specialized and better adapted to the ends in view.

The following letter was then read:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
Hudson, N. Y., December 22, 1908.

Edward H. Hall, Assistant Secretary,  
Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,  
Tribune Building, New York.

My Dear Mr. Hall: In reply to your favor, I will be unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 23d, much to my regret.

In talking with several members of the Local Celebration Committee, they favor recommending to the Commission the encouragement of all cities, villages and hamlets on the Hudson River between New York and Newburgh, to hold local celebrations as best suits their local conditions, but more especially on the day and hour when the Flotilla passes to and from Newburgh. We would also recommend the extension of the Celebration the second week embracing the six counties north of Newburgh, assigning a day at each city—the county seat of each county—for all the boats that can proceed up the river to the head of Navigation, stopping at Poughkeepsie, the county seat of Dutchess County on Monday; Kingston, the county seat of Ulster County on Tuesday; Catskill, the county seat of Greene County, on Wednesday; Hudson, the county seat of Columbia County on Thursday; Albany, the Capital of our great State and the county seat of Albany County on Friday; Troy, the county seat of Rensselaer County on Saturday. The cities of Rensselaer, Watervliet, Cohoes, Waterford, Schenectady and all places north and west would join with Albany and Troy in closing the celebration with credit due the State and your Commission.

The people of the six cities and counties named are awake to the true sense of this important event. It has been suggested that each of the six cities erect monuments on the bank of the river of historical interest in each locality. Troy could erect a statue of Van Rensselaer, who obtained the land grant for that section; Albany could honor the name of its first Mayor, Peter Schuyler; Hudson erect a monument to the discoverer of the River; Catskill, that of Rip Van Winkle; Kingston, Gov. Clinton, and Poughkeepsie, that of Robert Fulton. These statues would beautify the river and cause each city to give more and better care to the river front, would be educators to the "world travel" on the Hudson River and would tell the

story to future generations of the 300th anniversary, and cause the names and legends of the several subjects to live for all generations to come.

The organization formed by the officials of the seven up-River cities promises to become a permanent organization for mutual protection to cope with the various subjects, such as "Sewerage in the Hudson River," pure water, better ice, contagious diseases, police protection, better streets, good roads, etc., aiding the Commissioner of Health in his great work, and the historical societies to protect the points of interest and beautify the banks of the River.

This association named, embracing the seven cities, is worthy of all trust and should become a part of this Commission in history, in performing its labors in the interest of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration, and the interest it will continue to hold in the welfare of the River and its future protection and improvements in deep water, etc.

If you will frame up some suitable resolutions for the Plan and Scope Committee to adopt, embracing the several cities and days assigned to each in the general plans, it will undoubtedly cover all, in connection with the committees named and work assigned to each.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

HENRY HUDSON.

*Proposition for Local Days North of Newburgh Referred to Plan and Scope Committee.*

The Assistant Secretary then moved that Mayor Hudson's recommendation that Monday, October 4, be devoted to ceremonies at Poughkeepsie; Tuesday, October 5, at Kingston; Wednesday, October 6, at Catskill; Thursday, October 7, at Hudson; Friday, October 8, at Albany, and Saturday, October 9, at Troy, and that the North Hudson naval parade stop at those places on the dates named, be adopted.

Mr. Stetson moved to amend, by referring the matter to the Plan and Scope Committee with power.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and the motion as amended was adopted.

*Changes in North Hudson Committees Referred to Plan and Scope Committee.*

The Assistant Secretary also moved that the President be authorized to discharge the North Hudson, Old Home Week, Local Celebrations and Newburgh Ceremonies committees as at present constituted, and to appoint in their stead the following Committees: North Hudson Naval Parade, Newburgh Ceremonies, Poughkeepsie Ceremonies, Kingston Ceremonies, Catskill Ceremonies, Hudson Ceremonies, Albany Ceremonies, and Troy Ceremonies.

Mr. Stetson read a letter which he had received from Mr. Wortman, Secretary of the Conference to which the Assistant Secretary had referred; also the draft of the reply which he would send unless the Trustees saw some objection. With reference to the motion before the board, it was his opinion that there should not be a separate Committee for each locality, but that there should be one committee which could divide itself into its own subcommittees. He thought that by the latter arrangement, there would be a greater probability of the local celebrations being of a uniform standard of excellence.

After some further remarks, Mr. Stetson moved that the subject be referred to the Plan and Scope committee with power. Carried.

*Adviser to Designer of Pageant Recommended.*

The Secretary stated that progress was being made by Mr. Parry and Mr. Stoddard in making the preliminary designs or "plates" for the Carnival and Historical Parades but that there was evident need for some further expert advice. The first five plates prepared, although beautiful and elaborate, were not, as to their subject-matter, appropriate to this celebration. He had therefore advised Mr. Parry and Mr. Stoddard to place themselves promptly in touch with the Historical Committee and to make designs which would meet with its approval. This course was now being followed with better results, but Mr. Parry had been in conference with Mr. Edward G. Unitt, an artist, scholar

and historian, and was satisfied that if the Commission could afford to employ him in an advisory capacity, it would greatly facilitate this important branch of the work. He would not be employed by the month or the year, but as a consultant, at such compensation in the gross as might be deemed reasonable.

Mr. Stetson inquired what the compensation would be.

The Secretary replied that he did not know exactly, but was sure it would be reasonable.

Mr. Stetson hesitated to vote for the engagement of such conspicuous services in view of the very competent Historical Committee which we had.

After some further discussion and suggestions by various members, the Secretary moved that the subject of employing some person in an advisory capacity in connection with the designing of the floats and tableaux for the Carnival and Historical parades be referred to the Historical Committee with power. Carried.

#### *Proposed Circular of Official Illuminators.*

The Secretary read the proof-sheets of a letter which the Pain Manufacturing Company, the official illuminators, desired to be sent out on the letterhead of the Commission and signed by the Chairman of the Committee on Illuminations, and which he had just received.

Mr. Berri, Chairman of the Committee on Illuminations, stated that owing to the lateness of the arrival of this proof, he had not been able to revise it and he believed it should be modified. The theory of the letter was to present the illumination proposition, in accordance with the recommendation of the Plan and Scope Report and the approval of the Trustees, in such a way as to prevent the Commission from being responsible for any accident or anything that the Pain Manufacturing Company might do. He was satisfied that the company could best carry out the proposed illumination. The Commission incurred no expense in connection with the Pain Company, except possibly for two fires, and those had not yet been contracted for.

Mr. Raegerer said that he presumed that the Plan and Scope Committee had given the matter careful consideration in appointing the Pain Manufacturing Company official illuminators, but at first thought it reminded him of some specifications in city contracts which required the use of a particular kind of stone for a building. He was afraid the Commission might be criticised for favoritism.

Mr. Berri explained some of the reasons for making this arrangement, which were given more fully at the meeting of October 28 (pp. 604-607 and 615-616 at which Mr. Raegerer was not present, after which Mr. Raegerer withdrew his remarks, saying that he saw no other way in which the matter could have been done.

#### *Reports of Progress.*

The Acting President then called upon the Chairmen of the various committees for reports, and brief reports of progress were made by the following committees in addition to the fuller reports from other committees mentioned hereafter:

Aquatic Sports, Captain Miller.

Carnival and Historical Parades, Mr. Ridder.

Children's Festivals, Mr. Samuel Parsons.

"Half Moon," Mr. Bergen, in the absence of Col. Satterlee.

Hudson River Scenery, Mr. Gregory for Judge Parker.

Official Literary Exercises, Gen. Wilson.

#### *Report of Sub-Committee on Art Exhibits.*

Mr. de Forest, chairman of the sub-committee on Art Exhibits, made the first formal report of that committee. He said that the committee had arranged with the Metropolitan Museum of Art to set aside sufficient space next year for an exhibition of art in commemoration of the anniversaries of the two events to be celebrated. It was proposed to observe the Hudson side of the celebration by an exhibition of Dutch art. As to the Fulton side, it was proposed to have an American-colonial exhibition, not



merely of pictures by a few great artists, but to include some of the finest products of what are generally understood by the expression "arts and crafts." It was in contemplation to fit up one or more rooms in colonial style, with pictures and all the adjuncts of an ornamental room of the times — the very finest American silver, American furniture, and whatever pertained to the finest and most artistic rooms of the period. Mr. J. P. Morgan, he said, had consented to send over to this exhibition from his foreign collections any of his pictures that may be germane. With that example, it was thought that others would follow. He thought it possible that the idea of hanging the American pictures in a room embellished with American furniture and like objects might be extended to the Dutch pictures. The paintings of the Dutch school would, he thought, be more attractive if suitably environed.

*Dr. Kunz Added to Art Exhibits Sub-Committee.*

Mr. de Forest then spoke of the close relation between the Art Exhibits and the Historical Exhibits, and from that point of view he expressed the desire to have Dr. Kunz, chairman of the sub-committee on Historical Exhibits, a member of his sub-committee on Art Exhibits.

Mr. de Forest's report was received; and, acting upon his suggestion, the Acting President appointed Dr. Kunz a member of the sub-committee on Art Exhibits.

*Badges, Flag and Poster — \$500 for Poster Design.*

Mr. Jaccaci, chairman of the Committee on Badges, Flag and Poster, reported that his committee had held meetings since it was appointed November 30 and had made excellent progress. It was the Committee's view that while the badges, flag and poster should be the best obtainable, there should be some harmonious relation between them, and that a uniform scheme of colors should be the connecting link. The Committee therefore recommended that the official colors of the flag be those of the Dutch flag, under which Henry Hudson sailed into these waters, namely,

orange, white and blue. In the center of the white field of the tri-color, it had been suggested to have the initials "H. F.," standing for Hudson and Fulton, surrounded by a wreath. If this general idea met with the approval of the Trustees, the Committee would like to have the matter left with it in order that it might give the details further consideration. The colors suggested were distinctive; they were historical and had many sentiments attached to them; they were festive and gay, and they seemed to fulfill all the requirements.

As to the badges, the Committee was gathering data and would report more fully at another meeting.

As to the poster, the Committee had started with the idea of a three-sheet or an eight-sheet poster, but the cost of production, the large space required for display, and other considerations soon convinced the committee that such a large poster was impracticable. They therefore concluded that a panel poster could be made more artistic and would have more value as an advertisement. If done as it should be, and if made a thing of beauty, it would be put in all the stores and hotels not only from patriotic motives but also because of its decorative value. The committee recommended that it be empowered in its discretion, to employ one of the best artists available to make the design and that it be authorized to expend \$500 for that purpose. He said that when an artist like Mr. Parrish or Mr. Pyle made a design for a weekly publication, he received \$1,000, but he thought that the public spirit of such a first-class artist could be enlisted to make a suitable design for \$500. The added reputation which would come from the adoption of the poster would in a measure recompense the artist.

Mr. Lamb suggested that as this is to be a New York celebration, the artist invited to design the poster should be a resident of New York. Neither of the two gentlemen named by Mr. Jaccaci was a resident of New York. Mr. Maxfield Parrish, he said, resided in Philadelphia and Mr. Howard Pyle in Wilmington, Delaware. While he entertained a high regard for the artistic ability of these

gentlemen he expressed the belief that there was first-class artistic talent in New York equal to the task of designing the Commission's poster.

It was finally voted that the Committee be authorized to offer \$500 for a poster design, without naming the artist in the resolution.

*\$1,000 Authorized for Medal.*

In the absence abroad of Mr. Cannon, Chairman of the Medal Committee, the Assistant Secretary read from the minutes of that Committee as follows:

A meeting of the Medal Committee was held on Tuesday evening, December 8th, at the Union League Club. Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Chairman, presided, and those present were Mr. Edward D. Adams, Mr. Charles H. Niehaus, Dr. George F. Kunz, and Mr. C. Y. Turner.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the design for a commemorative medal, made by Mr. Fuchs, be accepted by this Committee and that the offer of Mr. Adams (minutes of meeting of September 18, 1908) in which he put forward a proposal that the Numismatic Society pay one-half of the total cost of \$2,000 for the design and execution of one set of dies, be accepted. This offer is to be accepted with the further understanding, pursuant to the desires of Mr. Adams, that the Numismatic Society shall have the right to cause to have struck two gold medals and 100 silver medals and that the Commission shall have the right to cause to be struck from these dies, or from any other dies that they may choose to have made from the original models of these dies, as many medals and in whatever metal they may wish but at the expense of the Commission.

"It is further resolved that Mr. Adams be authorized and requested to proceed with all necessary arrangements with Mr. Fuchs in the preparation of the one set of dies and the striking of two gold medals and 100 silver medals to be numbered from 'one' up.

"It is further resolved that this Committee recommend to the trustees of the Commission that \$1,000 be expended by the Commission as its share of the expense of preparing the design and one set of dies for the medals and that the same be made payable upon the delivery of the dies to the Commission."

It was voted in accordance with the foregoing recommendation, that \$1,000 be appropriated as the Commission's share of the expense of cutting the dies for the medal.

*Plans of "Clermont" Discussed.*

Mr. Olcott, Chairman of the Committee which is to have charge of the "Clermont" after its construction under the auspices of the Naval Parade Committee, spoke in favor of having the "Clermont" so built that it could be propelled by its own power. He said that it had been suggested that the "Clermont" model present simply the outward semblance of its prototype and not be a working facsimile. Of that he did not approve. The engine was the part of the "Clermont" about which we knew most, and he thought it would be very unfortunate not to have the machinery reproduced.

Naval Constructor Baxter of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, who had collaborated with the late Admiral Coghlan in the preparation of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" designs, said that at the time the people of Holland so generously assumed the task of building the "Half Moon," the Naval Parade Committee was possessed of such information as would have enabled it to build the "Half Moon" absolutely correctly, and a comparison of the views of that Committee and of the Dutch investigators showed that both agreed entirely. With the "Clermont," however, the Committee had an extremely difficult task. As Admiral Coghlan had said many times, the "Clermont" (or "North River") which went out in August, 1807, was extremely successful in some ways and an extreme failure in others. During the winter of 1807-8 she underwent many changes. He did not believe that any individual or any Committee could tell in every detail just what the "Clermont" was in August, 1807. The Committee has had a great deal of information in regard to the steamers of 1808, 1809 and 1810, the amount of information being almost in geometrical progression, but with respect to the boat of August, 1807, their investigation — maintained up to within a few days ago —

convinced them that they had completely exhausted the available resources. The documents which were left by Admiral Coghlan and which he had left in the Secretary's office that day would fully sustain the Committee in designing the plan which had been adopted by the Commission and printed in the minutes, and which, while different from any other representation of the "Clermont," he was sure was nearer to the original boat than any picture ever shown. With reference to the materials used in construction, the Committee's idea was that while the hull showed the box-like craft with pointed ends, the engines in the interest of economy should be made simply of wood and painted to look like the iron and copper of the original.

Mr. Stetson asked how the "Clermont" was expected to keep up with the procession.

Mr. Baxter said, by towing.

Captain Miller asked what the additional expense would be if the engines were built like the original.

Constructor Baxter thought \$30,000 or \$40,000.

Mr. Olcott thought it would be much less.

As it was understood that the Maritime Association of New York had undertaken to build the "Clermont" and assume the expense, the question of the engines was left open for further information.

#### *Inwood Hill Park.*

The Secretary read the following report from the Committee on Inwood Hill Park:

The Inwood Hill Committee report that to come to any conclusion in a matter which involves so many property owners, is essentially difficult. The result of their negotiations up to the present time is a material reduction in property holders' claims. In some cases the reduction has been to an amount which corresponds with the views of the Committee as to what is fair and reasonable.

Three situations are pending which concern Inwood Hill:

1. The extension of the Riverside Drive.
2. The approach to the Bridge; and
3. The Hudson-Fulton Park.

In so far as property for the Park is acquired, it will meet the three-fold purpose.

It will be very much against the interest of the City that there shall be the three schemes to be provided for separately; the Park scheme providing as well for the other two.

The Committee have come to the conclusion that the time has been reached when it will be suitable to make an application to the City authorities for the acquisition of so much of the Hill for a Park as was defined in earlier reports to the Trustees; those property owners who are willing to accept prices which can be approved by the Committee or which shall be approved by the City authorities to be compensated at once, and should there be others whose claims cannot be approved, resort to be had to condemnation proceedings. If in the case of owners who agree, condemnation proceedings are necessary they would be formal.

The property is so situated that there are material inequalities of value. The Committee are of the opinion that for that which has the best situation \$2,000 a city lot is a fair valuation, and they are given to understand that there are property owners who will accept that price for property which has the best advantages of situation, and that owners of property of much less value will accept prices correspondingly reduced.

JNO. E. PARSONS,  
GEO. W. PERKINS,  
W. J. CURTIS,  
HENRY W. SACKETT,  
E. E. OLCOTT.

The Secretary moved that the Inwood Hill Park Committee be authorized to make application to the city authorities for the acquisition of the property as recommended in the foregoing report.

Mr. Stetson said he hoped that the application would not be made until the Commission's application for money, now pending before the Comptroller, was acted upon.

The matter was finally referred back to the Inwood Hill Park Committee with power.

*Military Parade.*

General Roe, Chairman of the Committee on Military Parade, reported that his committee was prepared to begin arrangements for the Military Parade, but first desired the advice of the Trustees as to the scope which the parade should take. He said that the whole National Guard of the State of New York numbered about 15,500 men, and it would cost about \$80,000 to mobilize them without pay. They would be here for two days. About two-thirds of the National Guard of the State, or about 10,000 men, were in Greater New York. If only the latter were turned out, it would cost only about \$10,000 for music and horse hire. With the men from the naval vessels in the harbor at the time, the naval militia, etc., we would have a procession of from 15,000 to 20,000 men, at a cost of from \$10,000 to \$15,000. If we should have troops from other States, it would be necessary to pay for their horses and music. He said that the city appropriated \$50,000 for the troops from other States at the time of the Dewey parade. He would like to have the Plan and Scope Committee advise his committee as to its views on the subject.

Mr. Stetson said he thought that \$10,000 or \$15,000 was enough to spend on the Military Parade, and that it was not worth while to spend \$65,000 additional for the additional 5,000 troops. He regarded General Roe's statement as conclusive.

The subject was referred to the Plan and Scope Committee for advice.

*Request for Commemorative Postage Stamps to be Urged.*

Mr. Bergen, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, presented a report which was acted upon by sections as follows:

As to the proposed commemorative postage stamps:

After several consultations your Committee received from the Postmaster General his statement that since the Department has recently issued a new series of stamps it is not deemed advisable to issue the commemorative stamps

we ask for, especially in view of other requests of the kind received which have not been complied with and therefore states that he cannot see his way clear to grant the request of the Commission.

After brief discussion by Mr. de Forest, Mr. Seligman, and others, it was voted to urge the request for commemorative postage stamps.

*Commemorative Coinage Inexpedient.*

Mr. Bergen's report continued as follows:

As to the proposed issuance of special coins by the Government for the Celebration the final letter received from the Secretary of the Treasury is to the effect that he now deems it necessary for Congress to pass a law authorizing the issuance of such a coin, but it could be struck off, if such a law should be passed, and the Department would be glad to co-operate fully in the matter.

The chairman has consulted with Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, concerning the preparation of a bill to be presented in Congress authorizing the issuance of such a coin as was requested by the Commission and if the Commission so desires will ask Congress to present such a bill and in that event would ask the co-operation of the members of the Commission in securing the prompt enactment of such a law.

Mr. Stetson said that he had examined the laws concerning coinage and found there were two ways of drafting the bill. One way provides that the Government shall make a loan for the coinage, to be repaid. The Columbian half dollar was issued on that plan. But this Commission has nothing with which to repay a loan. The other plan is for the Government to strike a coin of its own, and Mr. Stetson did not feel like asking the Federal authorities to strike a special coin for this comparatively local celebration. The complications in the way of such a plan were so great that he did not believe a law, if drafted, would be passed at this short session of Congress. He therefore moved that it was inexpedient to press the matter further, and the motion was seconded by Mr. de Forest.



Mr. Lamb suggested that the object could be attained without expense or complications under the Coinage Law by taking our appropriation to the mint and having it converted into a special coinage which would sell above par and would be eagerly sought by numismatists.

After some further discussion, Mr. Stetson's motion was carried.

*Mr. C. K. G. Billings to Mark Site of Fort Tryon.*

The report of the Memorials Committee continues as follows:

Your Committee further report that Mr. C. K. G. Billings has offered to put up a suitable and artistic tablet on the site of the old *Fort Tryon*,\* on the Hudson River, the work to be done by Mr. Charles R. Lamb of New York; and that Mr. Billings will pay all expenses connected with it. Your Committee recommends that the Commission express its cordial thanks to Mr. C. K. G. Billings for his generous gift in aid of the Celebration, and recommends that this gift be known on the records as "The Billings Memorials Tablet at Fort Tryon."

Mr. William C. Muschenheim was appointed a sub-committee to report to the Memorials Committee from time to time the progress of the work.

It was voted that the very hearty thanks of the Trustees be extended to Mr. Billings for his public-spirited co-operation.

*Souvenir Programme Without Advertisements — \$5,400  
Appropriated — Not State Funds.*

The report of the Memorials Committee continued as follows:

As to the souvenir program of the Celebration your Committee report that they appointed a sub-committee to obtain information as to the issuance of the souvenir programme for the Celebration and make such investigations

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\* Fort Tryon was situated six-tenths of a mile north of Fort Washington. Its site is on the west side of Fort Washington avenue, between the lines of 195th and 198th streets.

as they deem fit and to report their conclusions to this Committee. This sub-committee, of which Mr. Frederick S. Lamb is Chairman, made a report of their investigations concerning the cost, etc., of the souvenir programme and considered various offers which were made by various parties to certain amounts of percentage of the profits to the Commission provided said parties should be permitted in one or more of the editions to be published to have the privilege of publishing pages of advertisements, etc. After a full consideration of the report and all the circumstances your committee report that it is their opinion that it would be more becoming to the dignity of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission to publish its own souvenir programme at its own expense without any advertisements therein; that it would be well to publish an edition *de luxe* and also a popular edition at a small price for the people at large, and that for the purpose of publishing such a souvenir programme in a dignified form it would be proper to receive bids from responsible publishing houses for the undertaking and that an editor be employed for the purpose of gathering authentic material relating to all the departments of the Celebration. For this purpose your Committee is of the opinion that a sum of money amounting to \$5,400 be appropriated by the Commission so that the work of preparing a souvenir programme could be taken up as soon as possible. Of course, it is to be presumed that some responsible agencies would be secured to place these books upon the market and that the sale thereof would bring in large returns.

It was voted, without a discussion, that no advertisements be used in the Souvenir Programme.

There was some discussion of the recommendation to appropriate \$5,400 for the printing of the souvenir.

Mr. Ridder said that the State funds could not be used for this purpose and it would be necessary to raise the money from some other source.

The Secretary said he felt bound to raise a question about the ability of the Commission to make this appropriation and asked out of what funds it was to be voted.

Mr. Seligman said that he was willing to advance the money.

Mr. Stetson saw no legal objection to the Trustees making themselves liable for the amount if they wished to. He was not afraid of their ability to find means to meet the obligation.

Mr. Jaccaci said that there was no need for immediate disbursement. The literary preparation would take some time.

Constructor Baxter entertained the same idea. It should be a general programme with space devoted to the description of each committee's work.

Mr. Bergen said that the book would probably include eighteen different departments.

It was finally voted that the Memorials Committee be authorized to expend \$5,400 on the souvenir programme.

#### *Progress on Postal Card.*

Mr. Stetson asked Mr. Bergen if anything had been done to have a souvenir post-card issued, and the latter replied that progress was being made in that direction.

#### *Music Festival Arrangements.*

Mr. Raegener, Chairman of the Committee on Music Festivals, reported that it would be necessary to hire certain halls without delay in order that they might be secured for the night set apart for the Music Festival. He suggested that they secure the Metropolitan Opera House, Carnegie Hall, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and halls in the other three boroughs. He therefore moved that his Committee be authorized to hire halls in the five boroughs if it should be deemed desirable. Carried.

#### *Capt. Miller, Vice-Chairman of Naval Parade Committee.*

Upon reaching the Naval Parade Committee in the call of Committees, the Acting President said that he deemed it desirable to let the Chairmanship of the Naval Parade Committee remain vacant for the present. It was necessary, however, that the committee should have an acting head, and he therefore appointed Capt. Miller Vice-Chairman of

the Committee. He also added Mr. Dalzell to the Committee.

Capt. Miller said that he accepted the Vice-Chairmanship with the understanding that a naval officer of suitable rank should be made Chairman.

*Brooklyn Academy of Music Tendered Gratuitously.*

Gen. Wilson, Chairman of the Official Literary Exercises Committee, reported that the Secretary of the Commission had received from the Secretary of the Brooklyn Academy of Music the following letter:

Brooklyn, Dec. 22, 1908.

Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Secretary Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, Tribune Building, New York City.

Dear Sir: In response to your favor of October 30th last, addressed to Hon. Charles A. Schieren, President of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, I would say that at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Academy of Music your letter was duly submitted to them for consideration and action.

I am pleased to inform you that thereupon a resolution was unanimously adopted that the privilege of using the opera house of the Academy on the evening of September 28, 1909, for the purpose as requested in your favor of October 30th be granted gratuitously, and that all details regarding the matter be referred to President Schieren and Mr. Abraham Abraham as a Special Committee with power.

I would therefore respectfully refer you to this Special Committee for such further information as you and your Commission may desire in this matter.

Believe me, yours, very truly,

EDWIN C. WARD,  
Secretary.

Gen. Wilson said that the arrangements of his committee now stood as follows: They had secured the Metropolitan Opera House, the Great Hall of the City College and the Opera House of the Brooklyn Academy of Music free, and Carnegie Hall for \$400. They were thus able to seat about 12,000 persons at an expense of only \$400.

*Private Publications Not to be Officially Endorsed.*

The Assistant Secretary read a letter dated Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1908, from Mr. Leon Mead, requesting the Commission to examine the proofs of his biography of Robert Fulton, about to be published by D. Appleton & Co., and to endorse it officially.

It was voted as the policy of the Commission not to give its official endorsement to private publications.

*Civic Bodies Invited to Co-operate.*

Mr. Stetson moved that the Acting President be authorized to address a letter to the various civic bodies of the city, advising them of the approaching celebration, inviting them to participate in such manner as seemed advisable, and requesting them to appoint committees of not to exceed three members each to co-operate with this Commission in making arrangements. Carried.

*Chairmen Invited to Trustees' Meetings.*

Upon suggestion of the Acting President, it was voted that the Committee Chairmen who are not Trustees be invited to attend future Trustees' meetings. Carried.

*New York Naval Militia Tenders Services.*

The Secretary read a letter from Captain Jacob W. Miller of the Naval Militia of the State of New York tendering the services of that organization on board the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" during the celebration "or for such purposes as may be consistent with your views and the duty for which the organization is fitted."

It was voted that the offer be communicated to the Half Moon, Clermont and Naval Parade Committees.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.









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To arrange for the "Commemoration of the Ter-Centenary of the Discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in the year 1609, and of the First Use of Steam in the Navigation of said river by Robert Fulton in the year 1807." ❖ ❖ ❖



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Minutes of  
Executive Committee

January 7, 1909.

The seventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held pursuant to call of the Chairman at the headquarters of the Commission in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, Thursday, January 7, 1909, at 2.30 P. M.

The Plan and Scope Committee and the Chairmen of all Committees were also invited to be present.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Acting President Herman Ridder, presiding; and Dr. George C. Batcheller, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. William Berri, Gen. Howard Carroll, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Hon. Henry Hudson, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Dr. George F. Kunz, Col. Arthur MacArthur, Hon. William McCarroll, Hon. Benjamin McClung, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Major General Charles F. Roe, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Hon. Henry F. Snyder, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Commander Aaron Vanderbilt, Hon. William R. Willecox, and General James Grant Wilson; also Mr. Benjamin F. Hamilton by invitation.

*Absentees Excused.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. John G. Agar, Hon. James M. Beck, Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Mr. William J. Curtis, Hon. Robert W. de Forest, Mr. John La Farge, Hon. Seth Low, Dr. Eugene H. Porter, Hon. James K. Sague, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Hon. John Starin, Dr. Samuel B. Ward, and Hon. Andrew D. White, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the sixth meeting of the Executive Committee, held September 18, 1908, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved.

*New Jersey Men Appointed by Gov. Hughes.*

The Secretary presented the following letter from the Secretary of Governor Hughes:

STATE OF NEW YORK:  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
ALBANY,

January 7, 1909.

Mr. Henry W. Sackett,  
154 Nassau Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir: Governor Hughes directs me to inform you that on December 29, 1908, he made the following additional appointments of members of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

Hon. Edward C. Stokes, Trenton; Hon. Franklin Murphy, Newark; Hon. John F. Dryden, Newark; Hon. John W. Griggs, Paterson; Hon. Foster M. Voorhees, Elizabeth; Hon. George T. Werts, Jersey City; Hon. John Dyneley Prince, Ringwood; Mr. James Kerney, Trenton; Mr. Wallace M. Scudder, Newark; Mr. William T. Hunt, Newark; Mr. Henry H. Doremus, Newark; Mr. Thomas J. Hillery, Boonton; Hon. H. Otto Wittpen, Jersey City; Mr. John H. Ramsey, Hackensack; Mr. Matthew C. Ely, Hoboken.

The Governor also appointed the Honorable H. B. Swartwout, Mayor of Port Jervis, as a member of the Commission. Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1908 included all the mayors of cities in the Commission, except the Mayor of Port Jervis. The omission is thus supplied.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT H. FULLER,  
Secretary to the Governor.

The Secretary was directed to enter on the rolls of the Commission the names of the gentlemen appointed by the Governor.

*Governor's Message.*

The Secretary was requested to insert in the minutes the following extract from the annual message delivered by Governor Hughes to the Legislature on January 6th:

"We celebrate this year with sister states the tercentenary discoveries of Samuel de Champlain and Henry Hudson, and suitable provision should be made for worthy commemoration. This, however, should not be limited to mere ceremonial, but in our schools and in our voluntary associations we should take advantage of this opportunity to kindle interest in the story of our development. While the formal celebrations will be confined to the scenes of the discoveries, appropriate meetings under local auspices should be held throughout the state, and these interesting occasions should contribute powerfully to the reinforcement of the patriotic sentiment of the people."

*Appointed by Mayor McClellan.*

The Secretary read a letter from the Executive Secretary of Mayor McClellan, dated December 31, 1908, stating that in accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees (see page 698) he has appointed as members of the Commission Dr. Marcus Benjamin, Mr. Henry L. Bogert, Dr. Edward L. Partridge, Hon. Samuel R. Thayer\* and Col. Robert M. Thompson.

The Secretary was directed to enter the names of these gentlemen on the rolls of the Commission.

*Resignations Accepted.*

A letter was read from Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, U. S. N., dated January 2, 1909, in which he said that he was very much touched by the desire of the Trustees that he reconsider his resignation (see page 699), but that as he expected to go abroad and disliked to share in credit which did not belong to him, he felt that he should resign. His resignation was therefore accepted.

A letter from Capt. Howland Pell, dated January 5, was read, tendering his resignation on account of the demands on his time by the Lake Champlain Celebration Commission. The resignation was accepted.

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\*Mr. Thayer died Jan. 7, 1909.

A letter dated January 6, was read from Hon. Charles H. Gaus, late Mayor of the City of Albany and now Comptroller of the State, tendering his resignation and it was accepted.

*Committee on Contracts Appointed.*

The Chairman announced the appointment of the following new committee to have charge of the drawing of the contracts entered into by the Commission: Hon. M. Linn Bruce, Chairman, Mr. Henry L. Bogert, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. John J. McKelvey and Mr. Nelson S. Spencer.

*Other Committee Changes.*

The Chairman also announced the following committee changes:

Patriotic Societies: Dr. Marcus Benjamin appointed: Capt. Howland Pell resigned.

Hudson River Scenery: Dr. Edward L. Partridge appointed.

Music Festival: Mr. Louis C. Raegener resigned as Chairman and Hon. Gustav Lindenthal appointed Chairman in his place.

Naval Parade: Col. Robert M. Thompson appointed: Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, U. S. N., resigned.

North Hudson: Hon. Charles H. Gaus resigned and Hon. Henry F. Snyder appointed Chairman in his place.

*Upper Hudson Committee Consolidated.*

The Assistant Secretary briefly recapitulated the statement which he made to the Trustees December 23d (see pages 700-703) concerning the desirability of consolidating the committees heretofore appointed to have charge of the celebration at and above Newburgh, and the action of the Trustees in referring the subject to the Plan and Scope Committee.

Mr. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, said that since the last meeting the chairmen of the Committees on Newburgh Ceremonies, Old Home Week, Local Celebrations and North Hudson had expressed to him their cordial approval of the proposed new arrangement, and in behalf of the Plan and Scope Committee he recommended the change suggested.

After remarks by Mayor Hudson, Mayor Snyder, Col. MacArthur and Mr. Choate, Mr. Seward offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Committees on Newburgh Ceremonies, North Hudson, Local Celebrations and Old Home Week, as at present constituted, be discharged with the thanks of the Executive Committee;

That a new Committee be appointed, to be composed of the members of the Commission residing along the Hudson River at and above Newburgh, to be known as the Upper Hudson Committee;

That the chairman of the Upper Hudson Committee be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of that Committee;

And that the Upper Hudson Committee be authorized to divide itself into its own subcommittees.

The resolutions were adopted.

*Programme for Celebration Changed.*

The Assistant Secretary also laid before the meeting, in behalf of the Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, a revised programme for the celebration, embodying recommendations made for changes in the first week's exercises, and also the recommendations concerning local celebration days north of Newburgh in the second week mentioned on pages 703-705 of the minutes. The changes in brief are as follows:

Transpose the opening of Art and Historical Exhibits from Tuesday, September 28, to Monday, September 27.

Transpose the general commemorative exercises from Tuesday, September 28, to Wednesday, September 29.

Introduce on Tuesday, September 28, a day parade in the nature of an Historical Pageant in New York City.

Transpose the Military Parade from Wednesday, September 29, to Thursday, September 30.

Transpose the Dedications from Thursday, September 30, to Wednesday, September 29.

Call the week beginning Sunday, October 3, Upper Hudson Week, with the following days:

Monday, October 4, Dutchess County Day, with exercises at Poughkeepsie; Tuesday, October 5, Ulster County Day, with exercises at Kingston; Wednesday October 6, Greene County Day, with exercises at Catskill; Thursday,

October 7, Columbia County Day, with exercises at Hudson; Friday, October 8, Albany County Day, with exercises at Albany; Saturday, October 9, Rensselaer County Day, with exercises at Troy.

These changes appear more fully in the revised programme appended to these minutes.

Mr. Seward moved that the changes be adopted. After remarks by Mr. Trask and Mr. Parsons, the motion was carried.

*Movements of "Half Moon" and "Clermont."*

The Assistant Secretary moved that in order to make the statement of the duties of the Half Moon Committee and the Clermont Committee as given on page 668 and 670 clearer, it be added that in the naval parade north of Newburgh, the Half Moon and Clermont Committees will be subject to the arrangements of the Upper Hudson Committee's subcommittee on North Hudson Naval Parade. Carried.

*Dutch Name of the "Half Moon."*

The Assistant Secretary read a note received by Mr. Edward D. Adams from Vice Admiral J. A. Roell, retired, of the Royal Dutch Navy, dated The Hague, December 26, 1908, in response to a question from Mr. Adams, stating that the name of the Half Moon, as it will appear on the poop of the replica now being built in Holland, will be spelled "de Halve Maene." This spelling will be adopted on the medal of the Commission.\*

*Expenditures for Building of Floats for the Parade Authorized.*

The Secretary laid before the meeting two propositions made by Mr. A. H. Stoddard for the building of the floats for the Historical Parade on Tuesday, September 28, and the Carnival Parade on Saturday evening, October 2.

\*In modern Dutch the spelling is "Halve Maan." In the *Uitloop Bookje* or Sailing Book of the Dutch East India Company, the name was spelled "Halve Maen." In another manuscript book of the East India Company of the period, called the *Memoriael* or Memorandum Book, it was spelled "Halve Mane." It was to resolve the doubts on this question that Mr. Adams wrote to Admiral Roell.



The first plan proposed that a contract be let to Mr. Stoddard, by which he would undertake, under bond, to construct the floats at a cost not to exceed \$34,150 for fifty floats. This plan was not approved by the Committee on Carnival and Historical Parades because it did not allow the Commission to retain sufficient control of the construction.

The second plan, which was recommended by the Committee on Carnival and Historical Parades, proposed that the Commission should be the actual builder of the floats; that it should secure by rental or otherwise land space sufficient for the construction and storage of the floats; build or refit a building for a workshop; purchase the materials to be used in the erection of the building and the construction of the floats; secure the necessary insurance; carry on its payrolls all persons engaged in the work; and own absolutely all the materials used and all the products of construction; the work to be done under the direction of the Carnival and Historical Parades Committee and the superintendence of Mr. Stoddard, the latter to receive a commission of 10 per cent. on the actual cost of the construction of the floats, and in addition, compensation, as at present, at the rate of \$5,000 per annum for other expenses. Under this proposition, Mr. Stoddard will guarantee, under bond, that the floats shall not cost over \$37,000 for fifty floats, including his commission and expense account. Following is his estimate:

Building 50 floats for Carnival Parade at \$350 each. . . . .	\$17,500 00
Purchase of 50 trucks at \$80 each. . . . .	4,000 00
Land rent 9 months at \$300. . . . .	2,700 00
Refitting building for workshop. . . . .	4,275 00
Insurance on \$25,000 at 4 per cent. . . . .	1,000 00
Three watchmen, \$75 per month each for 9 months. . . . .	2,025 00
Mr. Stoddard's commission of 10 per cent. on first item for building fifty floats. . . . .	1,750 00
Mr. Stoddard's expense account, nine months at \$5,000 per annum. . . . .	3,750 00
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	\$37,000 00

If floats are to be constructed for use in a day parade, the sum of \$250 for each such float should be added to the above estimate of \$350 each because of the greater expense involved in the making of floats that are to be exposed to the bright light of the day.

The Secretary offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the latter proposition to build the floats be accepted under Mr. Stoddard's guarantee and bond that the cost of fifty floats for the night Carnival shall not exceed \$37,000, and that the cost of the floats for the day parade shall not exceed the additional sum of \$250 per float (or \$600 each for the day floats) and that Mr. Stoddard be allowed 10 per cent. commission on the actual cost of constructing the floats.

Mr. Bergen said he thought that too much emphasis was placed on these floats. It was a question in his mind whether these were the most valuable contribution to the celebration.

Mr. Trask said that these parades were the principal features in which the public had a share and which appealed to the masses. He thought that if the Historical Parade and Carnival Parade together cost \$125,000 it would be reasonable. He spoke enthusiastically of the pageants at Winchester and other English villages and said that he knew of nothing more fitted to educate the masses of the people than pageants of this sort.

Mr. Choate inquired where the money was to come from.

Mr. Ridder replied that we had some money already and that the rest would be forthcoming.

Mr. Berri said he would not favor a single float if they were not appropriate, but that appropriate floats would have a great educational value.

Mr. John E. Parsons said that the pictures which had been prepared as designs for the floats were a revelation of beauty. He inquired if it were not true that the Commission could recoup itself for a large part of the expenditure.

The Secretary said that Mr. Stoddard had told him that New Orleans made about \$20,000 from the annual sale of the carnival programmes. Mr. Stoddard's estimate was

that figuring conservatively the programmes should return at least \$50,000 over the cost of printing them.

Mr. Ridder suggested that enough funds must be provided to pay for the parade exclusive of the returns that are expected from the sale of the programmes.

Mr. Stetson suggested that the floats be sent up the river to aid in some of the other celebrations after the pageant had been held in New York, and asked if that would be agreeable to the members from the cities up the river.

Mayor McClung replied that they would be glad to have anything that had been successful in New York.

Mr. Trask suggested that the trucks and floats might be sold after the Celebration was over. The floats used at New Orleans were sold, he said, after the Carnival was over.

The Secretary said that Mr. Stoddard estimated that after the pageant was over even if the floats should go up the river for the celebration there, they could be sold for 25 per cent. of their cost.

Mr. Olcott suggested that the number of floats be limited.

The Secretary's motion was then adopted.

The Secretary then offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the present arrangement of an allowance on the basis of \$5,000 a year for expenses to Mr. Stoddard be continued. Carried.

Resolved, That Mr. Stoddard be authorized at once to employ the men necessary and to buy the materials required to start the work of construction of the floats at the earliest practicable moment. Carried.

Resolved, That the officers of the Commission be authorized to secure sufficient land for the work of construction of the floats at a rental not to exceed the amount named in the estimate of Mr. Stoddard, namely, \$300 a month. Carried.

Resolved, That the Carnival and Historical Parades Committee receive an appropriation of \$5,000 to permit Mr. Stoddard, under the direction of that Committee, to refit the present buildings on the site selected, as a workshop and to buy whatever material may immediately be needed to begin actual construction of the floats. Carried.

*Suggestions about Illuminations.*

Mr. Sackett spoke of Mr. Parry whom the Commission had engaged as General Executive Assistant. Mr. Parry, he said, had felt that there was not much for him to do just now but he had made many valuable suggestions and had aided Mr. Stoddard in his work of arranging the pageants. Mr. Parry, he said, had some suggestions to make. He was therefore invited to come in and address the committees.

Mr. Parry came in and suggested that the ships in the harbor be illuminated on the night of Friday, and that for the fireworks two barges could be lashed together. On them, he said, an Indian village could be constructed and Indians in canoes could come to trade and could go through their dances and other Indian customs. He could get the same Indians, he said, who were employed in the Quebec Celebration. He suggested that after this was finished the "Half Moon" could appear on the scene and the Indians paddle from the float to the side of the fac-simile of Hudson's ship.

Mr. Seward reminded Mr. Parry that on Friday night the fleet and the Half Moon would be at Newburgh and moved that Mr. Parry's suggestion should be made to a joint meeting of the Naval Parade and Illuminations Committees. The motion was carried.

*Engineers Invited to Hold an Exhibition.*

Dr. Kunz suggested that the Commission invite the four great engineering societies, the Mechanical, Civil, Electrical and Mining Engineers to hold an exhibition of the progress of steam navigation. It would be possible to hold the exhibition, he said, on the seventh floor of the engineering building. He said that he had spoken to the Presidents of the Mechanical and Civil Engineering Societies and that they had been enthusiastic about holding the exhibit. The Societies in their exhibit, he said, would give credit to the others beside Robert Fulton who had assisted in the development of steam navigation. Some persons, he said, were quite stirred up because they believed that in the Cele-

bration of Robert Fulton's Centennial the right of other steam navigators to recognition had been slighted. He therefore offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Historical Exhibits Committee be empowered to invite the Electrical, Mechanical, Civil and Mining Engineers Societies to arrange for a loan exhibition illustrating the early history of steam navigation.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Seward, who said that he was glad to second a motion which would cost the Commission nothing.

Mr. Ridder said that the Commission might furnish catalogues for the exhibit but it was to be the understanding that the exhibition should not be an expense to the Commission.

The resolution was adopted.

*\$1,000 for Children's Festivals Committee.*

Mr. Samuel Parsons, Chairman of the Children's Festival Committee, asked for an appropriation of \$1,000 for the current expenses of his committee and it was voted.

*Inwood Hill Park.*

Mr. John E. Parsons reported that active work on the scheme for a park on Inwood Heights was being withheld in deference to the request of the Law and Legislation Committee.

*Verplanck's Point Park.*

Mr. Pugsley asked whether in the attempt of the Verplanck's Point, the Committee should ask for a separate appropriation for the park, or should add the amount required, \$75,000, to the general appropriation of \$300,000 for which the Commission would ask.

Mr. Stetson asked Mr. Pugsley to try to get his appropriation separate from the general appropriation of the Commission.

*New York Historical Society Exhibition.*

The Secretary presented a letter dated January 6, 1909, from Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, President of the New York

Historical Society, stating that on January 5, that Society had voted to co-operate with the Commission and to hold an exhibition relating to Robert Fulton.

*Origin of Tercentenary Movement.*

The Secretary presented as a matter of interest, as showing the earliest movement for the celebration of the Hudson tercentenary, the following extract from the minutes of the meeting of the trustees of the Holland Society of New York, held June 13, 1901 :

"At a stated meeting of the Trustees of The Holland Society, June 13, 1901, the Secretary, [Theodore M. Banta,] called attention to the fact that the 300th Anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River by Hendrick Hudson will occur in the year 1909—and offered the following preamble and resolution which were adopted.

"Whereas the three hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River by a Dutch ship under the command of Captain Hendrick Hudson will occur in September, 1909, and it is eminently fitting that the tri-centennial of that momentous event in our history should be celebrated in a suitable manner, therefore

"Resolved, That the President of this Society be requested to appoint a Committee to take into consideration and report as to the best mode of enlisting the sympathy and securing the co-operation of all citizens of the State and of the country in a suitable commemoration of the ter-centenary of the discovery of the Hudson River.

"The President appointed as such a Committee the following gentlemen: Augustus Van Wyck, Warner Van Norden, Theodore M. Banta, Robert B. Roosevelt, Henry Van Dyke."

It was upon invitation of the Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt of the above-named committee that a preliminary meeting was held at his home on February 15, 1905, which resulted eventually in the formation of this Commission.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

Programme of  
**The Hudson-Fulton Celebration**

*September 25, to October 9, 1909.*

(Revised to January 7, 1909.)

The programme for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration, extending from September 25 to October 9, 1909, as revised to January 7, 1909, is given below, subject to modification in details as necessity arises.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE DAYS.

(Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26, 1909.)

The Commission is of the opinion that in arranging for the celebration the people should not overlook the Divine guidance in the two great events to be commemorated, one of which opened up our State to modern civilization and led to the founding of the City of New York, and the other of which laid the foundation for the vast commerce upon which the prosperity of the City and State so largely depends. It has therefore set apart the first two days for religious observances by those who are accustomed to worship on Saturday and Sunday.

RECEPTION DAY.

(Monday, September 27th.)

The secular observances will begin on Monday, September 27th, with the following features:

General decoration of public and private dwellings from New York to the head of the river.

Rendezvous of American and foreign vessels at New York.

Fac-simile of Hudson's "Half Moon" to enter the river, be formally received and take her place in line.

Fac-simile of Fulton's "Clermont" to start from original site with appropriate exercises and take position in line.

Visiting guests to disembark and be officially received.

Opening of exhibits of paintings, prints, books, models, relics, etc., by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, the Hispanic Museum, the American Numismatic Society, the New York Public Library, the New York Historical Society, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the American Geographical Society, Webb's School for Shipbuilders, the New York Yacht Club, and *similar institutions throughout the State*. The exhibitions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History promise to be the most remarkable of the kind ever held in this country and will probably extend over a period of several months.

Musical festivals in the evening in each of the five boroughs of the city.

#### HISTORICAL DAY.

(Tuesday, September 28th.)

On Tuesday, September 28, there will be a Historical Parade in the City of New York. The procession will be composed of floats and moving tableaux representing the principal events in the history of the City and State.

In the evening, the Official Literary Exercises will be held in the Metropolitan Opera House, Carnegie Hall, the Great Hall of the College of the City of New York and the Opera House of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, at which orations will be delivered by men of national reputation.

#### GENERAL COMMEMORATION DAY.

(Wednesday, September 29th.)

Wednesday, September 29, will be devoted to the Dedication of Parks and Memorials along the Hudson River and to General Commemorative Exercises throughout the State. It is recommended not only that between now and then, the most earnest efforts be made to secure great memorials like Inwood Hill Park, but also that the civic pride of various communities along the river be invoked to participate in like manner by establishing parks, institutions or other public memorials. The interest of the numer-



ous historical and patriotic societies is invited in the erection of monuments and tablets, so that the history of the Hudson Valley may be written in stone and bronze from the site of old Fort Amsterdam to the site of old Fort Orange. The Commission has advices which indicate that monuments to William the Silent and Henry Hudson, a tablet to the Founders and Patriots of New York and a tablet on Fort Tyron will be ready for dedication.

Wednesday will be essentially an educational day, devoted to exercises by the universities, colleges, schools, museums and learned and patriotic societies *throughout the whole State*. While the commemoration of 1909 must, from geographical considerations, largely center around the Hudson River, the glory and the material benefits of Hudson's and Fulton's achievements are the heritage of the people of the entire State, and the programme for Wednesday affords a practical means for a general observance of the occasion from one end of the State to the other. Features of this day's observances will be as follows: Commemorative exercises in *all the universities, colleges and institutions of learning throughout the State of New York*; with free lectures for the people in New York City under the auspices of the Board of Education.

The programme for this day contemplates also:

Aquatic sports on the Hudson River, designed in the first instance for friendly competition between the crews of the naval vessels, but which may embrace motor boat races and such other amusements as may seem practicable and desirable.

A reception to visiting guests at West Point during the day; and

An Official Banquet in honor of distinguished guests in the City of New York in the evening.

#### MILITARY PARADE DAY.

(Thursday, September 30th.)

On Thursday, September 30, will occur the military parade, participated in by the United States Army, the

United States Navy and Marine Corps, the National Guard and the Naval Militia.

Owing to the probable length of this parade, which may contain as many as 25,000 troops, the great fatigue which would be caused to the distinguished reviewing party if required to witness a longer procession, and the difficulties in the way of moving with precision and promptness a larger body if composed of undrilled civilians, it has been deemed advisable to eliminate civic features from this parade.

An evening reception to the official guests at the headquarters of the Department of the East on Governor's Island is suggested as the closing event of the day if it proves agreeable to the authorities.

#### HUDSON RIVER DAY.

(Friday, October 1st.)

Friday, October 1st is devoted to the Naval Parade and incidental ceremonies. It appears to be practicable for some of our naval vessels to proceed as far north as Newburgh Bay. It is planned to have as many vessels of the navy, merchant marine, excursion boats, and pleasure craft as possible go from New York to Newburgh, taking with them the fac-similes of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont."

In order that the inhabitants of the country on either side of the river may see the parade and the reproductions of the historic vessels, we recommend that the day be devoted by them to fêtes champêtres along the river-sides from New York to Newburgh.

As the procession passes up the river, salutes may be fired from eligible points.

Simultaneously with the advance of the South Hudson Division, it is proposed to have a counter-procession from Albany to Newburgh, the two divisions meeting and holding appropriate ceremonies at Newburgh. Here the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" will join the North Hudson Division.

## CARNIVAL DAY.

(Saturday, October 2d.)

Saturday, October 2d, is designed for a general Carnival Day in New York city.

The New York division of the Naval Parade will return to its starting point.

In all the cities this will be peculiarly the Children's Day, devoted to fêtes in public and private parks and playgrounds.

The celebration will culminate in New York City in the *evening* with a Carnival Parade. This feature, with its moving allegorical tableaux participated in by all nationalities represented in the city, will, it is believed, excel in beauty and interest the most famous carnivals of Europe.

Brilliancy will be added to the general spectacle by the illumination of the fleet and public and private buildings and a pyrotechnic display. Displays of fire works at various points, notably on the great bridges as in the fêtes of the 14th of July in Paris, are in contemplation.

At 9 p. m. it is designed to have a chain of signal fires from mountain tops and other eligible points along the whole river, lighted simultaneously. An arrangement has been made with the Pain Manufacturing Company as official illuminators, by which local communities can contract for these fires at reasonable and uniform rates.

## UPPER HUDSON WEEK.

(Beginning Sunday, October 3d.)

It is planned to devote the week beginning Sunday, October 3d, to celebrations in the communities along the Upper Hudson. This will be somewhat in the nature of an Old Home Week. The events previously outlined will draw many residents of the State to the City of New York and will prevent as full a participation in local celebrations as might otherwise be possible; whereas, in the week following not only will the citizens of the communities outside of the Metropolis be at home, but former residents of those

communities will also be freer to make pilgrimages to their old homes, renew old ties and participate in local exercises. Beginning Sunday, October 3d, such portion of the Lower Hudson fleet as can continue the voyage to Troy, together with the North Hudson Fleet and the "Half Moon" and "Clermont," will be subject to the arrangements of the Upper Hudson Committee of the Commission.

DUTCHESS COUNTY DAY.

(Monday, October 4th.)

On Monday the naval parade will be at Poughkeepsie, the county seat of Dutchess county, and remain there during the Poughkeepsie Ceremonies. The erection of a statue of Robert Fulton has been suggested as a feature of the Poughkeepsie celebration.

ULSTER COUNTY DAY.

(Tuesday, October 5th.)

On Tuesday, the naval parade will proceed to Kingston, the county seat of Ulster county, while similar exercises take place there. A statue of Governor Clinton has been proposed as the permanent memorial here.

GREENE COUNTY DAY.

(Wednesday, October 6th.)

On Wednesday, October 6, the naval parade will go to Catskill, the county seat of Greene county. It is proposed that the ceremonies here include the dedication of a statue of Rip Van Winkle.

COLUMBIA COUNTY DAY.

(Thursday, October 7th.)

On Thursday, October 7th, the fleet will continue on to Hudson, which is the county seat of Columbia county and is named after the great explorer. A statue to Henry Hudson is the appropriate memorial proposed at this point.

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ALBANY COUNTY DAY.

(Friday, October 8th.)

On Friday, the 8th, the flotilla will advance to the Capital of the commonwealth, the county seat of Albany county and the oldest city in the State. A statue of Peter Schuyler, the first mayor of Albany, has been suggested as the permanent memorial here.

RENSSELAER COUNTY DAY.

(Saturday, October 9th.)

In like manner the naval parade will advance to Troy, the county seat of Rensselaer county on Saturday, October 9th, and form the nucleus of the celebration there. A statue of Van Rensselaer, who obtained the first land grant in that section, has been suggested as an appropriate monument to be erected here.









# Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

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To arrange for the "Commemora-  
tion of the Ter-Centenary of  
the Discovery of the Hudson  
River by Henry Hudson in the  
year 1609, and of the First  
Use of Steam in the Navigation  
of said river by Robert Fulton  
in the year 1807." \* \* \*



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(Revised to Jan. 30, 1909)

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- Children's Festivals: Hon. Samuel Parsons, 1133 Broadway.
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- Contracts: Hon. M. Linn Bruce, 18 Wall Street.
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- Dedications: Hon. Warren Higley, 165 Broadway.
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- Hospitality: Dr. George C. Batcheller, 696 Broadway.
- Hudson River Scenery: Hon. Alton B. Parker, 3 South William Street.
- Illuminations: Hon. Wm. Berri, 526 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.
- Invitations: Hon. Joseph H. Choate, 60 Wall Street.
- Inwood Park: John E. Parsons, 52 William Street.
- Law and Legislation: Francis Lynde Stetson, 15 Broad Street.
- Lectures: Dr. Henry M. Leipziger, 500 Park Avenue.
- Lower Hudson: Hon. Nathan A. Warren, Yonkers.
- Medal: Henry W. Cannon, 10 Wall Street.
- Memorials: Tunis G. Bergen, 55 Liberty Street.
- Military Parade: Maj.-Gen. Chas. F. Roe, 280 Broadway.
- Music Festival: Hon. Gustav Lindenthal, 45 Cedar Street.
- Naval Parade: Chairmanship vacant. Vice-Chairman, Capt. Jacob W. Miller, Pier 19, North River.
- New Jersey: Hon. Edward C. Stokes, Trenton, N. J.
- Nominations: Theodore Fitch, 120 Broadway.

Official Literary Exercises: Gen. Jas. Grant Wilson, 157 West 79th Street.

Patriotic Societies: Stuyvesant Fish, 216 Broadway.

Plan and Scope: Hon. Fred'k W. Seward, Montrose, N. Y.

Public Health and Convenience: Dr. Eugene H. Porter, 181 West 73d Street.

Public Safety: Hon. William McCarrroll, 154 Nassau Street.

Reception: Hon. Seth Low, 30 East 64th Street.

Religious Services: Hon. John G. Agar, 31 Nassau Street.

Transportation: Gen. Howard Carroll, 41 Park Row.

Upper Hudson: Col. Arthur MacArthur, Troy.

Verplanck's Point Park: Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Peekskill.

Ways and Means: Herman Ridder, 182 William Street.

Minutes of  
Trustees' Meeting

January 27, 1909.

The thirty-fourth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held in the headquarters of the Commission in the Tribune Building, at No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, on Wednesday, January 27, 1909, at 3 o'clock P. M.

*Roll Call.*

There were present the following named members of the Board of Trustees and Chairmen of Committees: Mr. Herman Ridder, Acting President, presiding, and Hon. James K. Apgar, Dr. George C. Batcheller, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Gen. Horatio C. King, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Gustav Lindenthal, Mr. William J. McKay, Rear Admiral Geo. W. Melville, Capt. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Ludwig Nissen, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Hon. Alton B. Parker, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Thomas R. Proctor, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Col. John W. Vrooman and Gen. Jas. Grant Wilson; also Dr. Edward L. Partridge, a member of the Commission.

*Absentees Excused.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. William Berri, Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. William J. Curtis, Hon. Robert W. De Forest, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Hon. Henry Hudson, Hon. Warren Higley, Hon. Seth Low, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Hon. Henry F. Snyder, Mr. Spencer Trask and Dr. Samuel B. Ward, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the Trustees' meeting held December 23 and of the Executive Committee meeting held January 7, having been printed and sent to all the members of the Commission, were approved as printed.

*Executive Committee Proceedings Ratified.*

The Secretary offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee at its meeting held on January 7, 1909, and recorded in the printed minutes on page 723 to page 741, both inclusive, be and they hereby are approved, ratified and confirmed.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, was read as follows:

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to report the condition of the treasury on January 27, 1909, as follows, reference being had to the \$12,500 fund drawn from the State under chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906:

## DEBIT.

Balance on hand December 23, 1908.....	\$4,151 51
To interest on deposits to December 31, 1908.	80 49
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	\$4,232 00
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## CREDIT.

By paid on approved vouchers:	
101. E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$59 43
E. H. Hall, November salary....	300 00
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	\$359 43
102. J. B. Lyon Co.....	11 00
103. J. B. Lyon Co.....	5 00
104. De-Fi Manufacturing Co.....	3 50
105. Henry Romeike, Inc.....	1 62
106. State Treasurer .....	103 31
107. William J. Baxter.....	17 62

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108. Lillie Vreeland . . . . .	\$10 00
109. J. J. Conlon . . . . .	4 55
110. J. A. Cooke . . . . .	10 15
111. De-Fi Manufacturing Co. . . . .	3 50
112. Finn Brothers . . . . .	88 75
113. E. H. Hall, disbursements . . . . . \$80 69	
E. H. Hall, December salary . . . . . 300 00	
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	380 69
114. Joseph Hawkes . . . . .	5 40
115. J. B. Lyon Co. . . . .	83 49
116. George N. Moran, disbursements . \$14 07	
G. N. Moran, December salary . . . 291 66	
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	305 73
117. William Parry . . . . .	625 00
118. John Polhemus Printing Co. . . . .	15 44
119. Printers' Ink Publishing Co. . . . .	10 00
120. F. A. Ringler Co. . . . .	8 50
121. Henry Romeike, Inc. . . . .	2 52
122. A. H. Stoddard . . . . .	416 66
123. David T. Wells . . . . .	208 33
124. Typewriter Exchange . . . . .	7 50
125. Joseph B. Coghlan . . . . .	68 00
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Total credit . . . . .	\$2,755 69
Total debit . . . . .	4,232 00
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Balance on hand January 27, 1909 . . . . .	\$1,476 31
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Respectfully submitted,  
 ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,  
*Treasurer.*

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

Subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee, the following bills were approved for payment, their sum being the balance of the \$12,500 drawn under chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906:

A. H. Stoddard, on account of float construction . . . . .	\$526 00
A. H. Stoddard, construction pay-roll January 23 . . . . .	252 30
A. H. Stoddard, January salary . . . . \$416 66	
A. H. Stoddard, disbursements . . . . 12 65	
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	429 31

William Parry, part of January salary.....	\$188 21
State of New York, interest on deposits to December 31 .....	80 49
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	\$1,476 31
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The following bills were similarly approved for payment, being the first accounts chargeable against the \$162,500 appropriated by chapter 466 of the Laws of 1908:

Erie Railroad Co., rental of land and buildings for construction of floats, January 20 to April 20, 1909.....	\$1,000 00
A. H. Stoddard, pay-roll for refitting construction buildings, 2 weeks ending January 30..	580 50
William Parry, balance of January salary....	436 79
E. H. Hall, January salary.....	\$300 00
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	153 70
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George N. Moran, January salary... \$291 66	
G. N. Moran, disbursements... 67 67	
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David T. Wells, January salary.....	\$208 33
David T. Wells, disbursements.....	2 85
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	211 18
Edward Weber, hardware.....	8 90
Lehmaier & Bro., typewriter letters.....	14 25
Underwood Typewriter Co., duplicator.....	35 00
N. Y. Telephone Co., January service.....	26 35
J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....	182 92
Remington Typewriter Co., ribbons.....	7 00
Amer. Dist. Tel. Co., December service.....	9 70
Typewriter Exchange, rentals to February 3.	6 00
L. R. Hamersly & Co., "Who's Who".....	5 00
Henry Romeike, Inc., clippings, Nov. — Dec..	7 08
Title Guarantee & Trust Co., searching.....	2 50
Lillie Vreeland, mimeographing .....	25 25
J. A. Cooke, mimeographing .....	11 35
John Wanamaker, mat.....	1 50
Joseph Hawkes, pictures.....	15 50
A. H. Stoddard, labor, refitting workshop, week ending January 25.....	96 68
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	\$3,496 48
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*Death of Hon. Samuel R. Thayer.*

The Acting President requested the Trustees to rise while he stated that it was his painful duty to announce the death of the Hon. Samuel Richard Thayer, who died in Rochester, N. Y., on January 7, 1909.

Gen. Wilson further expressed the Commission's sense of its loss. Mr. Thayer was born in Richmond, Ontario county, N. Y., December 12, 1837, and was educated at Union College, being graduated with honors in 1860. Warner Miller, Douglas Campbell and Chas. Emory Smith were among his classmates. After teaching for two years he entered the office of Judge Cornell, in Minneapolis, Minn., to study law. He was admitted to the bar in 1865, and attained a high rank in his profession before he retired a decade ago. Besides his interest in his profession, he was deeply interested in the normal schools of Minnesota, to the development of which he devoted largely of his time and resources. He was appointed Minister to the Netherlands by President Harrison, and served from 1889 to 1893. He was well known in social and commercial centers in this city. He was a member of the Union League Club, the New York Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Huguenot Society of America. He received the degree of LL.D. from Union College in 1892. He was recently appointed a member of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission by Mayor McClellan in the nomination of two intimate friends, the Hon. Frederick W. Seward and myself, and was greatly interested in the approaching commemoration. Had he survived he would have been of very great assistance to the commission on account of his diplomatic experience at The Hague and his knowledge of the people of The Netherlands. By his death, therefore, the Commission has lost not only a cultured gentleman and public-spirited citizen, but also a member whose place, on account of his peculiar and eminent abilities, cannot be filled. Mr. Thayer who was unmarried is survived by his brother, George W. Thayer, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Beadle, both of Rochester, N. Y.

*Death of Hon. L. L. Stillman.*

The Acting President also announced with sincere regret the recent death of the Hon. L. L. Stillman, president of the village of Red Hook, and stated that his successor in office was Hon. Frank E. Burnett.

*Changes Among Ex-Officio Members.*

The Acting President announced the following changes since the 1st of January among the ex-officio members and trustees of the Commission :

Mayor John C. Barry of Cortland succeeds Mayor Grove T. Maxon; Mayor Randolph Horton of Ithaca succeeds Mayor Jared T. Newman; Mayor George H. Minard of Lockport succeeds Mayor W. H. Baker; Mayor Louis T. Fisk of North Tonawanda succeeds Mayor Eugene de Kleist; Mayor Edward W. Douglas of Ogdensburg succeeds Mayor John Hannon; President Frank E. Burnett of Red Hook succeeds the late President L. L. Stillman.

*Upper Hudson Committee.*

The Acting President stated that in accordance with the resolution of January 7 (page 727) the Upper Hudson Committee had been constituted as follows, the naming of the Chairman being left to that Committee :

Mr. Charles H. Armatage, Albany; Hon. Frank S. Black, Troy; Hon. D. A. Bullard (President), Schuylerville; Hon. Clifford Bush (President), Corinth; Hon. Frank E. Burnett (President), Red Hook; Mr. Henry K. Bush-Brown, Newburgh; Hon. J. Rider Cady, Hudson; Hon. J. H. Callanan, Schenectady; Hon. J. H. Clarkson (President), Cornwall; Hon. A. T. Clearwater, Kingston; Mr. Frederick J. Collier, Hudson; Hon. Chas. W. Cool (Mayor), Glens Falls; Hon. Walter P. Crane (Mayor), Kingston; Hon. James H. Doyle (President), Fishkill; Hon. Wm. Draper, Troy; Hon. Chas. A. Elliott (President), Catskill; Hon. James F. Fitzgerald (President), Fort Edward; Hon. John T. Flynn (President), Castleton; Hon. James L. Freeborn (President), Tivoli; Mr. Abner S. Haight, 49 Leonard street, New York; Mr. Benj. F. Hamilton, 120 Broadway, New York; Hon. M. D. Hanson (Mayor), Cohoes; Hon. C. W. Higley (President), Sandy Hill; Hon. David B. Hill, Albany; Hon. Michael H. Hirschberg, Newburgh; Hon. Henry Hudson (Mayor), Hudson; Hon. John L. Hughes (President),

Wappinger's Falls; Hon. Roswell S. Judson (President), Matteawan; Hon. Irving J. Justus (President), Fishkill Landing; Mr. Herman Livingston, Catskill Station; Mr. R. Fulton Ludlow, Claverack; Hon. Arthur MacArthur, Troy; Hon. Elias P. Mann (Mayor), Troy; Hon. Benjamin McClung (Mayor), Newburgh; Mr. Donald McDonald, Albany; Mr. Wm. J. McKay, Newburgh; Hon. John McLindon (President), Victory Mills; Hon. W. B. Mooers (Mayor), Plattsburg; Hon. Dennis Moynihan (President), South Glens Falls; Mr. Wm. Church Osborn, 71 Broadway, New York; Mr. Bayard L. Peck, 32 Nassau street, New York; Hon. A. F. Quick (President), Rhinebeck; Hon. Daniel P. Quimm (Mayor), Watervliet; Hon. A. Rowe (President), Saugerties; Hon. W. J. Rockefeller (Mayor), Rensselaer; Hon. John K. Sague (Mayor), Poughkeepsie; Prof. John C. Smock, Hudson; Hon. Henry F. Snyder (Mayor), Albany; Hon. F. Herbert Sutherland (President), Coxsackie; Hon. Fred W. Titus (President), Athens; Mr. Wm. B. Van Rensselaer, Albany; Hon. Horace S. Van Voast (Mayor), Schenectady; Hon. C. E. Vredenburg (President), Mechanicville; Dr. Samuel B. Ward, Albany; Hon. Robert B. Waters (President), Green Island; Hon. Anthony J. Weaver (President), Waterford; Hon. Edward J. Wood (President), Stillwater.

*Lower Hudson Committee.*

The Acting President stated that by the discharge of the former committees on Newburgh Ceremonies, Old Home Week, Local Celebrations and North Hudson, and the appointment of the new Upper Hudson Committee, several members of the Commission residing below Newburgh were left without committee assignments. With the approval of the Trustees, he therefore announced the appointment of the following committee, to be known as the Lower Hudson Committee, its duty being to promote local observances in the communities along the Hudson between New York and Newburgh:

Hon. Nathan A. Warren (Mayor), Yonkers, Chairman; Hon. John E. Andrus, Yonkers; Hon. James K. Apgar, Peekskill; Hon. M. S. Beltzhoover (President), Irvington; Hon. Horace W. Boyd (President), Nyack; Hon. Thomas W. Bradley, Walden; Hon. John H. Coyne, Yonkers; Hon. Lyman C. French (President), Dobbs Ferry;

Hon. John Gross (President), Tarrytown; Hon. Benjamin Howe (Mayor), Mount Vernon; Hon. Clarence Lexow, Nyack; Hon. Thomas Lynch (President), Haverstraw; Hon. Joel D. Madden (President), Ossining; Hon. Charles McElroy (President), South Nyack; Hon. Vincent A. Murray (President), Cold Spring; Hon. W. H. Myers (President), Piermont; Mr. Gordon H. Peck, West Haverstraw; Hon. Clarence E. Powell (President), Croton-on-Hudson; Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Peekskill; Hon. George C. Raymond (Mayor), New Rochelle; Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Montrose; Hon. Theodore H. Silkman, Yonkers; Hon. Isaac H. Smith (President), Peekskill; Hon. Arthur C. Tucker (President), Upper Nyack; Hon. W. L. Ward, Portchester; Hon. E. L. Wemple (President), West Haverstraw; Hon. J. Du Pratt White, Nyack; Mr. Edward C. Wilson, Peekskill; Hon. John Wirth (President), North Tarrytown; Mr. J. S. Wood, Mount Vernon; Hon. F. G. Zinsser (President), Hastings.

*New Jersey Committee.*

The Acting President announced the appointment of the following Committee to secure the participation of New Jersey in the Celebration:

Hon. Edward C. Stokes, Trenton, Chairman; Hon. Franklin Murphy, Newark; Hon. John F. Dryden, Newark; Hon. John W. Griggs, Paterson; Hon. Foster M. Voorhees, Elizabeth; Hon. George T. Werts, Jersey City; Hon. John Dyneley Prince, Ringwood; Mr. James Kerney, Trenton; Mr. Wallace M. Scudder, Newark; Mr. William T. Hunt, Newark; Mr. Henry H. Doremus, Newark; Mr. Thomas J. Hillery, Boonton; Hon. H. Otto Wittpenn, Jersey City; Mr. John H. Ramsey, Hackensack; Mr. Matthew C. Ely, Hoboken.

*Other Committee Changes.*

The Acting President also announced the following committee changes:

Children's Festivals: President Jacob Gould Schurman of Ithaca added.

General Commemorative Exercises: Hon. Samuel Parsons of New York City, Hon. H. B. Swartwout (Mayor) of Port Jervis, and Hon. J. Sloat Fassett of Elmira, added.

Patriotic Societies: Mr. Edmund Wetmore resigned as Chairman and Mr. Stuyvesant Fish appointed Chairman in his place, Mr. Wetmore remaining a member of the Committee.

*Rental of Additional Room by the City of New York.*

The Assistant Secretary read the following resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York on January 13, 1909:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the city, from the Tribune Association, by James Barrett, Treasurer, of room 807 in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, Borough of Manhattan, for use of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, for a period of one year from the date of occupation, at a rental of three hundred and sixty-five (\$365) dollars per annum payable quarterly, otherwise upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the existing lease of room 805; the rent to be paid out of the funds of the Commission for the year 1909; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interests of the city that such lease be made, the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same, when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.

A True Copy of Resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, January 13, 1909.

N. TAYLOR PHILLIPS,  
*Secretary.*

*Communications Referred.*

From Mr. Martin Schenck, Chief Engineer of Parks, Borough of the Bronx, to the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society and by its Trustees referred to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, dated New York, December 7, 1908, suggesting that the Hudson Memorial Bridge across Spuyten Duyvil Creek be a suspension bridge. To Committee on Inwood Park.

From Mr. J. E. Sullivan, President of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, dated New York, January 16, suggesting an Athletic Day. To Plan and Scope Committee.

From Hon. W. G. McAdoo, dated New York, January 22, suggesting that the Hudson River Tunnel system be represented in the Celebration. To Plan and Scope Committee.

From Mr. Wm. Hoge, dated New York, January 25, suggesting a Prosperity Parade. To Carnival and Historical Parades Committee.

From Mr. E. H. Horwood, President of Hoboken Board of Trade, dated Hoboken, N. J., January 26, concerning participation. To New Jersey Committee.

From Miss C. E. Mason, dated Tarrytown, January 20, concerning proposed pageant in Tarrytown. To Plan and Scope Committee.

*Nominated for Appointment on Commission.*

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented a report recommending the following named gentlemen for appointment as members of the Commission:

By the Governor: Mr. William A. Adriance, Mr. Charles F. Cossum and Mr. Peter H. Troy, of Poughkeepsie.

By the Mayor of New York: Mr. Robert Erskine Ely, Capt. A. B. Fry, Mr. Edward H. Harriman, Mr. James J. Hill, Hon. Patrick F. McGowan, Hon. Henry Smith and Hon. Leslie Sutherland.

It was voted that the nominations be forwarded to the Governor and Mayor respectively with the approval of the Trustees.

*Aides to Chairmen.*

The Secretary offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Commission be authorized, upon the nomination of the Chairman of the respective committees, to appoint Aides to such Chairmen, to perform such duties in furtherance of the execution of the exercises of the Celebration falling within the scope of such Committees' functions respectively, as may be duly delegated to them. Carried.

*\$1,000 Appropriated to Public Library.*

Dr. Kunz, Chairman of the sub-committee on Historical Exhibits, reported that he had been in conference with Dr. Billings, Director of the New York Public Library, and that the library would make a Hudson-Fulton exhibition of books, prints, maps, etc., which would probably last two

months and be held in the Lenox Library building. The library would also undertake the preparation of a catalogue, and toward this work desired \$1,000 from the Commission.

He, therefore, moved that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated to the New York Public Library toward the expense of the Hudson-Fulton exhibit of books, prints, maps, etc., and a catalogue thereof. Carried.

*\$1,000 Favored for an Engineers' Catalogue.*

Dr. Kunz also reported that he had conferred with representatives of the four societies of Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Mining Engineers, who had expressed themselves in favor of preparing a joint exhibit illustrating the early history of steam navigation. He asked the Trustees if, at his next conference with them, he would be warranted in encouraging them to expect an appropriation of \$1,000 toward their catalogue.

Mr. Stetson moved that it was the sense of the Trustees that \$1,000 be appropriated toward the catalogue of exhibits illustrating the early history of steam navigation if such an exhibition should be arranged by the Societies of Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Mining Engineers. Carried.\*

*Building of the Clermont Not Yet Arranged for.*

Captain Miller, Vice-Chairman of the Naval Parade Committee, reported that the Maritime Association of the Port of New York had not definitely assumed the responsibility for building the fac-simile of the Clermont as had been supposed. He had obtained estimates of the cost of construction and found that it would cost about \$10,800 to reproduce the external appearance of the Clermont with sham machinery, and about \$38,200 to reproduce it as it actually was with bona fide machinery. The great increase in the figures was due to the cost of the machinery. Captain Miller was of the opinion that the reproduction should be a fac-simile

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\* This resolution is an expression of the sense of the Trustees but does not carry an appropriation with it. Another resolution will be necessary to make the appropriation if the proposed exhibit is decided upon.

of the original throughout. The representatives of the Maritime Association were very enthusiastic on the subject and it was probable that the Association would contribute \$2,000 or \$3,000 toward the cost of construction.

Mr. Stetson moved that the matter of the Clermont be referred to the Executive Committee with power. Carried.

*Naval Landing Place Recommended.*

Captain Miller also called attention to the great need for a suitable landing place for the officers and men from the fleets. He recommended that the municipal authorities be requested to build a temporary bulkhead along the river front between West 109th and West 111th streets, fill in the space between the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad tracks and the bulkhead, build a temporary platform and erect a temporary bridge over 110th street. He thought that the Park Department could have this done at comparatively small cost.

Mr. Phillips suggested the Dock Department as the proper department for this work as it had the necessary machinery.

It was agreed that both departments would have to co-operate in the matter, which was left with the Naval Parade Committee.

*\$3,500 Appropriated to General Commemorative Exercises Committee.*

The Secretary reported for President Schurman that the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises had held an important meeting on Friday, January 22d, in the Commission's headquarters, which was attended by members from distant parts of the State. Mr. Samuel Parsons, Chairman of the Committee on Children's Festivals, was present by invitation. While the functions of the two committees are clearly distinct,—the Children's Festivals being held out of doors Saturday, October 2, and the General Commemorative Exercises being held indoors by the Universities, Colleges, Public Schools and learned Societies throughout the State on Wednesday, September 29th — yet they are so closely allied in their educational character that



they had agreed to co-operate as far as possible. The Committee on General Commemorative Exercises had outlined a plan for reaching the educational institutions in every considerable community of the State with literature which would help them to hold exercises embracing orations by leading citizens, prize essays by students and members, historical tableaux, etc. It was also hoped to secure the hoisting of flags on municipal buildings and schools during celebration week, to stimulate local historical and archæological research, and to promote the preservation of local landmarks. The great importance of the work of this Committee is that it will afford the means by which all the people of the State can participate in the celebration, whether they live in or visit the Hudson river cities or not. The plan is carefully laid out and well systematized. The Committee finds that it can obtain the assistance of a former State Commissioner of Education and a former Superintendent of Schools, who, with one of the Assistants to the Secretary of the Commission, can take the field in person and prosecute the work of the Committee in the communities to be reached. The plan required an expenditure of about \$3,500, and he moved the appropriation of that amount for the work of the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises. The motion was carried.

*Bill for Preservation of Highland Scenery Approved.*

Chief Judge Parker, Chairman of the Committee on Hudson River Scenery, presented the following report:

One purpose for which this Committee was created having been "To promote legislation," this Committee respectfully recommends the indorsement by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission of the accompanying bill, entitled "An act to establish a state park in the Highlands of the Hudson river, as a Memorial to Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton, to provide for the selection, location, appropriation and management thereof, and hereby to preserve the natural scenery of the Hudson River." The adoption of the bill is suitable to the purpose for which the Hudson-Fulton Commission was created, and will redound to its credit as an enduring tribute to Hudson and Fulton. What has been arranged for as enduring in character in proximity to

the city of New York is altogether commendable, though local, but the Hudson River extends northward 150 miles, and Hudson and Fulton had relation to the river in its entirety. It was the natural scenery that the early navigator discovered and knew, and it was Fulton's revolutionary changes in the application of steam as a motive power of commerce that has brought the upper reaches of the Hudson nearer to a great metropolis.

In favor of this bill it may be said that thirteen miles of the Palisades having already been protected at a cost of \$450,000, the even more beautiful and varied scenery of the Highlands of the Hudson, which extend fifteen miles between Peekskill and Newburgh, will be saved for the People of the State of New York, and the State will not be humiliated by the vandalism of trade in the eyes of travellers from all parts of this country and all parts of the world.

Along both sides of the river are highways, rendering this park accessible; conversely, it may be said that this strip will add beauty to those highways and eventually afford the immediate means of communication along the western shore with the metropolis.

While it is true that this Committee is "Hudson-Fulton" in name, and is concerned with providing memorials to the man who discovered the Hudson River, and who sailed past the Highlands long before the establishment of our Republic; also to the man who adapted steam to navigation; yet you are preserving a region full of the memories of our Dutch traditions, described in American poetry and fiction, and replete in associations with early American history.

Your Committee, as individuals and as a body, has received a considerable number of communications (John Bigelow, Herbert Satterlee et al.) expressing the hope that the Hudson-Fulton Memorial Commission may provide enduring memorials in the way of permanent assets to the State of New York.

Regarding Section XVIII, it may be said that a number of property-owners in this region, appreciating the effort to preserve this natural scenery, will help this movement by turning in their lands at a nominal value.

The delayed protection for the shores of the Tappan Zee presents the problem of saving the remaining Highlands of our river from further destruction, with unusual force. Careful investigation places the present value of the quarries now in operation there at \$5,000,000, while before their lodgment, undisturbed in its natural beauty, the whole of Hook mountain, where the quarries are now in operation,

could have been bought for \$25,000 or \$30,000. To delay protection of the natural scenery of the Hudson River until after serious damage has been done, and then in preventing the further defacement, to be compelled to pay enormously for damage already inflicted, does not appeal to the practical business mind as a position in which the interests of the public should be placed or remain unprovided for, and the action taken by some of our commercial organizations clearly indicates that view of the question.

The report then quotes letters from Mr. Welding Ring, President of the New York Produce Exchange; Mr. C. H. Badeau, President of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, and Mr. C. R. Norman, President of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York, in favor of the general object of the bill.

The bill itself consists of nineteen sections.

Section 1 creates a board of five commissioners to be known as the "Commissioners of Hudson-Fulton Memorial Commission," to serve without pay but to be reimbursed for actual expenses.

Sections 2 and 3 relate to the organization of the Commission, its officers, etc.

Section 4 authorizes the Commission to select and locate lands within half a mile of the river—on the east side between the Peekskill campground and the north base of Breakneck Ridge, and on the west side between Stony Point reservation and the north base of Storm King mountain, excepting lands owned by any railway, the State or the United States.

Section 5 authorizes the acquisition of such lands, and rights and easements thereon, by purchase, gift, devise or eminent domain, for use as a public park.

Sections 6 to 16, both inclusive, provide the method of procedure in the acquisition of such lands.

Section 17 requires a report of proceedings to the Legislature.

Section 18 appropriates \$25,000 for the purposes of the act.

And section 19 provides that the act shall take effect immediately.

Upon motion, the report was received and the proposed bill approved.

Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, said that while friendly to the idea embodied in the report, he felt that he had his hands full with the responsibilities which he had already undertaken, and he moved that presentation of the bill to the Legislature be intrusted to the Committee which had prepared it. Carried.

*Appropriation Bill Introduced in Legislature.*

Mr. Stetson stated that the Committee on Law and Legislation, with the valuable co-operation of the Acting President, had presented the Commission's request for an appropriation to the municipal authorities and this matter was well under way.

In conjunction with the Upper Hudson Committee, a bill had been prepared and introduced in the Senate on January 25, by the Hon. J. F. Schlosser of Ulster county, reading as follows:

AN ACT

To amend an act, entitled "An act to establish the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission, and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof, and making an appropriation therefor," which became a law April twenty-seven, nineteen hundred and six, being chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1. Section nine of the act, entitled "An act to establish the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission, and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof, and making an appropriation therefor," being chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 9. The sum of \*[twenty-five thousand dollars] *three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) (in addition to the moneys heretofore appropriated to said commission),* or so

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\* The words in brackets are to be omitted and the words in italics inserted as new matter.

much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes of this act. Such money shall be paid by the treasurer on the warrant of the comptroller issued upon a requisition signed by the president and secretary of the commission, accompanied by an estimate of the expenses for the payment of which money so drawn is to be applied, *of which appropriation one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is to be appropriated and expended by the commission for the purposes of the celebration upon the Hudson river at and northerly of the city of Newburgh, to wit, at the cities of Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Hudson, Albany and Troy, and the villages of Fishkill Landing and Catskill.* No indebtedness nor obligation shall be incurred under this act in excess of the appropriations herein or hereafter made, and such sums as may be provided for said commission by the city of New York for the purposes of this act. The commission shall as requested by the governor, from time to time render to him reports of its proceedings.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Stetson said that it was expected that the Senate Finance Committee would give a hearing on the bill on Tuesday, February 2d.

Mr. McKay suggested that arrangements be made by which every member of the Commission would see his Assemblyman and Senator and ask their support of the bill.

Mr. Stetson expressed his approval of the idea.

*\$50 a Week for Editor Authorized.*

Mr. Bergen, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, reported that his committee desired to engage Mr. Henry Gallup Paine of No. 16 Gramercy Park as editor of the Souvenir book. He stated that Mr. Paine was an experienced literary man and admirably qualified for the work.

He, therefore, moved that the Committee on Memorials be authorized to employ Mr. Paine at a salary not to exceed \$50 a week, the period of employment to be at the pleasure of the Committee. Carried.

*\$2,000 Appropriated for Post Cards.*

Mr. Bergen also reported that he had received an offer from F. A. Ringler Co. to manufacture souvenir post cards, from designs submitted by the Commission, at the rate of \$5 or \$6 a thousand. These, Mr. Bergen said, could be sold for two or three cents apiece and realize a substantial profit to the Commission.

He, therefore, moved that \$2,000 be appropriated to the Committee on Memorials for the preparation of souvenir post cards. Carried.

*National Guard in Military Parade.*

The Assistant Secretary called attention to Gen. Roe's request for advice as to the extent to which the National Guard of the State of New York should be turned out for the Military Parade, and to expressions by the Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee and others to the effect that it would be wise to ask for only that portion of the National Guard located in New York City and immediate vicinity.

He, therefore, moved that it was the sense of this Commission that only that portion of the National Guard of the State of New York located in New York City and vicinity be invited to take part in the Military Parade. Carried.

*Admission to Official Reviewing Stands Limited.*

The Assistant Secretary reported that applications had been received from various sources for allotments of space on the official reviewing stands, and suggested the advisability of defining the policy of the Commission so that such requests could be definitely answered.

The Acting President said that he thought the Commission should undertake to erect only such stands as were necessary for the official use of the Commission and leave the erection of other stands to private enterprise. In his opinion, admission to the official stands should be limited to the members of the Commission, their official guests, and to contributors to the Subscription Fund if such a fund should be raised.

Mr. Stetson moved that the policy of the Commission be as stated by the Acting President. Carried.

*Land Rental Authorized at \$3,000 Instead of \$2,700.*

The Secretary referred to the resolution adopted January 7 (page 731), authorizing the renting of premises for the construction of floats at a rental of \$300 a month; and said that such premises, admirably adapted to the purposes of the Commission and located at 149th street and Exterior avenue, near the Harlem River in the Bronx, had been secured from the Erie Railroad Company. The best terms upon which the lease could be secured, however, were \$3,000 for nine months from January 20 to October 20, with the privilege of a three months' extension for the additional sum of \$1,000.

He, therefore, moved that the lease upon these terms be approved and the motion was carried.

*Various Committee Reports.*

Interspersed in the foregoing proceedings were brief reports of progress from the following Chairmen:

Plan and Scope, by Mr. Seward.

Aquatic Sports, Captain Miller, stating that there was great enthusiasm among motor boat and other aquatic interests.

Badges, Flag and Poster, by Mr. Jaccaci.

Banquet, by Mr. Stetson, stating that they had recommended the appointment by the Mayor of Mr. Robert E. Ely as a member of the Commission in the hope of having his valuable aid.

Carnival and Historical Parades, by Mr. Ridder, stating that the construction of floats had been begun.

Children's Festivals, by Mr. Samuel Parsons, reporting co-operation with the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises.

Clermont, by Mr. Olcott, stating that he was in touch with Captain Miller, Vice-Chairman of the Naval Parade Committee.

Historical, by Mr. Hoffman.

Hospitality, by Dr. Batcheller.

Inwood Hill Park, by Mr. John E. Parsons, who said that the progress was real.

Music Festivals, by Commissioner Lindenthal, who said that the Metropolitan Opera House, Carnegie Hall and the Brooklyn Academy of Music had been engaged for Monday night, September 27th.

Official Literary Exercises, by Gen. Wilson.

*Importance of the Religious Exercises.*

Mr. Stetson referred to the absence of any report from the Committee on Religious Exercises since the Committee was appointed, but assumed that it was actively at work like the other Committees. He said that the religious exercises on the first two days of the celebration were very important, not only on account of their nature but also because they would tend to arouse in the people the spirit of the commemoration.

The Secretary said that he understood that the Committee was at work.

*Mention of Related Events in Official Programme Proposed.*

The Assistant Secretary stated that since the last meeting about 750 civic organizations had been invited to co-operate in the approaching celebration by appropriate observances. Some of them had already responded and declared their readiness to hold affairs of different kinds, and had requested that they be made a part of the official programme. There might be doubt as to the expediency of adopting as official various unofficial events, but the speaker felt that after having invited such co-operation, some recognition of it should be extended. He recalled that on the occasion of former celebrations in other cities, unofficial events, such as meetings of scientific societies, conferences, etc., were mentioned in the printed programmes. He, therefore, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon approval by a vote of the Trustees of this Commission in each instance this Commission will announce in its official printed programme events appropriate to the Celebration and conducted under other auspices,



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such events to be designated as "Related events" or by some other suitable term, and so to be marked in the programme as to indicate that they are not conducted officially by this Commission and that the Commission assumes no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for them.

Upon motion of Mr. Stetson, the resolution was referred to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.







# Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

Incorporated by  
Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906  
of the  
State of New York



To arrange for the "Commemoration of the Ter-Centenary of the Discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in the year 1609, and of the First Use of Steam in the Navigation of said river by Robert Fulton in the year 1807." ❀ ❀ ❀



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Minutes of  
Executive Committee

February 3, 1909.

The eighth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held pursuant to call of the Chairman, at the headquarters of the Commission, in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, Wednesday, February 3, 1909, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The members of the Plan and Scope Committee were invited to be present also.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Mr. Herman Ridder, Chairman, presiding; and Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Dr. George Frederick Kunz, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. John E. Parsons, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. William B. Van Rensselaer, and Gen. James Grant Wilson.

*Absentees Excused.*

Regrets for absence were received from Mr. Wm. Berri, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. John LaFarge, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Mr. Spencer Trask, Capt. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. William McCarroll, Dr. Samuel B. Ward and they were excused.

*Historical Pageant Proposition by Mr. Frank Lascelles.*

Mr. Frank Lascelles and his friend Mr. Forbes Dennis, both of London, England, were accorded the courtesy of the floor.

The Secretary, referring to Mr. Lascelles' distinguished connection with historical pageantry at Quebec and in England (mentioned on page 533 of the minutes), said that on the preceding Saturday he, the speaker, had had the pleasure

of meeting Mr. Lascelles and with him going over the subject of holding in New York City at the time of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration an historical pageant somewhat after the plan of those which he had conducted before. In that interview Mr. Lascelles had said that he thought, in view of what he had heard from the members of certain patriotic societies in town, that with the approval of this Commission — or at least if this Commission were not opposed — an historical pageant might be given by other persons, outside of our responsibility, in the second week of the Celebration. Such a pageant, it was proposed, would be held within an enclosed area, at some place like Van Cortlandt Park, to which an admission fee would be charged to the general public, but to which the school children should be admitted free at certain performances. Mr. Lascelles had put his suggestion in such a persuasive way that the Secretary had spoken to the Acting President of the advisability of inviting Mr. Lascelles to a meeting of the Executive Committee and Plan and Scope Committee for the purpose of expressing more fully his views on the subject.

The Acting President then invited Mr. Lascelles to address the Committees.

Mr. Lascelles said that he was on his way from Canada, where he had been visiting Lord Grey, to England, and expected to sail in a few days. While meeting many friends in New York, he found an extraordinary desire to learn about pageantry as it was known in England and Canada. He used the word pageant, not in the sense of a procession marching through the public streets, but rather in the sense of a performance within an enclosed area, in which historical scenes were reproduced as nearly like the original as was possible.

After referring to the enthusiasm which the pageantry idea aroused wherever it was understood, he spoke briefly of its origin in the early days of the church, when the priests had pageants and tableaux in their churches to teach their congregations more readily through the appeal to the eye. So the idea developed, through the coronation pageants, to the purely historical pageant of to-day. During the

past few years, there had arisen in England something which had no more relation to the ordinary conception of a pageant than Ober Ammergau has to an ordinary masquerade. Pageantry in England is based absolutely on history. The first of these modern pageants had been held in his University of Oxford. He had seen a small pageant and became enthusiastic over its possibilities. He talked with the professors of history, and they decided to have a series of scenes in the history of Oxford, true to the minutest details. The last of the series of which that was the beginning was the Quebec pageant.

He then drew a picture of one of the scenes enacted on the latter occasion; The Plains of Abraham; a grand stand holding 20,000 persons; beyond, a long stretch of river; and beyond that, endless hills to the state of Maine. In the foreground are Indians singing. They see a great ship approach,—the *Don de Dieu* with Cartier, the discoverer. They stop singing and run to their teepees to tell their people. Cartier lands, the sailors singing. The Indians think they are gods and give them presents. Cartier sets up upon the cliff a great cross of cedar wood, 35 feet high, bearing the arms of France. The Indians make speeches to him. Cartier, unable to speak their language, reads to them the first chapter of the gospel according to Saint John; etc.—In this enactment, the spectators saw the scene enacted truthfully on the very same spot where the original scene occurred. The Indians were of the same tribe, and their costumes were the same. The white men had the same names as their prototypes and sang the same songs.

He then described other features of the Quebec pageant, including the marching of French and English soldiers side by side. Referring to the latter, he quoted Lord Roberts as saying that he had been too busy with his own battles to be moved by them, but that this scene brought a lump to his throat.

That was the spectacular side. But beyond this, the pageant had a great educational value. The citizens worked for months on the history and the scenes in which their ancestors took part, and it aroused their patriotic and civic

enthusiasm and pride. It also had its social advantages. In England, Dukes and Duchesses and dairy maids worked side by side in making their costumes and in performing in the amphitheatre. It was a wonderfully democratic thing.

Mr. Lascelles said that he came before this Commission at the request of a great number of fellow citizens and patriotic societies, each of whom wanted to have a part in letting others see and know what had been done to make this great nation what it is. He thought that nothing could be wasted which taught that

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Foot-prints on the sands of time.

Mr. Stetson said, apropos of this subject, that he had recently appeared before the Finance Committee of the Senate, accompanied by 20 or 25 Mayors, presidents of villages, and other prominent citizens, in regard to an appropriation for the Commission. He had also conferred with Senator Hill who was at the head of the Lake Champlain Celebration. The Commission in charge of the latter have arranged for a celebration lasting a week from July 4th to July 11th. They will begin on Sunday with religious exercises at Burlington, in which Cardinal Gibbons is expected to participate. On Monday they will have at Crown Point a celebration and pageant in which 150 Indians will take part. On Tuesday they will proceed to Ticonderoga; on Wednesday to Plattsburg; on Thursday to Burlington; and on Friday and Saturday to other places. They will have floats on the lake. At the hearing before the Senate Committee on Finance, many questions arose. Senator Raines asked whether the basic structures used on Lake Champlain could not be used on the Hudson. Mr. Stetson replied that that depended on whether the floats could be taken through the canal. He said that Mr. Parry had shown this Commission the design of a float not less than 1,000 feet long, and if the Lake Champlain floats were of



similar dimensions, he doubted the capacity of the canal to transport them. The Finance Committee had also asked for the particulars of the appropriation sought by this Commission. The Champlain Commission had submitted its estimates in great detail. Mr. Stetson was confident that we would get an appropriation, but it depended on the reasonableness of what we ask. With respect to Mr. Lascelles' suggestion, he had been quite anxious to do something in that direction, if it were practicable. Adverting to the history of the Hudson, Mr. Stetson called attention to the essentially peaceful character of the settlement. Here there was no cruelty. Here there was nothing but the triumph of peace.

Mr. Lascelles said that he had been asked to interest the Commission in his method as distinct from the moving procession. Many patriotic societies desired to have a pageant in an enclosed place on the week beginning Monday, October 4th. It would not clash with the celebration of the preceding week; and the Commission was not asked to subsidize it; but the Commission was asked officially to endorse it.

The Secretary said that when Mr. Lascelles had suggested a pageant of that sort as a part of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration, he had told Mr. Lascelles that it was not the policy of this Commission to charge any fee to the exercises conducted under its auspices. Mr. Lascelles had then suggested holding the pageant the following week at Van Cortlandt Park or on private grounds where an admission fee could be charged to pay the expenses, and under those circumstances, he thought, the Commission would be relieved of responsibility and could not be charged with conducting something to which an admission fee was charged. Mr. Sackett said he had told Mr. Lascelles that he feared it was too late to take up this plan as a free public exhibition, and it would be impracticable to hold such a pageant without an enclosure, and Mr. Lascelles had replied that his idea was not to have it under our auspices, but after and supplemental to our celebration with our approval.

Mr. Stetson thought that if we did that, we might be charged with not keeping faith with the people. He said we

should not let the public get the idea that we were withholding something from it. He suggested that this pageant might be given on the plan of the Derby at Epsom—free admission to the grounds, but with a charge to enter the grand stand.

Mr. Lascelles said he did not ask for money; but that the pageant be made a part of the celebration. Personally, he would not associate himself with it unless it had official recognition. The profits, if any, were to go to some charity.

Mr. Stetson said he thought we should provide for a free public. There ought not to be two classes,—one free and one charged. He asked how the business part of the pageant would be managed.

Mr. Lascelles said that in England it was usual to get some business house to manage it. The Quebec pageant cost nearly \$200,000. There, the Commission, the official guests, the citizens of Quebec and school children were free; strangers were charged for admission.

The Secretary asked Mr. Lascelles' opinion about Mr. Parry's suggestion for a large aquatic float in the river off Riverside Drive, upon and around which historical scenes could be enacted.

Mr. Lascelles thought it a charming idea; but suggested that New York history was not confined to the Indian period.

Mr. Parry explained that his project was intended only as a climax, and supplementary to the Historical Parade already planned for the land.

The Assistant Secretary called attention to the present programme for the six secular days of the first week and expressed the opinion that the programme was already so full as to make the introduction of a series of daily performances in a fixed locality inexpedient. And if it were held in the second week, it might be regarded as an attraction counter to the ceremonies of that week above Newburgh and thus be interpreted as an act of bad faith toward the representatives of the Upper Hudson.

The Chairman said that after the first week the people of the city would be tired out. The pageant would have to take place the first week to be a success.

Mr. Stetson felt that the programme for the first week rather barren of day events. He thought that the pageant could begin on Monday and that there would be ample opportunity for several productions during the week; but he wanted the public admitted free.

Mr. Olcott thought that the Historical Parade already arranged for Tuesday, September 28th, would give opportunity for the participation of the historical and patriotic societies. He believed that more people could witness historical representations in a moving procession than in a local pageant. He thought Mr. Parry's suggestion very attractive, though difficult to carry out. But we must work out difficulties. Some night pageant on the water would be grand and imposing.

Mr. Parsons said he was most interested in the subject of pageantry. He could conceive of nothing more instructive. But many things had to be considered, such as where, when, and under what circumstances the pageant should be given. Quebec had its Plains of Abraham. We were many times the size of Quebec, but we had no Plains of Abraham. The proposition before the Committee was not a thing to be rushed through or passed by. It should be carefully considered. It was not in the power of this Committee to change the plan already adopted by the Commission. He suggested that the matter be referred to a Committee of five of whom the Chairman should be one, to be considered and reported upon.

In accordance with this suggestion, it was decided to refer the subject to a Committee consisting of Mr. Ridder, Chairman, Mr. Hall, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Sackett and Mr. Stetson.

The Chairman thereupon called a meeting of the Committee for Saturday, February 6th, at 11 o'clock A. M.

*Meaning of Invitation to Co-operate.*

The Assistant Secretary read the following report from the Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee:

A recent circular letter was sent out by the Commission inviting the co-operation of societies and others in the approaching Celebration. Several letters have been received in response, showing that its purport is not fully comprehended.

The Plan and Scope Committee therefore report that the point to which Acting President Ridder called attention at the last meeting cannot be too strongly emphasized and insisted upon.

The Commission does not undertake to pay any part of the expenses of such co-operation, or to guarantee the payment of any. The limited amount of money at its command is received from the State, and is accounted for to the State, item by item. Its expenditure is made only by the specific direction of the Commission, through its own officers. The power to expend it cannot be delegated to any other organization.

The invitation extended to societies is the same as that extended to individuals and to all patriotic citizens. They are welcomed to attend the Celebration, either as spectators or participants, and all such voluntary aid as they may choose to give, will be fully and heartily appreciated.

The revised programme already recommends that Friday, October 1st — Hudson River Day — should be not only the day of the Naval Parade, but also should be devoted by the people on shore, to fetes-champetres and out door festivities, which of course include athletic and aquatic sports.

These communications and others like them are therefore respectfully referred to the Upper and Lower Hudson Celebration Committees, respectively.

*Appointed by the Governor.*

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Governor, dated February 1st, announcing the appointment of the following named gentlemen as members of the Commission:

Mr. John B. Creighton, No. 44 Court street, Brooklyn;  
Mr. William A. Adriance of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr.  
Charles F. Cossum of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. Peter H.

Troy of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. Cornelius F. Burns of Troy, N. Y.; Mr. William Wortman of Hudson, N. Y.

The Secretary was directed to place their names on the roll of the Commission.

*Appointed by the Mayor.*

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Mayor of New York, dated February 1st, announcing the appointment of the following named gentlemen as members of the Commission:

Mr. Robert E. Ely, 23 West 44th street, New York; Capt. A. B. Fry, Custom House, New York; Mr. Edward H. Harriman, 874 Fifth avenue, New York; Mr. James J. Hill, Chase National Bank, New York; Hon. Patrick F. McGowan, City Hall, New York; Hon. Henry Smith, 132 Nassau street, New York; Hon. Leslie Sutherland, Yonkers, N. Y.

Also a letter from the Mayor's Secretary dated February 3d, announcing the appointment of Mr. Louis Boissevain, 30 Pine street, New York.

The Secretary was directed to place their names on the roll of the Commission.

*Committee Changes.*

The Chairman announced the following Committee changes:

Aquatic Sports Committee: Capt. A. B. Fry added.

Banquet Committee: Mr. John B. Creighton and Mr. Robert E. Ely added.

Children's Festivals Committee: Hon. Henry Smith added.

Lower Hudson Committee: Hon. Leslie Sutherland added.

Upper Hudson Committee: Col Arthur MacArthur appointed Chairman, Mr. William A. Adriance, Mr. Charles F. Cossun, Mr. Peter H. Troy, Mr. Cornelius F. Burns and Mr. William Wortman added.

Ways and Means Committee: Mr. Edward H. Harriman, Mr. James J. Hill and Hon. Patrick F. McGowan added.

*Riverside Landing Place Discussed.*

Dr. Kunz spoke of the necessity for a suitable landing place for the reception of naval guests, and called attention to the adjacent plans of the Naval Reserve for a Water Gate from 114th to 116th streets and of Columbia University for a Stadium from 116th to 120th streets. He thought that instead of putting money into a temporary landing, it might profitably be put into some permanent form in connection with these plans.

Mr. Olcott said he thought that the temporary dock and filling behind the crib might be made in conformity with these plans. He believed it was practicable to make the temporary approach part of the permanent scheme.

No action was taken.

*Aerial Race Offered as Part of Celebration.*

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Courtlandt F. Bishop, President of the Aero Club of America, dated February 2d, in part as follows:

“ I beg to say that through the generosity of the New York World, the Aero Club of America is enabled to offer a prize for an aerial race up the Hudson River in connection with the Hudson-Fulton Celebration. I have communicated this offer to the Honorable James M. Beck, Chairman of the sub-Committee on Aeronautics of the Hudson-Fulton Commission and have requested that this contest be made part of the official program.”

Referred to the Committee on Aeronautics.

*Minutes of Upper Hudson Committee.*

The Assistant Secretary, having received minutes of the meetings of the Upper Hudson Committee held on January 30th and February 2, was instructed to have them printed consecutively with the minutes of the Executive Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,  
Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of  
The Upper-Hudson Committee

January 30, 1909

The first meeting of the Upper-Hudson Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at the city of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on Saturday, January 30, 1909, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. William Wortman, and a temporary organization was formed by electing Col. Arthur MacArthur, of Troy, N. Y., as Chairman and Mr. William Wortman, of Hudson, N. Y., as Secretary.

*Roll Call.*

Upon a call of the roll the following members of the Committee responded:

Mr. Charles H. Armatage, Albany; Mr. Henry K. Bush-Brown, Newburgh; Mr. Frederick J. Collier, Hudson; Hon. Walter P. Crane, Kingston; Hon. James H. Doyle, Fishkill; Hon. Charles A. Elliott, Catskill; Mr. Abner S. Haight, New York City; Mr. Benjamin F. Hamilton, New York City; Hon. M. D. Hanson, Cohoes; Hon. Henry Hudson, Hudson; Hon. John L. Hughes, Wappingers Falls; Hon. Irving J. Justus, Fishkill Landing; Hon. Arthur MacArthur, Troy; Hon. Benjamin McClung, Newburgh; Mr. Wm. J. McKay, Newburgh; Hon. A. Rowe, Saugerties; Hon. John K. Sague, Poughkeepsie; Hon. Henry F. Snyder, Albany.

*Statement by Col. MacArthur.*

Col. MacArthur stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of electing officers and appointing sub-Committees of the Upper-Hudson Committee and transacting such other business as might properly come before the meeting. He said that considerable active work had already been done by representatives of the various cities and incorporated villages along the Hudson River at and north of

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Newburgh, prior to the creation of this Committee, and that their efforts had been recognized by the Commission, and therefore, on January 7th, this Upper-Hudson Committee had been established by the Commission.

### *Minutes Read.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the representatives of the cities and villages at and northerly of the city of Newburgh, on the Hudson river, were read, at the request of Mr. Abner S. Haight.

### *Organization of Committee.*

Col. Arthur MacArthur, of Troy, and Hon. Henry F. Snyder, of Albany, were nominated for recommendation to the President of the Commission, as Chairman of this Upper-Hudson Committee. The name of Hon. A. T. Clearwater was also mentioned, but it being stated that he had positively refused to have his name presented in connection with the office, no vote was taken thereon. Upon the call of the roll Col. MacArthur received the majority of votes, and on motion of Mayor Snyder the recommendation of Col. MacArthur was made unanimous.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the meeting proceed to the election of five Vice-Chairmen, a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. The motion was adopted, and the following officers were accordingly elected.

First Vice-Chairman: Hon. Benjamin McClung, of Newburgh.

Second Vice-Chairman: Hon. Henry F. Snyder, of Albany.

Third Vice-Chairman: Hon. John K. Sague, of Poughkeepsie.

Fourth Vice-Chairman: Hon. Henry Hudson, of Hudson.

Fifth Vice-Chairman: Hon. Walter P. Crane, of Kingston.

Secretary: Mr. Benjamin F. Hamilton, of New York City.

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. William Wortman, of Hudson.



On motion of Mr. Hamilton an Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of the mayors of cities and presidents of incorporated villages who are members of the Upper-Hudson Committee, together with the Chairman of such Committee.

*Extension of Naval Parade to Cohoes Approved.*

Mayor Hanson, of Cohoes, said he understood that it is contemplated that the flotilla shall not go beyond the city of Troy, and he suggested that it proceed to the city of Cohoes.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the matter was referred to the Naval Committee when appointed.

Mr. Scanlon, of Cohoes, said that the purpose in bringing the matter up was in order to get an expression of opinion.

Mr. F. J. Collier, of Hudson, moved that it be the sense of the Upper-Hudson Committee that the flotilla be taken to the city of Cohoes, which motion was adopted.

*Local Committees.*

Mayor McClung, of Newburgh, said that heretofore, in informal discussions, it had been suggested that the Committee in each municipality be limited to fifteen, and he thought the present assemblage should come to some determination as to the various communities selecting their committees and reporting.

Mayor Hanson, of Cohoes, said he did not think the number of each local Committee should be limited to fifteen.

Mr. F. J. Collier, of Hudson, said he believed that this was a proper subject for the Executive Committee to consider as soon as possible.

Mayor Hanson, of Cohoes, suggested that the number of members of each local committee be limited to fifteen or twenty.

Mayor Snyder, of Albany, said he believed that the number to be appointed on local committees should be left to the discretion of the respective localities.

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### *Subscription Funds.*

Mr. Charles A. Elliott, of Catskill, stated that at a meeting held some time ago there had been assessments made on the municipalities represented at that meeting, aggregating five hundred dollars, in order to defray preliminary expenses, and he inquired whether all of such municipalities had paid their proportionate share.

The Chairman said that the action referred to had been taken by another body, but he believed all the municipalities had contributed.

Mayor Hudson, of Hudson, said that it had been suggested that a meeting of the former Committee spoken of by Mr. Elliott be held immediately after adjournment of the present meeting, at which the matter would be considered.

### *Legislation Committee Appointed.*

On motion the Chairman was authorized to appoint a Legislative Committee, for the purpose of appearing before the Legislature, and taking such other action as the Committee deems best in respect to Legislation. The Chairman appointed as such Committee the following: Hon. J. Rider Cady, Hudson; Mr. Henry Kohl, Newburgh; Mr. George V. L. Spratt, Poughkeepsie; Mr. William Church Osborn, New York City; Mr. Arthur L. Andrews, Albany; Mr. B. L. Peck, New York City; Hon. Samuel K. Phillips, Matteawan; Mr. F. J. Collier, Hudson; Mr. F. W. Wilson, Newburgh; Hon. M. D. Hanson, Cohoes; Mr. John Scanlon, Cohoes, and Hon. A. T. Clearwater, Kingston.

### *Unincorporated Villages.*

Mr. Haight, of New York, inquired whether anything had been done toward bringing into the movement unincorporated villages, and the Chairman stated that the matter would be considered by the Executive Committee.

### *Naval Committee Appointed.*

On motion the Chairman appointed the following as members of the Naval Committee: Mr. W. J. McKay, New-

burgh; Hon. Henry Hudson, Hudson; Hon. Benjamin McClung, Newburgh; Mr. Benjamin F. Hamilton, New York, and Hon. Henry F. Snyder, Albany.

Mr. McKay moved that the Chairman of the Committee be authorized to add such additional members to the Naval Committee as might be required. The motion was adopted.

*Committee on Permanent Memorials Appointed.*

The Chairman appointed the following Committee on Permanent Memorials, on motion of Mr. Hamilton: Mr. F. J. Collier, Hudson; Mr. Abner S. Haight, New York; Mr. W. J. McKay, Newburgh; Hon. M. D. Hanson, Cohoes, and Hon. W. J. Rockefeller, Rensselaer.

*Communication Received.*

The Assistant Secretary read a communication from Hon. A. T. Clearwater, and on motion of Mr. Henry K. Bush-Brown, of Newburgh, the communication was accepted and placed on file.

*Legislative Appropriation.*

Mr. McKay, of Newburgh, said that the matter of an appropriation was an important one, and he suggested that the representatives from the various communities communicate with their respective legislators and urge them to use their influence in support of the bill providing for the appropriation, and to take a personal interest in the matter.

The Assistant Secretary said that he had received a communication from the clerk of the Finance Committee of the Senate, stating that a hearing would be given on the Hudson-Fulton bill, by that Committee, on February 2, 1909, 2 P. M. The Assistant Secretary urged all present at this meeting to attend before the Finance Committee at the time mentioned.

*Date of Next Meeting.*

It was moved that when this Committee adjourned it be to meet at the Capitol, in Albany, on Tuesday, February 2d, at 2 P. M., before the Finance Committee of the Senate. Carried.

*Upper-Hudson Programme.*

Mr. Henry K. Bush-Brown asked if any arrangement had been made as to the up-river programme, and the Chairman said he understood that the Commission had taken steps in that direction.

*Recommended for Appointment.*

It was decided to recommend the following for appointment as members of the Commission:

Poughkeepsie: Mr. Peter H. Troy, Mr. W. A. Adriance, Mr. Charles F. Cossum, Mr. George V. L. Spratt and Mr. Robert J. Harding.

Dutchess County: Hon. Hamilton Fish.

Newburgh: Hon. Benjamin B. Odell, Mr. F. W. Wilson, Mr. Frank N. Bain and Mr. Henry Kohl.

Matteawan: Hon. Samuel K. Phillips.

Catskill: Hon. Charles A. Elliott.

Cohoes: Mr. John Scanlon and Mr. William P. Adams.

Albany: Mr. David M. Kinnear, Mr. Arthur L. Andrews and Mr. Walter L. Hutchins.

*Thanks to Mayor Sague.*

On motion of Mayor Snyder, of Albany, a vote of thanks was extended to Mayor Sague, of Poughkeepsie, for his hospitality to those in attendance at this meeting.

*Printing of Proceedings.*

Mr. Abner S. Haight, of New York, moved that the proceedings of this meeting be prepared by the Assistant Secretary and forwarded to the State Printer and a sufficient number of copies thereof printed. Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

BENJAMIN F. HAMILTON,

Secretary of Committee.

WILLIAM WORTMAN,

Assistant Secretary of Committee.

Minutes of  
Upper-Hudson Committee

February 2, 1909

The Upper-Hudson Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission met at the Capitol, in the city of Albany, N. Y., on the second day of February, 1909, at 2 P. M.

*Hearing before Senate Finance Committee.*

At the time mentioned a hearing was given by the Finance Committee of the Senate on Senate Bill No. 184, being an act providing for an appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission. Hon. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Arthur L. Andrews, Hon. Benjamin McClung, Hon. Arthur MacArthur, and Hon. M. D. Hanson spoke in favor of the bill.

*Roll Call.*

After the above hearing the Upper-Hudson Committee assembled at the Fort Orange Club, and the following were present :

Hon. Walter P. Crane, Kingston; Hon. Charles A. Elliott, Catskill; Hon. M. D. Hanson, Cohoes; Hon. Henry Hudson and Mr. William Wortman, Hudson; Hon. Arthur MacArthur and Mr. Cornelius F. Burns, Troy; Hon. Benjamin McClung, Newburgh; Hon. Henry F. Snyder and Mr. Donald McDonald, Albany; Hon. A. Rowe, Saugerties.

*Appointments by the Governor.*

The Chairman announced that several additions had been made to the Commission, by appointment of the Governor, as follows: Mr. Peter F. Troy, Mr. William A. Adriance and Mr. Charles F. Cossum, of Poughkeepsie; Mr. John B. Creighton, of Brooklyn; Mr. Cornelius F. Burns, of Troy, and Mr. William Wortman, of Hudson.

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*Next Meeting at Newburgh.*

Mayor McClung moved that when the Committee adjourns it be to meet at Newburgh, subject to the call of the Chairman. The motion was adopted.

*Bill to Permit City and Village Appropriations.*

The question of amending the bill now before the Legislature so as to permit cities and villages along the Upper Hudson to make appropriations from their respective treasuries, for the purposes of the celebration locally, was discussed by Messrs. Andrews, McClung, Snyder, Elliott, Crane and Burns.

It was voted that the matter be referred to the Legislative Committee with power to incorporate such a provision in a new bill, if the Committee should deem such procedure advisable.

*Thanks to Mayor Snyder.*

A vote of thanks was extended to Mayor Snyder and the Albany members of the Committee for their hospitality to the members of the Committee in attendance at this meeting.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

BENJAMIN F. HAMILTON,  
Secretary of Committee.

WILLIAM WORTMAN,  
Assistant Secretary of Committee.







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A Brief History of Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton with  
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The following pages have been prepared, as stated on the title page, primarily with a view to aiding the holding of General Commemorative Exercises and Children's Festivals. They are here printed in uniform style with the minutes of the Commission for the files of the members. They will be reprinted as a separate pamphlet, however, for the general use of the Commission and for public distribution, and extra copies in that form may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of the Commission.

HENRY W. SACKETT,  
*Secretary.*

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LAST VOYAGE OF HENRY HUDSON

From painting by Hon. John Collier in the National Gallery of British Art (or Tate Gallery) London, Eng., representing Hudson and companion, abandoned by his mutinous crew in Hudson Bay, June 22, 1611.

## INTRODUCTION

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From September 25 to October 9, 1909, the State of New York, under the auspices of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, will commemorate with appropriate exercises the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson in 1609, and the 100th anniversary of the successful inauguration of steam navigation upon the same river by Robert Fulton in 1807.

While, on account of the nature of the events commemorated and the necessity for a certain amount of concentration in order to make the commemoration effective, a large part of the celebration will take place along the Hudson Valley, yet the people of the whole State cannot fail to take a lively interest in it. The discovery of the Hudson river and the successful application of steam to navigation were local events only in a narrow sense of the term. In effect they were of state-wide, national, and even international significance. One brought to the knowledge of Europe and opened up to civilization the great river to which, more than any other single natural factor, is due the greatness of New York as the Empire State and New York City as the Metropolis of the New World. The other has given to all the navigable waters of the earth a value which they did not previously possess, has reduced the ocean's waste, in point of time, to one-sixth its former dreary breadth, and has promoted the neighborliness of nations to a degree which cannot readily be estimated. These events have contributed greatly to the advancement of civilization, and it is a just cause for State pride that they occurred within our borders.

Not the least of the beneficent effects of the order of nature which causes time to move in cycles, is the powerful influence of the association of ideas which accompanies anniversaries. If the universe were stationery, and we had no alternation of light and darkness and seed time and harvest, we should lose not only the physical benefits which

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come from those alternations, but we should also lose the means by which to measure time; we should have no anniversaries; and we should lack a strong help to human advancement. Civilization progresses partly by memory of, comparison with and improvement upon, past events. And anniversaries, eloquent with memories, come to us like ministering spirits of the past to remind, to teach, to admonish and to inspire the present. Thus they recompense us somewhat for the slipping by of the years.

So come these two cardinal anniversaries in the history of our great State; and it is proper that our people should pause in their customary occupations and take time for the contemplation of the thoughts which the anniversaries stimulate. This is particularly true of the Universities, Colleges, Public Schools, and Learned Societies throughout the State. In the programme as prepared by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, one day, Wednesday, September 29, called General Commemoration Day, has been designed especially for appropriate indoor observances in such institutions. The Chairman of the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises is President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. In a similar way, Saturday, October 2, called Carnival Day, has been designated as the appropriate day for Children's Festivals out-of-doors. The chairman of the Children's Festival Committee is Hon. Samuel Parsons, Landscape Architect of the Parks of New York city, 1133 Broadway, New York.

The authorities, students and members of all educational institutions and learned societies, as well as the children of the State of New York, are earnestly invoked to make due observance of the Hudson-Fulton anniversaries, either upon the days named or upon such other day or days during the two weeks' celebration as may be most convenient.

With a view to helping such observances, the following pages have been prepared.

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## PART I.

## THE DISCOVERY OF THE HUDSON RIVER.

*Geographical Knowledge in Hudson's Day.*


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Between September 2 and October 4, 1609, Henry Hudson, an English navigator sailing under Dutch auspices, explored the river which bears his name in what is now called the State of New York.

To realize the importance of that voyage, it is necessary to recall the incomplete state of geographical knowledge of America 300 years ago, and the extremely slight hold which European civilization had upon this continent at that time.

At the beginning of the seventeenth century, European acquaintance with North and South America, with exceptions to be noted hereafter, was confined almost exclusively to the sea shore. Between the advent of the Norsemen upon the New England coast in the year 1000 or earlier, and Sir Francis Drake's voyage to the Pacific in 1579, navigators of various nationalities had in a general way followed the continental borders from Baffinland down along Labrador, Nova Scotia, the Eastern United States, the countries bordering the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean sea and the eastern coast of South America, passed through the Straits of Magellan, and gone up the western side of South America and North America as far as Oregon. But while that was true, European knowledge of the Americas was extremely rudimentary for several reasons:

First, in most of these voyages the coast was touched only at intervals and known only in its most prominent features. Details had been examined very little.

In the next place, precise observations of latitude and longitude and precise surveys, which are the basis of accurate map-making, were impossible at that time on account of the crude instruments used in navigation and the correspondingly undeveloped state of marine science.

In the third place, it was an age when, on account of national rivalries, explorers did not freely disclose their dis-

coveries to the world at large, so that there was difficulty in collating, comparing and correcting the observations of different navigators.

For these reasons, the maps of the coasts of the New World prior to Hudson's time were incomplete, incorrect, and absurdly distorted.

Within these curiously disproportioned continental outlines, the country was almost unknown. The Saint Lawrence river had been penetrated as far as Montreal and Quebec settled in 1608. At Port Royal, Nova Scotia, the French had planned a settlement but it was abandoned in 1607. One or two of the larger rivers of Maine had been entered for a short distance and an English settlement had been made at Pemaquid but it was abandoned in 1608. The Hudson river had been entered but there was no general knowledge concerning it. The James river, in Virginia, had been explored as far as the falls at Richmond, and the first permanent English-speaking settlement in America had been made at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607. In 1608 Captain John Smith explored the Chesapeake Bay, but the really remarkable map which was drawn from his explorations was not published until 1612. From Virginia southward another dreary stretch of uncivilized coast reached to Florida. There the St. John's river had been entered and a colony attempted by the French, but the colony had been wiped out by the Spaniards, who founded St. Augustine in 1564. Ponce de Leon who landed in Florida and De Soto who discovered the Lower Mississippi, contributed little to accurate geographical knowledge. Information about the interior of the Americas was confined almost entirely to Mexico and Peru, from which the Spaniards had extracted, under a system of slavery worse than Egyptian, the gold and silver which had made them in the 16th century the most powerful civilized nation in the world. From Mexico as a base, the Spaniards had explored the southwestern United States as far north as Kansas and had made some interesting discoveries, such as those of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river, the Pueblos of the southwestern Indians,



etc., but they had planted within the present limits of the United States only one settlement, other than St. Augustine before mentioned, namely, Santa Fe, N. M.

That, in brief, was what the Old World knew geographically about the New. It will thus be seen how little was known in Hudson's day about North America north of Mexico; and with only four permanent settlements north of the Rio Grande, namely at Quebec, Jamestown, St. Augustine and Santa Fe,\* there were few bases on the continent from which further explorations could be made. Dependence, therefore, was still placed on European navigators for additional information. Under such conditions, it is apparent that the thorough exploration of a great river like the Hudson, and the revelation of its commercial possibilities to what was then the most enterprising commercial people of Europe, was a very valuable addition to the Old World's knowledge of the New.

In order that there may be no misconception as to the nature of the honor accorded to Hudson, it should be said in passing that it is not claimed that he was the first to learn of the existence of the river which bears his name. The word "discover" does not necessarily mean to see a thing first. Its primary meaning is to uncover or to lay open to view; hence, to show, to exhibit, or to make known. Columbus was not the first person to discover America, for the Norsemen had discovered this continent five hundred years before Columbus' famous voyage; and yet we justly call Columbus the discoverer because he made his knowledge useful to mankind.

So it was with Hudson. The sharp re-entrant angle in the Atlantic coast which marks the outlet of the Hudson river had not escaped the notice of earlier navigators, and the bend in the shore line and the river itself were clearly delineated on maps made before Hudson's day. We even know the names of some of his predecessors in New York harbor. The earliest European visitor to these waters of whom we have indisputable proof was Verazzano, who came

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\* At Quebec there were only eight survivors in 1609. At Jamestown there were about 200.

in 1524. He referred to the upper harbor as a beautiful lake and to the river as "una grandissima riviera"—a very large river. He was followed in 1525 by Gomez, who named the river after St. Anthony. Thus, without taking into consideration the less easily demonstrated but not improbable claims that French, Spanish and even Dutch traders had restored to the river between 1525 and 1609, it is apparent that so far as the undisputed records are concerned, Verazzano had found the stream and Gomez had named it eighty-five and eighty-four years respectively before Hudson sailed from Amsterdam.

But notwithstanding all this, it remains that Hudson was first to give to the world an authentic record of careful exploration of the river to the head of navigation and in the true sense of the word to "discover" to mankind the extent and resources of this great stream. The association of his name with the river is perhaps one of the strongest evidences of the common consent with which he was recognized in the 17th century as the navigator to whom the nations were chiefly indebted for their knowledge of the stream. We are well justified, therefore, in calling Hudson the discoverer of the river and in according him honor as such.

#### *Status of the World Powers in 1609*

In order to understand the conditions under which Hudson made his voyage in 1609, it is necessary to glance at the status of the world powers which at that time was very different from their status to-day.

The three leading factors in the political and commercial world in 1609, so far as the discovery of the Hudson was concerned, were Spain, England, and the Netherlands. Portugal had made important discoveries in the past and had a valuable commerce, but in 1609 she was an appendage of Spain and can be disregarded. France had for years been engaged in complicated political intrigues, trying to play off Spain, England and The Netherlands against each other for her own advantage, and, with an exception to be noted hereafter, she also can be disregarded in this connection.

Spain had but lately passed the zenith of her greatness. For a long time prior to 1588 she had been the greatest political, military and naval power on the face of the earth, her possessions in the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia constituting the first empire upon which it could truly be said the sun never set. It is almost impossible to-day to realize the tremendous strength of Spain in the 16th century and even well into the 17th.

For forty years, prior to 1609, every resource which Spain's wealth and influence could command had been employed in an effort to crush and subjugate the Netherlanders, but without success, and in 1609 a twelve years' truce had been agreed upon. Thus, while there was nominally peace between the two countries, there was an intense hatred on the part of the Netherlanders for their hereditary enemies, which was one of the stimulating causes for Hudson's voyage, as we shall see later.

Spain had also recently been at war with England, so that the English and Dutch peoples had much to draw them together in common sympathy against the Spaniards. In 1588, Spain had started out with her so-called Invincible Armada to invade England, but the English, (aided by the Dutch who detained Spanish forces in The Netherlands) destroyed the Spanish fleet and thus effectually broke the Spanish sea-power. English merchants, and the English government to a smaller extent, had reciprocated the help of the Netherlanders by sending them money to aid them in their war with Spain, so that although, in 1609, Spain and England were apparently on friendly terms, there was no love lost between them.

England, Hudson's native country, had just passed through one of the most glorious periods of her history. During Queen Elizabeth's reign, the English sea-kings had won those great naval victories which laid the foundation of England's maritime greatness; manufacture and commerce had been stimulated; exploration had been encouraged; genius had been inspired; and Shakespeare and Spenser had shone in the literary world. The spirit of dis-

covery and commercial enterprise aroused in Elizabeth's reign did not abate in 1603 when James I ascended the throne, and had an important influence on Hudson's career. In 1566, Parliament had incorporated "The Fellowship of English Merchants for the Discovery of New Trades," called for the sake of brevity the Muscovy Company, or Russia Company. Their trade was primarily with Russia. Christopher Hudson — possibly a relative of Henry Hudson — was one of the promoters of the Company. The formation of the Muscovy Company was followed by the organization of other similar corporations — the Turkey Company in 1581, the Morocco Company in 1585, the Guinea Company in 1588, and others. But the great commercial prize for which the nations were contending was the rich trade with the East Indies, and in 1600, the English East India Company was formed for oriental commerce.

In every direction in which the English carried their sea traffic they encountered the keenest competition from the Dutch, for however friendly the two peoples were politically, they were jealous rivals commercially. So greatly did the Dutch encroach upon the English trade with Russia in particular, that just prior to Hudson's voyage in 1609, we find the English Muscovy Company and the English East India Company co-operating in an effort to find a passage to the treasures of the orient either around the north of Europe and Asia or around or through North America. It is here that we have the keynote to all four of Hudson's voyages.

Hudson's first recorded voyage was contemporaneous with two other important English events affecting American history. One was the planting of the first permanent English-speaking colony in the New World as Jamestown in 1607; the other was the flight of the Puritans from England to Holland. Both were related to the history of the Hudson river, for Captain John Smith sent from Virginia to Henry Hudson certain information which led Hudson to explore the Hudson river; and the other led eventually to the emigration from Holland of the Pilgrims, who

started for the Hudson river but actually landed at Plymouth. (See footnote on page 831.)

Turning now to the people under whose auspices the Hudson river was explored and New York was first settled: The Netherlands had been at war with Spain for forty years, and in 1609 had paused to catch breath in preparation for forty years more of struggle. The resistance of The Netherlands to the domination of Spain constitutes one of the most extraordinary and thrilling chapters in human history. The Dutch were lovers of law and liberty, and their war for independence was wonderfully like our own. Philip II had deprived them of the popular suffrage which they had enjoyed by ancient charters; he forced foreign governors upon them; he quartered Spanish soldiers among them; he slew thousands of them on account of their religion. Then there rose up among them a great man, like our Washington of later times, William the Silent, who sold all his valuables and consecrated himself to the cause of the people. Under his heroic leadership the little Netherlands revolted against powerful Spain in 1568 just as the American colonies revolted against England in 1775; in 1581 they adopted a Declaration of Independence which was a model for our Declaration of Independence in 1776; and they fought against tremendous odds until they established a Republic, just as the Americans did many years afterwards. The heroism of the Dutch people, whether fighting in boats on the sea, or on skates on the ice, or behind their walls on land, has never been surpassed. In the sieges of Harlem and Leiden and other cities, men and women stood shoulder to shoulder for Dutch liberties. In these terrible sieges, they had to contend not only with Spaniards but also with pestilence and starvation. After consuming their ordinary food they lived on dogs, cats and mice rather than surrender. Then they boiled old saddles, and the hides of oxen and horses. Then they devoured their boots and shoes; and then they ate the grass that grew between the stones of their streets. At Leiden, the Dutch cut the dikes and let in the ocean and the Span-

iards fled lest they be swallowed up like Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea.

In 1609, at the beginning of the twelve years' truce, the Dutch Republic was as populous as England and more wealthy. It was the manufacturing and commercial center of Europe; and Amsterdam, from which Hudson sailed, was the leading port of the world.

The people of The Netherlands were not only industrious, but with their universities and schools they were learned and cultured. They loved education. When, after the siege of Leiden, William of Orange offered the people of the city, as a reward for their heroism, the choice between the gift of a university and a remission of taxes, they chose the university, and thus came into existence the University of Leiden, which has given so many great men to the world. The Dutch people were, and still are, artistic and inventive. Their art galleries rival any in Europe. They dispute with Germany the honor of first printing from movable type. They gave the telescope, the microscope, the pendulum clock and many other great inventions to the world. They have aptly been called the "Yankees of Europe." Above all, they believed in liberty of conscience and religious toleration, and gave refuge to the oppressed of all Europe. Such was the character of the people who founded New Netherland, a part of which is now New York State, and although the Old Dutch government and the Old Dutch name have passed away, the influence of the Dutch character and institutions has been indelible.

As before stated, the Dutch were powerful competitors with England in water-borne commerce, and they had a stimulus to this which the English had not. The prolonged war with Spain had cost the Netherlanders a prodigious expenditure of treasure as well as of blood, and they realized that they could not maintain a successful struggle against their powerful antagonist unless they could replenish their purses. In the East Indies they saw a prize the winning of which would accomplish a two-fold result, namely, it would

increase their power to continue the fight with Spain indefinitely, while at the same time it would proportionately decrease the resources of the Spaniards. This led to the formation, in 1602, of the powerful Dutch East India Company, one of the most extraordinary corporate monopolies in the history of that period; and this, in turn, led to the founding of the Dutch empire in the East. It was under the auspices of this Company, formed primarily for the East India trade, that Hudson started on his voyage in 1609 under the circumstances to be narrated hereafter.

*Henry Hudson the Navigator*

It was in the midst of this commercial competition between England and The Netherlands, and while both peoples were dreaming of a northeast or northwest passage to the Indies, that Henry Hudson enters upon the stage of authentic history.

All that we know of Hudson is comprised within and between the years 1607 and 1611. He was a citizen of London and was probably born in that city or immediate vicinity, but we do not know the exact place and date of his birth, nor do we know the exact place and date of his death. He first appears, on April 19, 1607, with eleven sea-faring companions, in the little church of Saint Ethelburga, in London, partaking of Holy Communion prior to embarkation on his first recorded voyage. He disappears from view in the mists of the great Hudson Bay on June 22, 1611, set adrift with a few comrades by a mutinous crew to face the terrors of an unknown fate. We do not even know how he looked, for there is no authentic portrait of him, but fortunately we know his character by his works.

It is not to be imagined, however, that Hudson became the skillful and daring navigator that he was without hard schooling at sea, and we can give a fairly safe conjecture as to how he received his nautical training. Men of the name of Hudson were prominent and influential at that time and intimately identified with the Muscovy Company and the study of navigation. A Christopher Hudson of

London, who was living at least as late as 1601 and was therefore contemporary with Henry Hudson, was a founder of the Muscovy Company under whose auspices Henry Hudson made his first voyage. In 1580 and 1581, there was in the employ of the Muscovy Company a Capt. Thomas Hudson who was a bold and skillful seaman. About the years 1581 and 1583 there was in London a Thomas Hudson — probably another Thomas — holding frequent conferences on marine affairs with such famous navigators as Sir Humphrey Gilbert, Sir Walter Raleigh, and Capt. John Davis, and with Richard Hakluyt, the great chronicler. Just what relation these and various other Hudsons of the time bore to our Henry Hudson we do not know, but we have here enough to show that the men of the name of Hudson were intimately connected with navigation, and to suggest that probably Henry Hudson had had extensive training in the service of the English Muscovy Company before it entrusted one of its valuable ships to his command. The nearest ancestor who can be claimed for Henry Hudson with any strong probability of accuracy is an alderman of London named Henry Hudson who is thought to have been the navigator's grandfather.

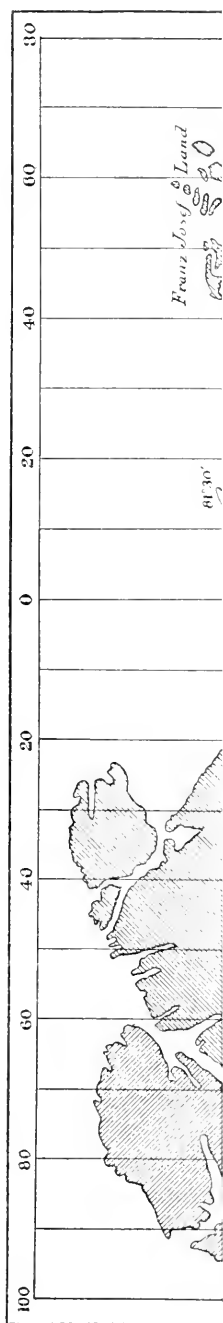
That Henry Hudson had a wife and children we learn from his contract with the Dutch East India Company in 1609, and that once of his children was a young son appears probable from the fact that he had with him on his first, second, and fourth voyages a boy named John Hudson.

It is evident that Hudson belonged to a prominent family, stood high in the esteem of the Muscovy Company and had some standing at Court, for on his last voyage he promised to have one Henry Green made a member of the Prince of Wales Guard, and, in 1612, vessels were sent out in search of him by the Prince of Wales' orders.

Hudson made four voyages of which we have records. The first, second and fourth were under English auspices, and the third under Dutch. (See accompanying map.)

The first was made from April 23 to September 15, 1607, in the employment of the English Muscovy Company in an







effort to reach China by passing between Greenland and Spitzbergen and across the polar region. His ship was named the "Hopewell." He reached a height of  $81^{\circ} 30'$ , a point nearer the pole than any other navigator up to that time, but baffled by the arctic ice, he returned to the Thames about four and a half months after he started.

In 1608, from April 22 to August 26, he made another voyage under the same auspices, probably in the same ship, and with the same object. At first he tried to pass between Spitzbergen and Nova Zembla and reached a height of  $75^{\circ} 30'$ , but was defeated by the ice. Then he returned southward and tried to find a way through the Nova Zembla group but failed. Thereupon he returned to England. On this trip, on June 15, Hudson recorded that two of his crew saw a real mermaid, half woman and half fish.

In 1609, Hudson entered the service of the Dutch East India Company and made his third historic voyage on the Half Moon.

On April 17, 1610, Hudson started on his last voyage, having been fitted out by a new English company formed under the auspices of the Muscovy Company, the English East India Company, and a number of patrons among the nobility. His ship was named the Discoverer. His object was to search for a northwest route to the Pacific Ocean through what is now called Hudson's Strait. In the following August he entered Hudson's Bay, spent the remainder of the season exploring it, and wintered there. During the winter Hudson's crew became violently disaffected with their master. They found fault with their limited allowance of provisions; they found fault with the strong discipline which he tried to enforce, and they found fault with his plans to continue his search for a westward passage when spring came. At length, on June 22, 1611, when in the eastern part of Hudson Bay, south of Cape Wolstenholme, the crew broke out in open mutiny. By force they put Henry Hudson, John Hudson, and seven others, mostly sick and disabled, into the shallop. In the boat were also a gun, some powder and shot, an iron pot, some meal, a chest of





carpenter tools and a few other things. The mutineers then cut the shallop adrift and sailed away as fast as they could, leaving Hudson and his comrades in the terrible plight so powerfully depicted in Collier's famous painting entitled "Hudson's Last Voyage." Whither the great navigator and his companions went and what became of them — whether they died of starvation, or were crushed in the ice, or were drowned, or frozen to death, or reached land and perished from the fury of the natives — no one knows. The mutineers — such as escaped starvation and the attacks of the Esquimaux — reached Ireland September 6, 1611. Returning to England they were at first imprisoned; but later they appear to have been released without further punishment.

All four of Hudson's recorded voyages were failures so far as their original object was concerned, for he discovered neither a northeast nor a northwest passage to the East Indies, but their secondary results were very important. His discoveries of the arctic whale fisheries in his first two voyages led to the establishment of very valuable sea industries both among the English and the Dutch. The third voyage led to the settlement of New Netherland. And the fourth led to the very profitable traffic with the natives of Hudson's Bay which is still maintained by the great Hudson Bay Company.

#### *Hudson Enters the Employ of the Dutch*

Prior to entering the service of the Dutch in 1609, Hudson had had relations with that group of geographical investigators (including the Rev. Peter Plantius, one of the most eminent students of geography in Europe; and Jodocus Hondius, a scientific map-maker and friend of Hudson's), whose researches made Amsterdam the center of geographical science at that time. This is evident from the endorsement found upon a translation of a sailing treatise written by Iver Boty (or Bardsen), showing how to reach Greenland. This treatise was "translated out of the Norsh Language into High Dutch in the yeere 1560. And after out

of High Dutch into Low Dutch by William Barentson of Amsterdam who was chief Pilot aforesaid. The same Copie, in High Dutch is in the hands of Jodocus Hondius, which I have seene. And this was translated out of Low Dutch by Master William Stere, Marchent, in the yeere 1608 *for the use of me Henric Hudson*. William Barentson's Booke is in the hands of Master Peter Plantius who lent the same to me."

This shows that Hudson, a great student of navigation and exploration, had had some connection with the Dutch investigators as early as 1608, and it was natural, after his return from his second voyage, when he was famous for his daring seamanship, that the Dutch should invite him to Holland in the interest of the Dutch East India Company. As the English Muscovy Company, which was probably absorbed in its newly discovered arctic fisheries, put no impediment in the way, Hudson accepted the call and went to Amsterdam.

The Dutch East India Company, which plays such an important part in the story of the exploration of the Hudson river, was composed of six different branches in different parts of the country, each managed by its own board of directors. They were called the Chambers of Amsterdam, Zeeland, Delft, Rotterdam, Hoorn and Enkhuizen. From these chambers was chosen a general Council of Seventeen who were the central governing body.

In the conferences which ensued between Hudson and the Directors of the Company, differences of opinion were developed among the Directors. The Amsterdam Chamber strongly favored engaging Hudson to search for a north-east passage. The Zeeland Chamber strongly objected. It was at length decided to pay Hudson his traveling expenses and send him back home, with a half promise to hire him in 1610.

While all this was occurring, the French minister to The Hague, Pierre Jeannin, at the suggestion of Isaac Lemaire, was secretly urging his royal master Henry IV to avail himself of the opportunity to engage the great English

navigator and secure for France the glory of his possible achievements. Learning of this, the Amsterdam merchants perceived the necessity of securing Hudson at once if they wished to prevent his falling into French hands. But they were in a quandary. It would be several months before the next meeting of the representatives of the six chambers of the East India Company, and if they waited, they were afraid they would lose their chance. The Amsterdam Chamber therefore resolved to engage him on their own responsibility.

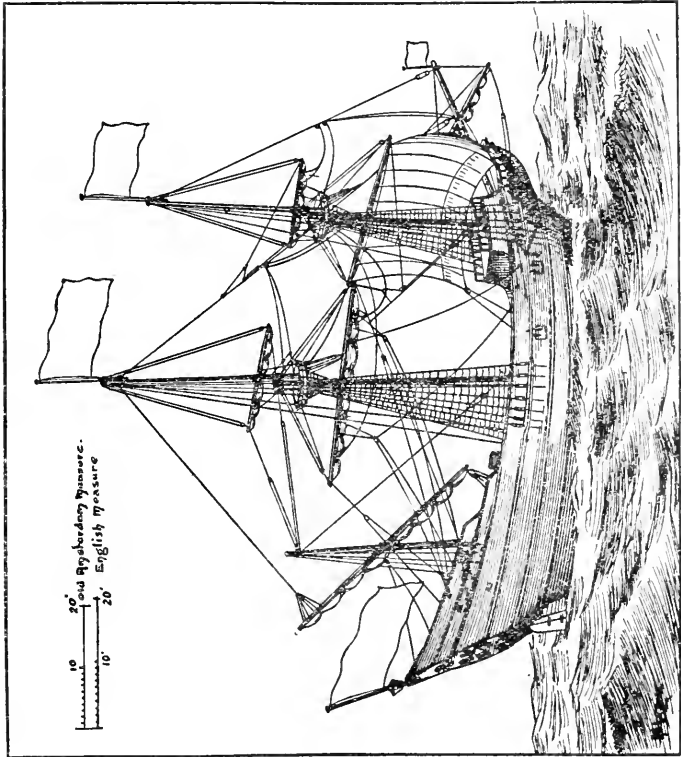
On the 8th of January, 1609, "the Directors of the Dutch East India Company of the Chamber of Amsterdam," on the one part, and "Mr. Henry Hudson, Englishman, assisted by Jodocus Hondius, on the other part," entered into a formal contract. The Directors agreed to man and equip a small ship or yacht with which Hudson should seek a passage around the northerly side of Nova Zembla, and then proceed eastward until he could sail southward to the latitude of 60 degrees. He was to become acquainted as well as possible with the lands he saw and then return and give a faithful account of his voyage. For this voyage, as well as for the support of his wife and children, the Directors were to pay him 800 guilders or about \$320. If he did not come back inside of a year, they were to give his wife 200 guilders or \$80 more — a rather small policy of life insurance. If, however, he should come back after all, with the good news that he had found a safe passage, they were to reward him as they saw fit. And if, in that case, the Directors should determine to follow up the discovery by other voyages, Hudson and his family were to take up their residence in Holland and Hudson was to accept employment with no other company.

In making this contract, Hudson, who could not speak Dutch, was assisted by Jodocus Hondius as interpreter, and in the Dutch copy of the contract preserved in The Hague — not the original, but a Dutch copy — Hudson's first name is spelled three times "Henry." That was the way in which he signed it, and as he was an Englishman it is a mistake to call him "Hendrick." On February 25, 1906, Governor



Higgins gave his official opinion to the effect that the name should be spelled Henry.

The ship which was fitted out for Hudson was named De Halve Maene, or the Half Moon. The people of Holland to-day are building an exact reproduction of that famous vessel and next fall it will be seen in the Hudson



Design of the facsimile of the Half Moon.

river just as its prototype was seen 300 years before. It will seem like a very small boat when it passes the great ocean steamers, 700 feet long, in New York harbor, for it will measure only 74.54 feet over all, 58.70 feet on the water line, 16.94 feet in breadth, and 10.08 feet deep (English measure). It will have three masts. On the foremast will be a square foresail and foretopmast. On the main mast will

be a square mainsail and maintopsail. On the mizzen mast will be a triangular latteen rigged sail. Across the bow sprit will be rigged a yard from which will hang a square sail called in former times a sprit-sail. The boat, which will be of about 80 tons burden, will be high in the stern and low amidships, and will look different from anything seen in these waters since the facsimiles of Columbus's caravels went up the river bound for the Chicago exposition in 1893.

*Hudson's Famous Voyage of 1609*

Hudson set sail from Amsterdam on April 4, 1609, (N. S.) with a mixed crew of about eighteen Dutch and English sailors. From the Weepers' Tower, which, like several other landmarks of Hudson's time, still stands in Amsterdam, anxious eyes watched the departure of the little Half Moon on its perilous voyage. Hudson was two days on the Zuyder Zee, then passed the island of Texel and sailed up the coast of Norway. On May 5th he rounded the North Cape,—where in summer the sun can be seen at midnight—and steered toward Nova Zembla. On May 19th, he reached the North Cape again on the return trip, having been baffled by the ice and the refusal of his crew further to attempt to find a northeast passage.

Chagrined at his failure in this direction, and determined to win success somehow, if possible, he proposed to his crew to search for a northwest passage by one of two routes. One route was by way of Davis Strait which had been discovered by John Davis in 1584. The other alternative was to go to the coast of America to the latitude of 40°. This idea had been suggested to him by some letters and maps which his friend Capt. John Smith had sent to him from Virginia and by which Smith had informed him that there was a sea leading into the western ocean between New England and Virginia. It is a curious fact that at this time, North America was believed to be as narrow at this point as it is at the Isthmus of Panama, and the Pacific

ocean was thought to extend eastward as far as New York State.\* The crew agreed to the latter proposition and Hudson turned his prow toward the American coast.

Hudson reached the American coast July 12th, and on July 18th anchored in a harbor on the coast of Maine. There he remained long enough to make a new foremast from the pine trees that fringed the shore. Then, his unruly crew having driven the natives from their homes with firearms and plundered them, Hudson resumed his voyage southward. After touching at Cape Cod, he proceeded to a point about 100 miles south of Chesapeake Bay, then turned about, coasted northward, and entered the Delaware Bay. Finding this shallow stream unnavigable he continued up the coast until the daylight of Wednesday, September 2d, disclosed the low, sandy beaches of the northern New Jersey shore, looking like "broken islands."† At 5 o'clock he anchored in sight of the high promontory believed to be the Navesink Highlands on the south side of New York Bay. "This is a very good land to fall with and a pleasant land to see," says Juet at the end of his journal for that day. As New York Bay is regarded as the mouth of the Hudson River, September 2d is the com-

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\*After it was found that the continents of North and South America blockaded the western route to China, the efforts of the early explorers were directed toward the discovery of a passage *through* North America to the western sea. A singular record of this fact is found in the name of the famous Lachine Rapids. Lachine (or La Chine, as originally written) is the French name for China, and was given in derision to a seigniory granted to La Salle on account of his efforts to reach China by way of the Saint Lawrence. What the early explorers failed to discover the United States is making across the Isthmus of Panama—a short western route to the orient.

†The following description is based on the journal of Hudson's voyage kept by his clerk Robert Juet; on the "Historie der Nederlanden" (1614) by Van Meteren, who appears to have had access to Hudson's own journal now lost; and on the "Nieuwe Werelt" by De Laet who quotes a few words from Hudson verbatim. The references to landmarks by these authorities, however, are so general and the latitudes given are so uncertain, that the data in regard to localities are open to various interpretations. Students should therefore be guarded against accepting positive assertions concerning the precise places of Hudson's anchorages.

monly accepted date of Hudson's first personal acquaintance with the stream which bears his name. On Thursday, the 3d, the Half Moon found good anchorage on the south side of the bay, believed to be inside of Sandy Hook. A week was spent in exploring the adjacent waters with the small boat, during which time the Half Moon appears to have been in the Lower Harbor. In this search, "they found a good entrance between two headlands," (probably the Narrows) "and thus entered on the 12th of September into as fine a river as can be found." They ascended the river as wind and tide served, always anchoring at night. On Monday, the 14th, they "came to a streight between two points," (thought to be the narrow place between Stony and Verplanck's Points) and that day entered the "very high and mountainous" region of the Highlands. On the 15th they "came to other mountains which lie from the river's side," an apt description of the Catskills. By Saturday, September 19th, the Half Moon had reached her "farthest north," which, according to Van Meteren, was in latitude  $42^{\circ} 40'$ . If this latitude be correct, Hudson's northernmost anchorage was opposite the site of the northern end of the city Albany. From this point Hudson sent the small boat to explore still farther in the hope of finding deeper water beyond, but in this he was disappointed. Convinced that this was not the much desired route to the Pacific, he weighed anchor at noon on Wednesday, the 23d, and started down stream. By Tuesday the 29th, they had reached "the edge of the mountaines, or the northermost of the mountaines" (apparently the north gate of the Highlands) where a stiff southeast gale between the mountains detained them at anchor till Thursday, October 1st. On the latter day they "got down below the mountaines" apparently to the vicinity of Stony and Verplanck's Points. On Friday, the 2d, the Half Moon anchored near "a cliffe that looked of the colour of a white greene." This cliff is one of the most accurately located landmarks in Hudson's river voyage, being without doubt the green serpentine outcrop at Castle Point, Hoboken.

Hudson had now been in the Hudson valley just a month, and was delighted with it. He found the country full of great and magnificent oaks, of a size seldom seen, and an abundance of poplars, lindens and other trees useful in ship-building. He also found blue plum trees. The lands were as pleasant with grass and flowers and goodly trees as ever they had seen and very sweet smells came from them. To use Hudson's own words: "It is as pleasant a land as one need tread upon. The land is the finest for cultivation that I ever in my life set foot upon."

On almost every day of Hudson's sojourn in this delightful region, the Indians visited the ship, either in friendship or hostility. They came in canoes, hollowed out of single logs, some of which were capable of holding as many as fourteen persons. They were dressed in mantles of feathers, deer skins, fox skins and other good furs, smoked great red or yellow copper tobacco pipes, wore copper ornaments on their necks, and carried bows and arrows pointed with sharp stones. They brought with them green tobacco, sweet dried currants, red and white grapes, venison, Indian corn, pumpkins, oysters, hemp, beaver and otter skins, and other things which they either gave ceremoniously to Hudson and his men or bartered for European knives, hatchets, beads and other trinkets.

At various places along his route Hudson visited the native villages, in which he "saw a great store of men, women and children." The aboriginal habitation was a simple structure with an arched roof, made of bent saplings, covered with oak bark. The native bed was a mat of woven rushes, a pile of furs, or a heap of leaves. Corn was the staple of diet from which they made a bread which was excellent eating. Great quantities of corn and beans were dried for winter use. Besides corn and beans and the articles of food already mentioned, they lived on birds and fish. Of the latter the river yielded salmon, mullets, rays and sturgeon in abundance. On rare occasions of the highest ceremony, they cooked a dog.

In general, they were characterized as "a sensible and warlike people, whilst in the highest part the people were

more friendly." It was noted, however, that they had a "great propensity to steal" and were "exceedingly adroit in carrying away whatever they took a fancy to."

When Hudson landed at various places, he was generally received with marks of distinction. At one place "the swarthy natives all stood around and sung in their fashion."

On another occasion ("in latitude  $42^{\circ} 18'$ ," which, if accurate, would be three miles north of the City of Hudson), the navigator was paid the highest tribute in the range of Indian hospitality by their serving up, with a pair of pigeons and other delicacies, a fat dog. The latter was skinned in great haste with shells which they had taken from the river. When Hudson was about to leave this village, the Indians, thinking it was through fear, broke their bows and arrows in pieces to show their friendliness.

On still another occasion, at Albany, they came aboard with a plateful of venison, made reverence to Hudson, and, presenting him with strings of wampum, "made an oration."

Only those who have lived among the Indians or especially studied their customs can realize the full meaning of these formal ceremonies—the singing, the dog-feast, the oration and the wampum strings.

The friendly relations between Hudson and the Indians of the upper reaches of the river had a far-reaching effect on the history of the State. On August 29—less than a month before Hudson's arrival at the site of Albany,—Champlain and a party of Huron Indians had fought and utterly defeated a party of Iroquois at the head of Lake Champlain. By this battle, the French incurred the bitter enmity of the New York Indians, while in contrast with that conflict, Hudson's friendly feast remained in their traditions for 250 years. The result was that the New York Indians were always more friendly toward the Dutch and English pioneers than toward the French, and the French never obtained a permanent foothold in this State.

While at Albany, the Europeans reciprocated the aboriginal courtesies by giving their Indian visitors wine

and aqua vitae, "so that they were all merrie" and one was made dead drunk. There is something unintentionally pathetic in Juet's record: "And that was strange to them; for they could not tell how to take it."

The relations of the white and red men in the lower reaches of the river were not, however, always of this friendly character. That they were not so, there is reason to believe, was due more to the uncontrollable character of Hudson's mixed crew than to the master himself. The first conflict occurred on September 6th while the *Half Moon* was in the Lower Harbor and while John Colman and four others in the small boat were away exploring the neighboring waters. In some way, Colman's party incurred the hostility of the natives and was attacked. Colman was killed with an arrow in his neck and two of his companions were wounded.

International relations were further strained on the 9th when three Indians who were visiting the *Half Moon* in a friendly way were made prisoners. One jumped overboard and the other two were dressed in red coats. On the morning of the 15th, while in the Highlands, these two crawled out of a port-hole and swam away, to make trouble later.

On October 1, after the *Half Moon* had "got down below the mountaynes" (or Highlands) on the return trip, an Indian, who had climbed up by the rudder to the cabin window, was caught stealing Juet's pillow, two shirts and two cartridge belts. Thereupon the mate shot and killed him. The other canoes near the ship fled, some of the occupants jumping out and swimming for shore. The ship's boat was manned and put out to recover the stolen articles, and when one of the Indians who was in the water reached up and caught hold of the gunwale, the cook cut off his hand with a sword and he was drowned.

After these occurrences, it is not surprising that on October 2d, when the *Half Moon* was apparently in the vicinity of the mouth of Spuyten Duyvil creek, the Indians came out in force and attacked the white men. In the unequal

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contest between hollowed-log canoes and the 80-ton Half Moon, and between bows and arrows on the one side and firearms on the other, there could be only one result. The Indians were driven off with a loss of eight or ten killed, while the Europeans escaped unscratched to the shelter of the Hoboken cliff of green on the other side of the river farther down.

The Half Moon lay at anchor at Hoboken from October 2d to October 4th, the 3d being very stormy. On the 4th she dropped down the harbor and passed out to sea. Then Hudson and his crew took counsel as to their next move. The Dutch mate suggested that they try for Davis Strait. But Hudson was opposed to that venture now. He lacked some necessary provisions; and his crew were so unwilling and mutinous that at times they had threatened him savagely. He concluded, therefore, that it was best to go back home. So they kept their prow toward the east and on November 7th arrived at Dartmouth, Eng. Thence, after some delay, Hudson went to Holland.

### *The Hudson River.*

The great river which Hudson explored has had many names. It was called Cahohatea and Skanehtade Gahunda by the Iroquois,\* Mahicanituc or Mahican river by the Mohican Indians, and Shatemuc by other Indians; Una Grandissima Riviera by Verazzano, (1524), whence Rio Grande, Riviere Grande and Grand River; Rio de San Antonio or River of Saint Anthony† by Gomez (1525); Rio de Gammas by the Spaniards (1525-1600); River of the Mountains by Hudson (1609), or Montaigne Rivier on Dutch maps (1615-1664); River Manhattes by De Laet (1625), or Manhattans Rivier on Dutch maps (1615-1664); River Mauritius or Maurits Rivier from Maurice, Prince of

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\* Skanehtade Gahunda in the Seneca dialect means the river beyond the openings. The Indians gave the name Skanehtade to the site of Schenectady long before the advent of the whites, referring to the openings between the Hudson and the Mohawk at Schenectady. Gahunda means river.

† Whence, possibly, the name of the mountain just north of Peekskill, called Anthony's Nose.



Orange, during the Dutch period; and the Noort Rivier (Dutch period) or North River (English) to distinguish it from the south or Delaware River.\* Hudson's name has displaced all of these except the North river which is applied in a limited way to that portion of the river opposite the City of New York.

The Hudson river is very remarkable in several respects. In the first place, for 150 miles of its length it is not a true river but a fiord. From Albany to the ocean its rock bottom, with the exception of a few islands, is below sea-level. How far below, is not accurately known. Opposite Storm King mountain, where the engineers of the new aqueduct for supplying New York City with water from the Catskills hoped to build a tunnel under the river, they have bored a thousand feet down into the dirt and sand that fill the gorge under the water and have not been able to find rock bottom. The shore line at Albany is at practically the same elevation as the shore line at New York and the tide rises at Albany two and eight-tenths feet. This upward and downward flowing of the tide, of which Hudson took advantage in his voyage, had, of course, long been noticed by the Indians who spoke of the river with wonder as the stream that flowed both ways.

The river is also remarkable for its great natural beauty. The distinguished German surgeon Dr. Adolf Lorenz, while visiting on its shores in 1902, pronounced it more beautiful than the Rhine. This beauty, so famous throughout the world, is due to very ancient causes; and the person who will search beyond the surface appearances for those causes will truly find, as Shakespeare says, "sermons in stones and books in the running brook." The variety of the Hudson's scenery is due to the extraordinary range of its geological history. From its source to the sea it is an epitome of creation. It rises in the Adirondack mountains which, now towering to a height of 5,402 feet, although once much

\*The late John Fiske, in his "Dutch and Quaker Colonies" expresses the opinion that the Hudson is also identical with the River of Norumbega, but it does not appear to the present writer that the identity is satisfactorily established.

higher, lifted their heads above the great primeval flood when almost all the rest of the United States was still a wild waste of waters. The famous Highlands of the Hudson, between which Hudson sailed 300 years ago, are of the same ancient Archæan rocks and were once a group of islands. The Catskills are more modern and the Palisades still younger. The latter were once a fiery, molten mass, and their columnar shape is due to the manner in which that mass cooled off. These few facts will indicate what a storehouse for fascinating research the Hudson valley is for the person, young or old, who will study it with the mind as well as the eye.

Civilization followed Hudson's voyage into the Hudson River valley, partly because the valley was beautiful and attractive, partly because it was fertile, partly on account of the very valuable fur trade which was the foundation of New York commerce, and partly for other reasons, but very largely on account of the relation of the river to other lines of water travel. Before the white man's advent, an Indian could start from New York harbor, paddle up the Hudson to Fort Edward, thence up a little creek, and, making a short carry, resume his journey down Wood creek\* and pass through Lake Champlain and the Sorel river to the St. Lawrence. Thence he could ascend to the Great Lakes or descend to the Atlantic ocean. Or, going up the Hudson and Mohawk, with a short carry at Rome, he could proceed down another Wood creek and by way of Oncida lake and the Oswego river to Lake Ontario, and thence, either to the ocean or to the remotest regions of Lake Superior. The same geological forces which produced this network of water connections also formed the almost level terrace along which the Indians instinctively made their great east and west trail from the Hudson to Lake Erie, and along which, at a later date, the white men built the Erie canal. The remarkable situation of their territory with relation to the Hudson river and these other waters was a

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\* The Champlain canal now connects the Hudson river and Lake Champlain by this route.

leading factor of the preeminence of the Iroquois, the most powerful aboriginal people in America north of Mexico, and, with the advent of European civilization, has been one of the most potent causes of the preeminence of New York as the Empire State. It is only when this is realized that we can fully appreciate the importance of Hudson's services to civilization in making a river with such resources known to the world.

Hudson's voyage was followed immediately by the advent of Dutch traders who built temporary habitations on Manhattan Island and at the site of Albany and at these trading posts carried on a lucrative fur trade with the Indians. In 1620, the Puritans in Holland asked permission to go to the North river to settle, and although the permission was refused, they actually started out for New Netherland. Rough weather, however, compelled them to take refuge inside of Cape Cod, and they eventually settled at Plymouth instead of on Manhattan Island.\*

Although a few traders' huts had been erected at Manhattan as early as 1613, and also at the site of Albany about that time, it was not until 1624 that a permanent settlement was effected at Albany and 1626 at New York.

From that time the Colony grew steadily. New Netherland was captured by the English in 1664; recaptured by the Dutch in 1673; and repossessed by the English in 1674. For over a century it remained a colony of Great Britain. Then came the American Revolution and American Independence. In 1807, twenty-four years after the evacuation of New York by the British, occurred the other great event which the Hudson-Fulton celebration commemorates, namely, the successful application of steam to navigation by Robert Fulton on the river which Hudson had explored.

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\* Bradford's "History of Plimouth Plantation" says: "After longe beating at sea, they fell with that land which is called Cape Cod. . . . After some deliberation they tacked aboute and resolved to stand for ye southward (ye wind & weather being faire) to finde some place aboute Hudsons river for their habitation. But after they had sailed yt course aboute halfe ye day, they fell amongst deangerous shoulds and roring breakers. . . . and as they conceived them selves in great danger, they resolved to bear up againe for the Cape."

## PART II.

## THE INVENTION OF STEAM NAVIGATION.

*The State of Naval Science Before Fulton's Invention.*

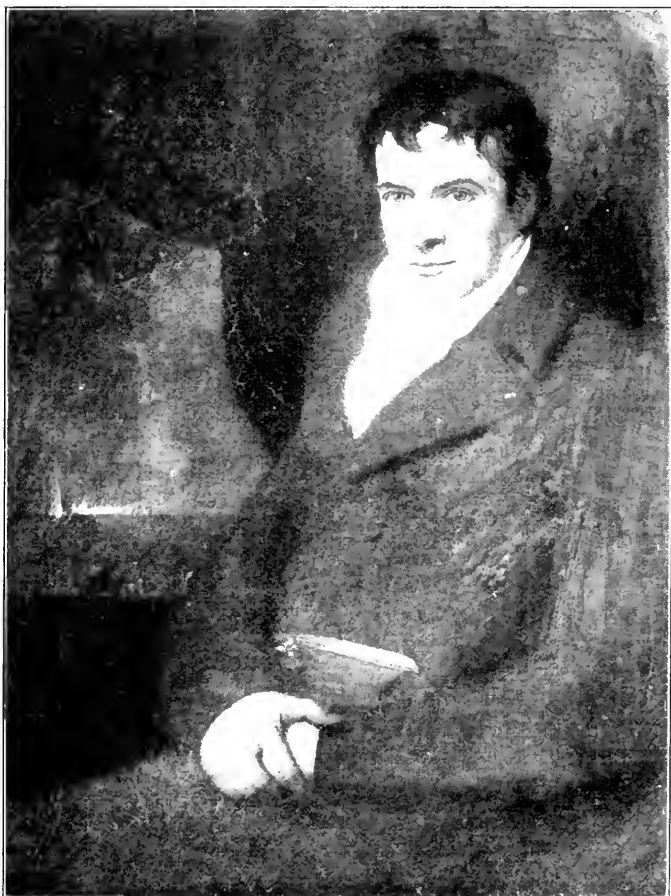

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When, in the morning of Creation, the waters under the firmament were gathered together and the dry land appeared, not only was a habitation for man prepared, but limits were set to his natural movements. To overcome the natural barriers which the oceans, seas, lakes and rivers of the earth presented, he has applied his God-given faculties ever since.

To appreciate the vast importance of the successful application of steam to navigation by Robert Fulton, one must compare the giant stride which has been made in that science in the 102 years since the voyage of the Clermont with the thousands of years of slow progress before the invention of the steamboat.

The Hudson river has seen every stage of nautical development, from the earliest to the most modern. The first attempts at navigation by primitive man were doubtless by means of a floating log. Then he learned to hollow the log by fire and later to construct his boat from the bark of the tree. The first natural source of power for propulsion was the human muscle. The second source of power was the wind, and the first sails were the leafy boughs of trees and the skins of animals. With the art of weaving came cloth sails. After the lapse of thousands upon thousands of years, we find at the beginning of the Christian era that human muscle and the winds were still the only means yet employed for the propulsion of ships. The galleys of Imperial Rome sailed the Mediterranean and ventured as far as Britain; but the ocean was a sea of darkness which their imagination peopled with horrible monsters, and to enter which they believed meant certain death.

Nearly fifteen hundred years more elapsed before the great mariner appeared who dared brave the unknown ter-



ROBERT FULTON

From painting by Benjamin West in possession of Fulton's grandson, Mr. Robert Fulton Ludlow of Claverack, N. Y.



rors of that sea; but Columbus' voyage, occupying 36 days from the Canaries to the West Indies, was the triumph of this personal character, genius and courage and not of any new invention in navigation, for his little caravels did not differ from similar vessels of the period, and while they showed the progress that had been made in ship-building in fifteen centuries, yet they were subject to all the vicissitudes of wind-blown ships.

Another century elapsed and Hudson's yacht entered New York harbor and spent five days sailing over the course to Albany, which Fulton covered in thirty-two running hours in August 1807, and which the modern steamboat covers in nine and one-half hours. But still no new force had been discovered or invented up to Hudson's time. Even the triangular jib and fore-and-aft sails had not been devised nor could a ship perform the paradoxical feat of later sailing vessels of "sailing on the wind." It took Hudson 34 days to sail from Sandy Hook to Dartmouth, only two days less than Columbus consumed between the Canaries and West Indies.

Time rolled on and nearly two more centuries elapsed. The sailing vessel was developed to a high degree of perfection, and the full-rigged ship as she stood up New York harbor at the beginning of the 19th century was truly a beautiful and impressive sight with her cloud-like masses of canvas swelling in the breeze. But still she was the slave of old King Æolus and could move only by his favor. She had no independence of action, no automatic power of motion; and it took her about as long to cross the ocean as it took Columbus and Hudson. It was not only from the political slavery of some powerful earthly monarch, but from the slavery of the winds, that the seas were now about to be emancipated by the aid of Robert Fulton.

In the year 1765, the year of Fulton's birth, the thoughtful mind of a Scotch youth of 29 years living in Glasgow was turned toward the inventions which were to make it possible for Fulton to revolutionize the art of pro-

elling vessels. The history of science and invention is so full of cases in which great discoveries have resulted from the observation of simple things, that we may take this power of appreciating the significance of small things as one of the criteria of a great mind. Thousands of persons had seen that lamp swinging in Pisa cathedral before Galileo found in it the law of the pendulum. Apples have fallen from trees since the Garden of Eden, but it remained for Newton to find in that familiar sight his great discovery of the universal law of gravitation. There were steam engines in operation before James Watt was born, but his alert and comprehending faculties found in the contemplation of a common tea-kettle, according to popular tradition, the suggestions of his great inventions which revolutionized the use of steam and made him the father of the steam engine.

During the next 10 years after Watt's first experiments inventive genius in England and France was actively engaged in developing the steam engine. Then came the interruption of the American Revolution. After the Revolution, a sort of mania for driving boats by steam began to prevail. In 1785, James Rumsey was experimenting with mechanical and steam propulsion, but it was not until 1786 that we find "the first boat successfully propelled by steam in America," according to Admiral Preble, in John Fitch's clumsy contrivance which was tried on the Delaware July 27th of that year. This boat was worked by gangs of oars or paddles arranged in a framework at the boat's sides.

At the conclusion of this paper we shall see why the priority of the experiments of Fitch and others need not deprive Fulton of the distinction which is popularly accorded to him as "the father of American steamboating." But to shut our eyes to the minor successes of Fulton's predecessors is unjust to those struggling and self-sacrificing pioneers, and it is unjust to Fulton himself, for it disqualifies us from forming a true estimate of the genius and character by which Fulton was able not only to solve the profound problems of a new science, but also to inspire the



confidence and command the material resources which were needed to put his ideas into practical operation.

In August, 1787, Fitch ran an improved boat (the second American steamboat) on the Delaware at Philadelphia. On December 3, 1787, James Rumsey ran the third steamboat, according to Preble's tables. This boat, operated at Shepardstown, on the Potomac, was propelled by means of water sucked in at the bow and expelled at the stern by the force of steam. The fourth steamboat was Fitch's which ran from Philadelphia to Burlington in 1788. It was driven by paddles at the stern. In 1789, Fitch tried the fifth steamboat at Philadelphia. It made eight miles an hour and in 1790 ran regularly as a packet. The sixth steamboat was a stern-wheeler, built by Samuel Morey of Connecticut. It sailed from Hartford to New York in 1794, having on board Chancellor Robert R. Livingston and other well-known citizens of New York.

In 1796, Fitch transferred his activities to New York City. In that year he operated on the old Collect pond, which once existed where now the Criminal Courts building and City prison stand, the seventh American steamboat. In comparison with his first attempt the progress of a decade was very apparent. His first production in 1786, though a practical working boat, was a clumsy affair, but one remove from oars worked by hand power. His boat of 1796 combined with the side wheels (which had proved moderately effective on the Delaware) the screw propeller. It has been claimed that both Chancellor Livingston and Fulton were aboard of the boat, but Fulton was abroad at this time. It is quite likely, however, that the Chancellor was a spectator if not a passenger.

The model of Fitch's boat in the New York Historical Society, made by John Hutchings of Williamsburgh in 1851, gives an excellent idea of the craft. The boiler consisted of a ten-gallon iron kettle covered with a thick plank lid firmly fastened down by a transverse iron bar. The cylinders were of wood. After she had gone around the pond a couple of times she had to stop and take more

water into her primitive boiler. Fitch was undoubtedly a genius and was working on the right track, but unfortunately could not command the means to pay for the proper machinery.

Another steamboat by Morey on the Connecticut in 1797 comes eighth in order. In the same year Chancellor Livingston appears as more than an interested spectator of others' experiments. The extent to which this great man went into both the theory and practice of steam navigation is realized probably by few. He is remembered for his brilliant career at the bar, on the bench, in the Continental Congress where he was a member of the Committee appointed to prepare the Declaration of Independence; in the office of Secretary for Foreign Affairs; as Minister to France and one of the negotiators of the Louisiana Purchase; but in connection with steam navigation, he is generally regarded simply as the wealthy and generous patron of Fulton. As a matter of fact, if there had been no Fulton, Livingston himself might have been the father of the steamboat.

Living in his once beautiful but now sadly decayed mansion about one and one-half miles north of Tivoli and overlooking the Hudson, he had reflected profoundly on the subject of navigating that stream long before he first met Fulton. The extent to which he had gone into the subject is notably reflected in a letter written in this house January 26, 1799, to President Jefferson, in which the defects of Watt's engine and the principles of steam mechanics are discussed. In March, 1798, he employed one Nisbet to construct a steamboat according to his ideas at a place south of Tivoli called De Koven's Bay; and this was the ninth American steamboat. This year, Fitch died, and the monopoly of steam navigation which the New York Legislature had given him in 1787 was annulled and given to Livingston for 20 years.

The limits of this paper will not permit us to do more than mention by name five other American steamboats which appeared before the Clermont, namely, (10th) Fitch's

boat on the Ohio in 1798 before he died; (11th) the boat built under the joint auspices of Nicholas Roosevelt, John Stevens and Chancellor Livingston in the same year; (12th) Oliver Evans' boat on the Delaware in 1804; (13th) Stevens' boat on the Hudson in 1804; and (14th) Stevens' on the Hudson in 1806.

This brief review, hasty as it is, and which has not taken into consideration similar efforts in England, will give some idea of the intense competition between active minds at this time in the realm of steam navigation and prepare us the better to estimate Fulton's achievement in 1807.

*Robert Fulton — 1765 to 1807.*

It is a mistake to imagine that Fulton's contribution to science was limited to his achievement on the Hudson river in 1807. His genius had a much wider scope, and while we are ostensibly commemorating the Clermont's trip, we are in fact honoring the memory of a man to the range of whose genius the ocean set no bounds.

In a pamphlet entitled "Torpedo War, or, Submarine Explosions," addressed to President Madison in 1810, Fulton adopted as his motto, "The liberty of the seas will be the happiness of the earth." For that principle England had annihilated Spain's Invincible Armada in 1588. For that principle the United States fought the mother country a second time in 1812-1815. It was a sentiment worthy of a broad mind and a noble character and may be said to have been the *Polaris* of Fulton's aims and ambitions.

Fulton was born of Irish parents in Little Britain (now Fulton Township), in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1765. As a boy he manifested a decided talent for drawing, and he was frequently employed by Lancaster manufacturers to make designs for guns. He was also expert at calculation, and was occasionally engaged by gunsmiths to calculate the force, size, bore and range of guns. These two talents for drawing and calculation, thus wedded in early life, were never afterward dissociated, and to their fortunate possession was doubtless due in large measure his subsequent successes as an inventor.

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In 1779, he began to show a great fondness for invention. After a fatiguing fishing trip with his friend Christopher Gumpf, one day, he went into retirement for a week; and then reappeared, to announce to Christopher that he was tired of poling a fishing boat, and to exhibit the model of a boat fitted with paddle wheels worked by hand.

At the age of seventeen he left Lancaster for Philadelphia to study landscape and portrait painting and mechanical drawing. By May 6, 1786, at the age of twenty-one he had acquired means to buy a home for his widowed mother in Washington county.

Having thus made filial provision for his mother, and as he was suffering from pulmonary trouble, he was persuaded to go to England for his health and to study art under his former neighbor Benjamin West. But the Genius of Invention which possessed him would not leave him alone to pursue art single minded, and in 1793 we find him engaged on a plan for the improvement of inland navigation, and writing to Lord Stanhope, under date of September 30, 1793, concerning the principles of an invention which he said he had discovered respecting the moving of ships by steam.

In May, 1794, he secured from the British government a patent for a double-inclined plane to be used for transportation purposes. In 1795 he submitted to Lord Stanhope drawings of an apparatus for steam navigation; and in 1796 he published in London a "Treatise on the Improvement of Canal Navigation" by the use of inclined planes and the weight of water to raise vessels from one level to another. It would be interesting to know what Benjamin West thought of his pupil's proficiency in art at this period of his career.

Of the fact that Fulton possessed a decided talent for art, notwithstanding his excursions into mechanics and inventions, we have excellent proof. His portrait hanging in the rooms of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in New York City, and ascribed to his own brush, is a highly creditable product. In 1797, he went to Paris and painted

the first panorama that Paris ever had. Few visitors to Paris to-day who pass through the Rue des Panoramas and the Passage des Panoramas realize that these names are relics of Fulton's first efforts to support himself in the French capital while developing his plans to overcome England with steamboats and torpedos.

In Paris, Fulton lived with the American Minister Joel Barlow, of whom he painted a fine portrait now owned by Fulton's descendant, Mr. Robert Fulton Ludlow of Claverack. He also designed the illustrations for Barlow's classic poem entitled "The Columbiad."

But the truth of Saint Matthew's saying that "no man can serve two masters" soon became apparent in Fulton's case and Invention eventually won him from Art.

During his first year in Paris he made experiments with torpedoes in the Seine. With a view to discovering a means of applying his torpedoes to the enemy's ships, his thoughts turned to submarine boats, and he proposed to "deliver France and the whole world from British oppression." In the spring of 1801 he went to Brest to make experiments with a plunging boat which he had constructed the previous winter. On July 3, 1801, and on subsequent dates, he gave exhibitions of his boat called the Nautilus, in the harbor. Proceeding under sail a suitable distance from shore, accompanied by three companions, he struck the mast and sails, and plunged below the surface where, on one occasion, he remained four hours and twenty minutes. Under water, the boat was propelled by a machine worked by hand, and the respiration of the crew was maintained by a supply of compressed air in a copper globe.

Interesting as this demonstration was, Fulton realized that to "deliver the world from British oppression" something more than a hand-power submarine boat was needed.

In 1801 Livingston arrived in Paris as Minister Plenipotentiary. Livingston was conversant with everything that had been attempted and accomplished in America, and Fulton with everything of a similar nature in England. The coming together of these two men marks a turning

point in history. Fulton had genius. Livingston had the genius to perceive it. With Livingston's assistance, Fulton designed and submitted to Napoleon in 1803 the plans for a side-wheel steamboat. This was constructed; but unfortunately, just as he was about to give an exhibition of its powers, it was sunk in the Seine by a heavy wind. A new boat was built, and with it, on August 9, 1803, Fulton achieved a complete and brilliant success. But the former accident had produced a fatal effect. The French commission reported unfavorably and Napoleon missed one of the greatest opportunities in his career. The late Lord Acton, when asked at Cambridge a short time before his death what he considered the most important event in the 19th Century with respect to English history, replied that it was the sinking of Fulton's boat in the Seine, in 1803.

Discouraged by lack of Government support in France, Fulton then returned to England and made demonstrations of his inventions. He devised various methods for sinking ships with torpedoes. One of his methods was to set afloat two clockwork torpedoes connected by a rope, so that they would drift down on either side of the bow of the enemy's ship, lodge and discharge. Another device for affixing the torpedo was by means of a harpoon shot from a gun. Still another device was an anchored trigger-torpedo, to be exploded by contact.

On October 15, 1805, he blew up the condemned brig *Dorothea* in Walmar Roads, near Deal, as a demonstration of the efficiency of submarine explosions. That the English officials appreciated the value of Fulton's inventions appears from their offer of a considerable reward if he would consent to suppress them forever, so that neither his own nor any other country could use them. This he indignantly refused to do, saying, in a paper which he read in August, 1806, to certain gentlemen appointed by the British ministry to confer with him: "At all events, whatever may be your award, I never will consent to let these inventions lie dormant should my country at any time need them. Were you to grant me an annuity of 20,000 pounds

a year, I would sacrifice all to the safety and independence of my country."

He concludes a letter to Lord Grenville as follows: "It has never been my intention to hide these inventions from the world on any consideration. \* \* \* I have ever considered the interest of America, free commerce, the interest of mankind, the magnitude of the object in view, and the rational reputation connected with it, superior to all calculations of a pecuniary nature."

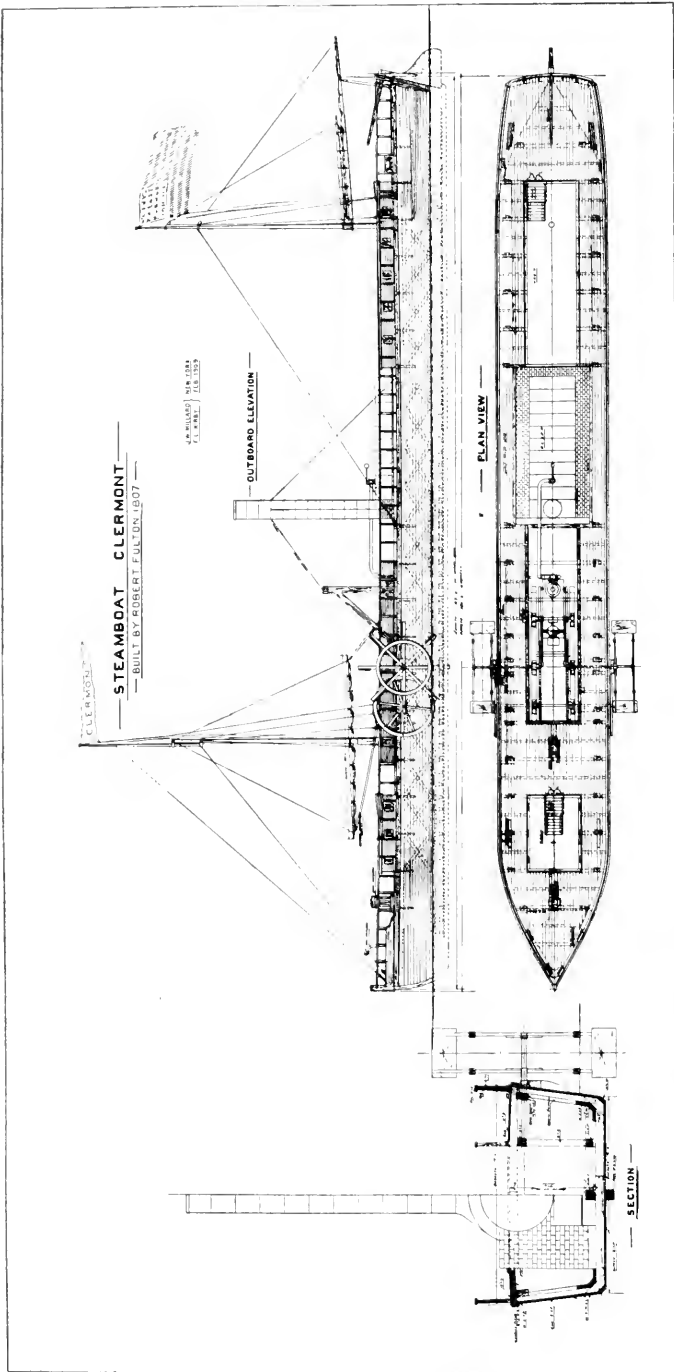
Those noble sentiments entitle Fulton to a place in the foremost rank of American patriots, as his inventive genius placed him in the foremost ranks of American inventors.

### *The Voyage of the Clermont.*

Soon after expressing those sentiments and after having spent about fifteen years in England and France, Fulton returned to New York. The city of a century ago had a population of only about 80,000 souls. It ranked second to Philadelphia. Its closely settled portion was below the latitude of City Hall, with straggling buildings along the Bowery, Broadway and Greenwich street as far north as the latitude of Greenwich. Greenwich was closely settled and included the State's Prison from the neighborhood of which the Clermont started.

On March 10, 1807, Fulton took lodging at Mrs. Loring's fashionable boarding-house at No. 13 Broadway. In 1809 and 1810 he lived at No. 100 Reade street; in 1811 at 133 Chambers street; and from 1812 to the time of his death in what is now called Battery place, in the rear of No. 1 Broadway. There was a vacant lot between his house and No. 1 Broadway.

Before returning to New York Fulton had ordered from Watt and Bolton in England the engine for a new steam-boat which, upon his arrival, he began to build at Charles Brown's shipyard near Corlear's Hook and which he called the Clermont. In the Hudson-Fulton Celebration there will be an accurate reproduction of that historic vessel, the result of the most critical, painstaking and thorough in-



Plan of the Clermont as she will be reproduced by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.



vestigation that was ever applied to such a problem. The task of ascertaining the appearance of the Clermont a century after she was built was not an easy one, for the reason that while drawings of her engine were in existence, there was no contemporary picture of her hull. But from Fulton's statement concerning his first boat in the specifications upon which he obtained his second patent of October 2, 1810,\* and from other sources the following facts are now perfectly established: The original Clermont was 150 feet long and 13 feet wide, with 7 feet depth of hold. She drew 2 feet of water. Her hull (below the deck) had wedge-shaped bow and stern, cut sharp to the angle of sixty degrees. In horizontal plan her sides were parallel and she was almost wall-sided, being a very little wider on deck than on the bottom. Her bottom was flat with no keel, and she had two steering-boards or lee-boards to prevent drifting sideways. She had two masts, but no bowsprit or figurehead. She had two cabins, one forward and one aft. The tiller by which she was steered was at the back end of the after cabin so that it was difficult for the helmsman to see what lay ahead. The engine, which was made in England, was amidship between the two cabins and was uncovered. The boiler was of copper. The paddlewheels, 15 feet in diameter, were uncovered, which resulted in drenching the passengers, and no guards protected the wheels from collision. Later, the paddlewheels were covered. To turn around, one paddlewheel was disconnected. The flywheels of the engine were outside of the hull forward of the paddlewheels, and revolved the same way. On one occasion, when one of the paddlewheels was disabled, it is said, paddles were attached to the flywheel and the voyage continued. In the winter of 1807-1808 the Clermont was widened to 16 feet on the bottom and 18 feet

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\* Contained in "A Sketch of the Origin and Progress of Steam Navigation" by Prof. Bennet Woodcroft of London (1848) who was a distinguished authority on patents.

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on deck to give her greater stability and she was otherwise improved.

A few days before August 17 of that year, this strange looking craft was taken around from the East River to the North River and moored near the old State's Prison, which stood on the square now bounded by Washington, West Tenth, West and Charles streets.

At length, on Monday, August 17, the American Citizen contained this momentous announcement:

"Mr. Fulton's ingenious Steam Boat, invented with a View to the Navigation of The Mississippi from New Orleans upwards, Sails to-day from the North River, near The State Prison, to Albany, The Velocity of The Steam Boat is Calculated at 4 miles an hour; it is said that it will make a progress of two against The Current of The Mississippi; and if so it will certainly be a very valuable acquisition to the Commerce of the Western States."

That morning, the shore of the river was crowded with thousands of citizens, many of whom had come to deride what was called "Fulton's Folly." Jeers and cat-calls saluted Fulton's ears, and the waggishly inclined significantly tapped their foreheads. "God help you, Bobby!" cried one. "A fool and his money are soon parted" cried another. "Bring us back a chip of the North Pole" facetiously shouted another.

Fulton, pale, but with an air of confidence, went about his preparations to start. Presently, dense volumes of smoke began to pour forth from the smoke-stack. The boiler began to hiss. At 1 o'clock the hawser was drawn in, the throttle opened, and to the accompaniment of the stertorous exhaust, the uncovered side-wheels began to quiver, then slowly to revolve. A hush fell on the spectators. Fulton's own hand at the helm turned the bow. The Clermont moved out into the stream, the steam connections hissing at the joints, the crude machinery thumping and groaning, the wheels splashing and the smoke-stack belching like a volcano. The boat continued to gather momentum and move away. Then the nervous tension of the

situation was broken. All on board swung their hats in the air and gave a cheer, and like an echo, magnified a thousand times, came back a roar of applause from the shore. Skeptics had been converted. Those who came to scoff remained to cheer. The Clermont was a success, and steam navigation in America was established beyond peradventure.

As the steamboat proceeded up the river, it spread consternation among superstitious mariners and unsophisticated countrymen. No such sight had ever been seen before. The pine wood used for fuel produced a torrent of black smoke, flame and sparks, which belched forth to a great height above the smoke-stack. The reverberation of the exhaust as the boat passed the Palisades was something absolutely unheard before by human ears in this region. Crews of other vessels were terrified. Many at first sight fell on their knees, disappeared below decks or made for land. One honest countryman, after beholding the unaccountable object from the shore, ran home and told his wife that he had seen "the Devil on his way to Albany in a saw mill." Not since Hudson's Half Moon had sailed over the same course nearly 200 years before, exciting the wonder and awe of the aborigines, had such an amazing sight been seen by the neighboring inhabitants.

When the Clermont reached Haverstraw Bay, says one of the passengers, a man in a skiff lay waiting for it. He appeared to be a miller, and the paddle-wheels attracted his attention. He asked permission to go aboard and Fulton ordered a line to be thrown to him. The miller said he "did not know about a mill going up-stream and came to inquire about it." One of the passengers seeing through the simple-minded visitor, but without disabusing him of his mistake, showed him all the machinery and contrivances and the device for throwing the wheels out of gear when the mill was required to come about. Presently the visitor said, "That will do. Now show me the millstones." "Oh," said the passenger, "that is a secret which the master has never told us yet; but when we come back from Albany

with a load of corn, then if you come aboard, you will see the meal fly."

At 1 o'clock on Tuesday, the boat arrived at the place after which Fulton, in honor of his distinguished colleague, had named the steamboat. Clermont dock, the landing place at Chancellor Livingston's place, is 110 miles from New York, and that distance had been traversed against the wind in just 24 hours. The average speed thus far had been about 4.6 miles an hour. Here Fulton rested from 1 o'clock Tuesday until 9 a. m. Wednesday. His feelings of elation can readily be imagined. His voyage thus far had been one of triumphant success. This was the first time the waters of the Hudson had been churned by steam power from the briny depths of New York harbor to the fresh-water reaches of the upper river. It was the first all-night steamboat trip ever made.

Resuming their journey the next day, Wednesday, at 9 a. m., the Clermont reached Albany, distant 40 miles, at 5 p. m. The running time for the whole 150 miles had been 32 hours, or at the rate of nearly 5 miles an hour. The return trip on Thursday and Friday was made in 30 hours running time, or an average of just 5 miles an hour. The wind had been against the Clermont both ways, says Fulton, so that no advantage could be derived from his sails. The whole journey, therefore, had been performed by the power of the steam engine.

On Saturday, August 22, the American Citizen bestowed upon this extraordinary achievement the following thirty-seven words of comment:

"We congratulate Mr. Fulton and the Country on his success in the steam boat, which cannot fail of being very advantageous. We understand that not the smallest inconvenience is felt in the boat either from heat or smoke."

#### *Fulton's Subsequent Career*

Fulton's victory was won by a narrow margin, for competition was following close upon his heels, and could John Stevens of Hoboken and his son, Robert L. Stevens, have

obtained engines in time, they might have anticipated the Clermont. As it was, Stevens' Phoenix sailed upon the Hudson only a few days later than the Clermont, in 1807, but as a result of the monopoly which Livingston and Fulton secured from the Legislature in 1808, Stevens was crowded out, and in June 1809 he took the Phoenix around Cape May to the Delaware upon which she plied many years between Philadelphia and Trenton. She is claimed to have been the first ocean-going steamboat.

Contemporaneously with the building of the Clermont and of other steamboats after Fulton's models, the inventor continued to direct his faculties toward the advancement of the science of naval warfare. While the finishing preparations were being made for the Clermont's maiden voyage, namely, on July 20, 1807, Fulton, in pursuance of experiments which the United States Government had authorized him to make, blew up the hulk of a large brig in New York harbor with a torpedo. In January, 1810, Fulton appeared before President Madison, ex-President Jefferson, and a number of members of Congress, and explained to them his plans and models for torpedoes, and a little later issued an illustrated pamphlet entitled "Torpedo Warfare, or Submarine Explosions."

Livingston, after viewing Fulton's submarine experiments, said: "Upon the whole, I view this application of powder as one of the most important military discoveries which some centuries have produced."

There is no doubt but that the Royal Navy officers who witnessed Fulton's demonstrations in 1805 had a wholesome respect for his devices, and exercised a corresponding discretion in approaching our waters during our second war with Great Britain.

In 1808, Fulton built the Car of Neptune, and in 1811 the Paragon, the third of the Fulton-Livingston line of Hudson river boats. The Paragon was a great improvement on her predecessors. She was 173 feet long with 27 feet breadth of beam. She had a copper boiler 21 feet in length, fitted with numerous pipes to facilitate the genera-

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tion of steam, something after the modern tubular system, but owing to some injury to the pipes from fire on the first experiment they were abandoned. The Paragon ran many years between New York and Albany; but about 1820 she ran upon a rock and was abandoned. The round trip from New York to Albany and return on the Paragon as on the Clermont cost \$14. To-day the same trip can be made for \$3.50.

In 1812, Fulton started his first ferry-boat. The enterprising Stevens had started a ferry to Hoboken in October the year before, but eventually had to give way to Fulton. Of Fulton's boat which ran from Cortlandt street to Jersey City, Fulton said: "It crosses the river, which is a mile and a half broad, when it is calm, in 15 minutes; the average time is 20 minutes. She has had in her at one time 8 four-wheeler carriages, 29 horses and 100 passengers, and could have taken 300 persons more."

This boat was built on the catamaran principle, consisting of two boats, each of 10 feet beam and 80 feet long, separated from each other by an interval of 10 feet, and covered with a deck 30 feet wide and 80 long. The paddle-wheel was in the space between the boats, protected from ice and collision. She was symmetrical at both ends, and, having a balanced rudder at each, was not obliged to put about on the return trip. Thus we see that our simple end-wise system of receiving and discharging ferry passengers, which excited the admiration of some English visitors not long ago, dates from the very beginning of steam ferriage. Fulton also devised the ferry bridge almost precisely as used in its elements to-day. It was attached to the wharf by a horizontal hinge, the outer end resting on a float which rose and fell with the tide. He provided, in addition, an ingenious bumper with hydraulic counter-weights to receive the impact of the arriving boat, which in later years proved to be unnecessary.

Fulton's estimate of the expense of running a steam ferry-boat for one year is very moderate compared with the expense of a modern ferry:

2 firemen at 30 dollars a month each, they finding themselves. They will also act as engineers to keep the engine in order. They must be engaged for the year, as such men cannot be turned away in the winter and got in the spring—	\$720 a year
60 dollars a month.....	
Two boatmen to take turns at steering at	
25 dollars a month each, 50 dollars a	
month.....	600
1½ cords of wood for 12 or 13 hours at	
4½ dollars a day, to work 320 days...	2,240
Ware, tare and repairs.....	600
Total.....	
	\$4,160
Robert Fulton	
Jany. 22, 1810.	

The outbreak of the war of 1812 with Great Britain naturally turned Fulton's thoughts again to his purpose to rid the seas of British oppression. John Bull well knew Fulton's ingenuity and constructive ability, and we may be sure that he kept a particular eye on Fulton's activities. It is possible that the immunity of New York City during the war was partly due to the wholesome fear that some of Fulton's submarine contrivances might be hidden under the waters of New York harbor. In March, 1814, Congress authorized the construction of the first steam vessel of war according to plans submitted to Fulton, and this vessel, called the *Demologos*, or *Fulton the First*, was launched, but not completed, October 29, 1814. She was built, like his ferry-boat, on the catamaran principle, and consisted of two hulls, 66 feet long, separated by a channel 15 feet wide. The paddle-wheel was within this central channel. She had a parapet 4 feet 10 inches thick; port-holes for 30 32-pounder guns; two bowsprits and jibs; two masts; and four rudders, one at each end of each hull.

The launching of this vessel was a great event in New York. Multitudes crowded the shores, and the river and bay were filled with vessels of war dressed in all their colors. In their midst was the enormous floating mass, saluted by land batteries, bands of music and the cheers of

the people. The enemy had endeavored to prevent the building of the frigate by blockading the port and cutting off necessary supplies, but he only succeeded in increasing the expense. The vessel was completed; equipped with guns opportunely captured from the British and transported over miry roads from Philadelphia to New York; and on July 4, 1815, she made a trip to sea and back, a distance of 53 miles, in 8 hours and 20 minutes. But on February 17th, the treaty of peace with Great Britain was ratified at Washington and the war was over.

Meanwhile, England had evidently sustained a great fright, if we may judge from the English newspaper accounts of the *Demologos*, which declared her to be 300 feet long and 200 feet wide, with sides 13 feet thick, carrying 44 guns, and able to discharge 100 gallons of boiling water a minute. Furthermore, she could brandish 300 cutlasses with the utmost regularity over the gunwale, and dart 300 heavy iron pikes of great length from her sides with great force and withdraw them every quarter of a minute!

Fulton, while present at the launching of the *Demologos*, did not live to see her completed, but died Thursday, February 23, 1815, at his home which stood in what is now Battery Place, in the rear of No. 1 Broadway.\* In January, he had caught a severe cold while at Trenton attending a hearing before the New Jersey Legislature involving the right of John R. Livingston to run a ferry-boat between New York and New Jersey. Returning from Trenton, he found the river full of ice, and he was detained on the water several hours on a very severe day. Notwithstanding the cold he had caught, he was so intensely interested in the completion of the frigate that he disregarded the proper precautions for his health. He spent many hours in inclement weather on the decks of the *Demologos*, supervising the work, and at last succumbed, the victim of his devotion to his great work.

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\*The date and place of Fulton's death above given though differing from those given by his biographers Colden and Reigant are authentic, being based upon obituary notices in contemporary newspapers and upon the city directory of that year.



On the day following, while minute guns boomed from the frigate and the West Battery (now the Aquarium,) his body was escorted to Trinity Church by all the officers of the national and state governments then in the city, by the city magistrates and common council, by several societies, and by a greater number of citizens than had been collected on any similar occasion before. It now rests in the Livingston vault on the south side of Trinity Church, about four rods northwest of the modest monument and tablet erected to his memory by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1901.

*An Estimate of Fulton's Genius*

If we could assemble in New York harbor a fleet embracing all the steam vessels constructed by Fulton or according to his plans, we should have an impressive exhibit of his productive powers. First we would see the little diving Nautilus (1801) whose name significantly recalls that of Jules Verne's creation in "20 Thousand Leagues Under the Sea." Then would come the little boat on the Seine (1803), and then the Clermont (1807), Car of Neptune (1808), Rariton (1809), New Orleans (1811), Paragon (1812), Firefly (1812), Jersey Ferryboat (1812), Camden (1812), Washington (1813), York Ferryboat (1813), Richmond (1814), Nassau Ferryboat (1814), Fulton (1814), Vesuvius (1814), Demologos (1814), Aetna (1815), Buffalo (1815), Mute (1815), Olive Branch (1816), Empress of Russia (1816), and Chancellor Livingston (1816).

But even this exhibit would represent only a part of Fulton's genius, which expressed itself in his valuable pioneer work with submarine boats, torpedoes, inland canals, and in other directions for the promotion of the peace and prosperity of mankind.

Recalling again the thought formerly expressed concerning the hundreds of centuries of slow advancement in the science of navigation with sailing craft, we cannot fail to be deeply impressed with the immense progress made with steam navigation since it was established on a commercial

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basis by Fulton 102 years ago. The little Clermont of 1807, which could carry 100 persons to Albany in 30 hours at \$7 a head, has developed into the modern floating palace which can carry 5,000 in 9½ hours, at the rate of \$1.75 each.

The Paulus Hook ferry-boat of 1812, which could cross the North River in 20 minutes has grown into the superb twin-screw municipal ferry-boat, costing \$376,000 to build, which can go from South Ferry to Staten Island, a distance of five miles, in the same time. It costs \$192,908 a year on the average to run one of the modern Staten Island ferry-boats against Fulton's estimate of \$4,160. The salaries and wages of crews and terminal hands amounted in 1906 to \$93,231 per boat against \$1,300 a year estimated by Fulton; and the fuel cost \$45,156 per boat, against Fulton's estimate of \$2,240. Two firemen (who also acted as engineers) and two boatmen (who also acted as pilots) comprised Fulton's running force. Each Staten Island boat has three crews of 21 members each, who serve eight hours each. A municipal ferry-boat can carry 2,500 passengers against Fulton's 400. Although the ferry system across the North and East River is now falling into disuse, in consequence of the building of bridges and tunnels, it has been of enormous influence in the development of the city. An idea of the extent of the ferry traffic of the city at the end of the first century after Fulton's achievement of 1807 may be gathered from the fact that in 1907, all the ferries of New York city carried 216,932,549 passengers, of whom 126,294,239 crossed the North River, 12,716,300 were carried by the Municipal Ferries in the harbor, and the balance were carried by all other ferries.

Passing around into the East River to the U. S. Navy Yard, opposite the place where Fulton's armed frigate was launched, we find more material for thoughtful comparison. In the Wallabout Bay, ever memorable for the sufferings of the prison ship martyrs which Fulton so graphically illustrated in the Columbiad, lie the powerful successors of the Demologos. In the midst of this ponderous mass of peace-

conserving machines, we may find the submarine off-spring of his plunging Nautilus. And in these craft, we can see the highest development of his torpedoes.

But greater than all, in the opening years of the second century of steam navigation, come the *Lusitania* and the *Mauretania* as if to demonstrate the perfection to which the science of Fulton has been carried in one hundred years. How impressive is the contrast between the beginnings of the two centuries and how diminutive the facsimile of the *Clermont*, 150 feet long, will look this year beside the 790-foot *Cunarders* which have just crossed the ocean in less than five days.\*

Looking back over this marvelous conquest of the sea during the past 102 years, we need suffer no compunctions of conscience in freely rendering our tribute to the memory of Fulton as the father of American steamboating. It is true that he did not build the first crude boat propelled by steam, and he was indebted to others for many ideas which he put into successful practice. But we should remember that in the history of invention, as in the history of human events generally, no single event stands forth alone and unconnected with either preceding or succeeding events. All history is a continuous and logical sequence of cause and effect, and each event is at the same time the fruit of past labors and the seed of harvests to come. Galileo, popularly regarded as the inventor of the telescope, was indebted to the prior discoveries of a Dutchman. Huygens, the inventor of the pendulum clock, was the debtor of Galileo who noted the swinging lamp. And in like manner we may recall the obligations of Stevenson, the father of the locomotive, to Watt; Daguerre, the father of photography, to Niepce; Morse, the father of the telegraph, to Joseph Henry (and to Galvani if we wish to trace it back so far); Bell, the father of the telephone, to several persons; and Marconi, the wizard of wireless telegraphy, to Heinrich

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\* On March 2, 1909, the *Mauretania* reached Daunt's Rock, Queenstown, from New York, having traversed 2,934 miles in 4 days, 20 hours and 2 minutes. This is the fastest trip on record.

Herz. In invention, as in other affairs, we feel a natural desire to give a personification to great movements. Washington, Wellington and William of Orange are national heroes, not because their achievements were unaided, but partly because they personify the movements in which they were leading factors. And so it is with our heroes of invention. Fulton was indebted to Franklin, Fitch, Stevens and Livingston, both for the lessons of their successes and the lessons of their failures; but the indisputable fact remains that he improved upon their experiments and by his genius and personal character was able to devise the means and command the influence and resources which established steam navigation upon a successful commercial basis. Fulton personifies the great historical movement of steam navigation, and we are justified in yielding with unreserved gratitude the title of "The Father of American Steamboating" to him whose motto was: "The Liberty of the Seas Will be the Happiness of the Earth."

## PART III.

## GENERAL PLAN OF CELEBRATION

The plans for the celebration of the events described in the preceding pages have been formulated with a view to the international, national, interstate, State and local significance of the events to be commemorated.

The people of Holland, under royal auspices, are building a reproduction of the "Half Moon," to be presented to the Commission manned with a crew in the costumes of the period of Henry Hudson. The reception of this distinguished delegation, together, as it is hoped, with ships and official representatives of foreign nations, will mark the *international* phase of the celebration.

The *national* government will be represented by the Federal troops, the United States navy, and distinguished civil officers.

An *interstate* participation cannot be avoided when two commonwealths, like New York and New Jersey, have so much in common in their geographical, historical, social and commercial relations; and the appointment by Gov. Hughes of fifteen distinguished citizens of New Jersey upon the Commission, as well as the inquiries from New Jersey boards of trade and other sources indicate that such participation is in contemplation.

The *State-wide* observance of the events has been provided for in the preparations for commemorative exercises in all the universities, colleges, schools and learned societies, throughout the State.

*In the Hudson River Valley*, every county seat from Newburgh northward is preparing actively for one day of local celebration.

*In New York city* and the Hudson valley south of Newburgh the features of the celebration already in contemplation promise to make it unique in character and of lasting educational value.

The program of the celebration as at present outlined, but subject to modification in details, is as follows:

*Religious Service Days.*

(Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26, 1909.)

The Commission is of the opinion that in arranging for the celebration the people should not overlook the Divine guidance in the two great events to be commemorated, one of which opened up our State to modern civilization and led to the founding of the City of New York, and the other of which laid the foundation for the vast commerce upon which the prosperity of the City and State so largely depends. It has therefore set apart the first two days for religious observances by those who are accustomed to worship on Saturday and Sunday.

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### *Reception Day.*

(Monday, September 27th.)

The secular observances will begin on Monday, September 27th, with the following features:

General decoration of public and private dwellings from New York to the head of the river.

Rendezvous of American and foreign vessels at New York.

Fac-simile of Hudson's "Half Moon" to enter the river, be formally received and take her place in line.

Fac-simile of Fulton's "Clermont" to start from original site with appropriate exercises and take position in line.

Visiting guests to disembark and be officially received.

Opening of exhibits of paintings, prints, books, models, relics, etc., by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, the Hispanic Museum, the American Numismatic Society, the New York Public Library, the New York Historical Society, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the American Geographical Society, Webb's School for Shipbuilders, the New York Yacht Club, and *similar institutions throughout the State*. The exhibitions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History promise to be the most remarkable of the kind ever held in this country and will probably extend over a period of several months.

Music festivals in the evening in each of the five boroughs of the city.

On some day or days of this week, there will be a remarkable exhibition of flying machines. The New York World, has offered a prize of \$10,000 for the aeronaut who, with a mechanically propelled airship, sails over the course from New York to Albany traversed by Fulton's first steamboat in 1807. This competition will be conducted by the Aero Club of America, and has been approved by the Commission as a part of the official celebration.

During the week it is planned to have, upon a great float in the Hudson river opposite Riverside Park, New York, an Indian village, in and around which scenes in the early history of New York will be enacted.

### *Historical Day.*

(Tuesday, September 28th.)

On Tuesday, September 28th, there will be an Historical Parade in the City of New York. The procession will be composed of floats and moving tableaux representing the principal events in the history of the City and State. This parade may be repeated in Brooklyn on Friday, October 1.

In the evening, the Official Literary Exercises will be held in the Metropolitan Opera House, the Great Hall of the City College, Carnegie Hall, and the Opera House of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, at which orations will be delivered by men of national reputation.

*General Commemoration Day.*

(Wednesday, September 29th.)

Soon after the Commission was formed, a World's Fair at or near New York City was suggested. After giving several public hearings the subject was referred to the Plan and Scope Committee, who, in their preliminary report, expressed the belief that the country had been surfeited with such temporary celebrations and voiced the hope that the celebration of 1909 would be conducted on a plan which would leave monumental works of lasting benefit to the people. The ideas thus expressed have received unequivocal expressions of approval from the leading newspapers of this and other States and have been accepted as the policy of the Commission.

It is proposed therefore that Wednesday, September 29th, be devoted to the dedication of parks and memorials along the Hudson River, and to General Commemorative Exercises throughout the State. It is recommended not only that between now and then, the most earnest efforts be made to secure great memorials like Inwood Hill Park, but also that the civic pride of various communities along the river be invoked to participate in like manner by establishing parks, institutions or other public memorials. The interest of the numerous historical and patriotic societies is invited in the erection of monuments and tablets, so that the history of the Hudson Valley may be written in stone and bronze from the site of old Fort Amsterdam to the site of old Fort Orange. The Commission has advices which indicate that monuments to William the Silent and Henry Hudson, a tablet to the Founders and Patriots of New York and a tablet on Fort Tryon will be ready for dedication.

Wednesday is essentially an educational day, designed to be participated in by the universities, colleges, schools, museums and learned and patriotic societies *throughout the whole State*. While the commemoration of 1909 must, from geographical considerations, largely center around the Hudson River, the glory and the material benefits of Hudson's and Fulton's achievements are the heritage of the people of the entire State, and the programme for Wednesday affords a practical means for a general observance of the occasion from one end of the State to the other. Features of this day's observances will be as follows: Commemorative exercises in Columbia University, New York University, College of

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City of New York, Cooper Union, University of St. John at Fordham, Hebrew University, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Public Schools, Historical Societies, and *all the universities, colleges and institutions of learning throughout the State of New York*; with free lectures for the people in New York City under the auspices of the Board of Education.

The programme for this day also includes aquatic sports on the Hudson River, designed in the first instance for friendly competition between the crews of the naval vessels, but which may embrace motor boat races and such other amusements as may seem practicable and desirable. The races on this day will be opposite Riverside Park, New York, and opposite Yonkers. (See also Saturday, October 2.)

Other features of Wednesday's programme will be:

A reception to visiting guests at West Point during the day; and

An Official Banquet in honor of distinguished guests in the City of New York in the evening.

### *Military Parade Day.*

(Thursday, September 30th.)

On Thursday will occur the military parade, participated in by the United States Army, the United States Navy and Marine Corps, the National Guard and the Naval Militia.

Owing to the probable length of this parade, which may contain as many as 25,000 troops, the great fatigue which would be caused to the distinguished reviewing party if required to witness a longer procession, and the difficulties in the way of moving with precision and promptness a larger body if composed of undrilled civilians, it has been deemed advisable to eliminate civic features from this parade.

An evening reception to the official guests at the headquarters of the Department of the East on Governor's Island is suggested as the closing event of the day if it proves agreeable to the authorities.

### *Hudson River Day.*

(Friday, October 1st.)

Friday, October 1st is devoted to the Naval Parade and incidental ceremonies. It appears to be practicable for some of our naval vessels to proceed as far north as Newburgh Bay. It is planned to have as many vessels of the navy, merchant marine, excursion boats, and pleasure craft as possible go from New York



to Newburgh, taking with them the fac-similes of the "Half Moon" and "Clermont."

In order that the inhabitants of the country on either side of the river may see the parade and the reproductions of the historic vessels, we recommend that the day be devoted by them to fêtes champêtres along the river-sides from New York to Newburgh.

As the procession passes up the river, salutes may be fired from eligible points.

The Memorial Arch erected by the Daughters of the Revolution at Stony Point Battlefield will probably be dedicated on this day.

Simultaneously with the advance of the South Hudson Division, it is proposed to have a counter-procession from Albany to Newburgh, the two divisions meeting and holding appropriate ceremonies at Newburgh. Here the "Half Moon" and "Clermont" will join the North Hudson Division.

#### *Carnival Day.*

(Saturday, October 2d.)

Saturday, October 2d, is designed for a general Carnival Day in New York city.

The New York division of the Naval Parade will return to its starting point.

In Newburgh bay there will be aquatic sports.

In all the cities this will be peculiarly the Children's Day, devoted to fetes in public and private parks and play-grounds.

The celebration will culminate in New York City in the *evening* with a Carnival Parade. This feature, with its moving allegorical tableaux participated in by all nationalities represented in the City will, it is believed, exceed in beauty and interest the most famous carnivals of Europe. The Carnival Parade will probably be repeated in Brooklyn on some night in the following week.

Brilliancy will be added to the general spectacle by the illumination of the fleet and public and private buildings and a pyrotechnic display. Displays of fireworks at various points, notably on the great bridges as in the fetes of the 14th of July in Paris, are in contemplation.

At 9 P. M. it is designed to have a chain of signal fires from mountain tops and other eligible points along the whole river, lighted simultaneously. An arrangement has been made with the Pain Manufacturing Company as official illuminators, by which local communities can contract for these fires at reasonable and uniform rates.

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### *Upper Hudson Week.*

(Beginning Sunday, October 3d.)

It is planned to devote the week beginning Sunday, October 3d, to celebrations in the communities along the Upper Hudson. This will be somewhat in the nature of an Old Home Week. The events previously outlined will draw many residents of the State to the City of New York and will prevent as full a participation in local celebrations as might otherwise be possible; whereas, in the week following not only will the citizens of the communities outside of the Metropolis be at home, but former residents of those communities will also be freer to make pilgrimages to their old homes, renew old ties and participate in local exercises. Beginning Sunday, October 3d, such portion of the Lower Hudson fleet as can continue the voyage to Troy, together with the North Hudson Fleet and the "Half Moon" and "Clermont," will be subject to the arrangements of the Upper Hudson Committee of the Commission.

### *Dutchess County Day.*

(Monday, October 4th.)

On Monday the naval parade will be at Poughkeepsie, the county seat of Dutchess county, and remain there during the Poughkeepsie Ceremonies. The erection of a statue of Robert Fulton has been suggested as a feature of the Poughkeepsie celebration.

### *Ulster County Day.*

(Tuesday, October 5th.)

On Tuesday, the naval parade will proceed to Kingston, the county seat of Ulster county, while similar exercises take place there. A statue of Governor Clinton has been proposed as the permanent memorial here.

### *Greene County Day.*

(Wednesday, October 6th.)

On Wednesday, October 6, the naval parade will go to Catskill, the county seat of Greene county. It is proposed that the ceremonies here include the dedication of a statue of Rip Van Winkle.

### *Columbia County Day.*

(Thursday, October 7th.)

On Thursday, October 7th, the fleet will continue on to Hudson, which is the county seat of Columbia county and is named after the great explorer. A statue of Henry Hudson is the appropriate memorial proposed at this point.

*Albany County Day.*

(Friday, October 8th.)

On Friday, the 8th, the flotilla will advance to the Capital of the commonwealth, the county seat of Albany county and the oldest city in the State. A statue of Peter Schuyler, the first mayor of Albany, has been suggested as the permanent memorial here.

*Rensselaer County Day.*

(Saturday, October 9th.)

In like manner the naval parade will advance to Troy, the county seat of Rensselaer county on Saturday, October 9th, and form the nucleus of the celebration there. A statue of Van Rensselaer, who obtained the first land grant in that section, has been suggested as an appropriate monument to be erected here.

PART IV.  
SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERAL COMMEMORATIVE EXERCISES AND CHILDREN'S FESTIVALS.

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*Municipal Authorities and Citizens Generally.*

Municipal authorities are requested to cause flags to be displayed on all public buildings during the secular week beginning on Monday, September 27.

Citizens generally are requested to display flags from their houses and office buildings and merchants to decorate their store windows with the national colors and the *colors of the celebration*. The latter are orange, white and blue, the colors of Holland under which Henry Hudson sailed in 1609.

*Learned and Patriotic Societies.*

On Wednesday, September 29—or on any other day of that week if more convenient—it is recommended that patriotic, historical and other learned societies hold literary exercises bearing on the events commemorated or on the consequences of those events. The leading speakers of the community should be invited to participate.

Exhibitions of books, prints, maps, paintings and relics will be very interesting. Comparative pictures showing the appearance of the locality in 1609 or in 1807 and in 1909 will be instructive.

Historical societies will naturally consider the historical aspects of the events.

Scientific societies may consider the flora and fauna of Hudson's time; Hudson's and Fulton's contributions to the science of navigation, etc.

The preservation of local landmarks and the marking of historic sites is recommended.

*Educational Institutions.*

All universities, colleges, normal schools, high schools, public schools and private schools are requested to observe Wednesday, September 29, as General Commemoration Day. Programmes

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should be arranged comprising two or more of the following general features :

1. Patriotic songs.
2. Debates.
3. Essays.
4. Tableaux.
5. Exhibitions.

### *Songs.*

The following songs are recommended: "America," "Star Spangled Banner," "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," "Keller's American Hymn," "Hail Columbia."

Any good sailor's songs, and songs of England and Holland would also be appropriate.

Songs of other nations, with the display of corresponding flags, would typify the State's welcome to the people of all foreign countries.

### *Debates.*

Debating societies will find material for public debates in both Hudson's and Fulton's achievements. The following subjects may suggest others :

"Was Henry Hudson justified or not in sailing to America in 1609 under his contract with the Dutch East India Company?"

"Were the Dutch or the English best entitled to the territory called New Netherland?"

"Did the presence of Indians in this State on the whole promote or hinder the coming of civilization?"

"If the British had controlled the Hudson river in the War of the Revolution, could the Colonies have won their independence?"

"Which has conferred the greater benefits on mankind, the steamboat or the steam locomotive?"

"Which has had the greater influence of the prosperity of the State, the Hudson river or the Erie canal?"

"Which did the most for the advancement of civilization, Henry Hudson or Robert Fulton?"

### *Essays and Compositions.*

The discovery of the Hudson river and the invention of steam navigation offer a wide range of subjects for essays and compositions. A few subjects are suggested as follows :

"Henry Hudson the Navigator."

"State of Geographical Knowledge in 1609."

"The Sea Kings of England and Holland and what they did for free navigation."

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"Instruments used in navigation in Hudson's time."

"The League of the Iroquois."

"The River Indians and How they Received Hudson."

"Legends of the Indians."

"The settlement of New Netherland."

"The fur trade of New Netherland."

"How the beaver influenced the history of New York."

"Customs of the Dutch settlers."

"The relation of the Hudson River to the history of the State."

"Robert Fulton the Inventor."

"Fulton's Debt to other inventors."

"Progress in steam navigation in 100 years."

"Description of an ocean voyage in 1609."

"The scenery of the Hudson River."

"Legends of the Hudson River."

"The rank of the Hudson River with other rivers of the United States."

"The Influence of the Erie Canal on the development of New York City and State."

"The settlement of \_\_\_\_\_" (in the blank space insert the name of the town or city in which the writer lives.) This subject is especially recommended to stimulate the study of local history.

### *Tableaux.*

It is difficult to make suggestions for tableaux which will be applicable to all parts of the State, to the different conditions under which they are to be given and to the varying resources of the participants. Tableaux can be given out of doors with natural surroundings which cannot be given in doors; and effects can be produced in a theatre or large auditorium which cannot be had in a schoolroom. Each community must be guided largely by its own history, and each company by its own facilities.

While the primary object of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration is to commemorate the achievements of Hudson and Fulton, it is designed also to stimulate the study of the local history of all the communities of the State. Therefore, any important or picturesque or interesting event in the annals of a town or city may appropriately be represented.

There are no more picturesque subjects than those relating to the Indians. If purely aboriginal life is to be represented, scenes may be given representing passages in the Legend of Hiawatha, which is supposed to depict the origin of the Iroquois. If there is any local Indian legend, it may likewise afford material. Scenes in Indian domestic life; the making of pottery; wooden dishes, bows and arrows, etc.; the stringing of wampum; an Indian meal;

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the gathering of corn; the pounding of corn; Indian games, etc., are admirable subjects for purely Indian characters.

Then there is a range of subjects, as wide as the State, dealing with the contact between the Indians and the white men. The settlers of New York were usually very scrupulous to buy their land from the Indians, even if the price paid was small, so that from the purchase of Manhattan Island by Peter Minuit in 1626 to the Big Tree Treaty on the Genesee by which the Senecas parted with most of their land, there were innumerable incidents of that sort. Then there were a great many councils with the Indians like that on Bowling Green, New York; that between Stuyvesant and the Indians at Albany (Fort Orange); those of Sir William Johnson at Johnstown; those under the Council Tree at Geneva, etc. The dealings of the fur traders with the natives are susceptible of simple and effective representation. Cooper's *Leatherstocking Tales* will suggest several picturesque scenes. Scenes of captivity may also be represented, and an incident like Mary Jemison's arrival in the Genesee country with her Indian babe on her back, could be easily and strikingly portrayed.

Henry Hudson may be represented as signing his contract with the directors of the Dutch East India Company; or studying his globe and charts in the cabin of the *Half Moon*; or debating with his unruly crew near Nova Zembla whether he shall return to Holland or sail for America; or welcomed by the friendly Hudson River Indians. The famous feast, between Hudson city and Albany, when the Indians broke their bows and arrows to show their friendship, would make a striking scene. If facilities are available, a scene based on Collier's painting of "Hudson's Last Voyage" would be affective.

Any phase of Dutch colonial life would be good. A Dutch youth and maiden promenading together or with the youth on his knees before his sweetheart, would represent a Dutch courtship. The rattle-watch—a darkened stage, with a watchman, going about with a lantern and whirling his wooden ratchet—could be easily produced. Men bowling at ten pins; or a Dutch school scene; or features of domestic life, such as spinning, weaving, threshing with a flail, churning by hand, polishing the pewter dishes, and cooking at the old fire-place, are good material to work upon.

What has just been said about the Dutch period is equally applicable to the English colonial period. A tea party of either colonial period could be made very pretty.

In preparing for the presentation of historical scenes, the first essential is to read the local history of the town and pick out its leading events. Some incident connected with the first permanent settlement of each town is particularly recommended. In New York city, the purchase of Manhattan Island in 1626 would represent the beginning of the Dutch period; the surrender of

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Fort Amsterdam by Peter Stuyvesant in 1664 the beginning of the English period; and the reading of the Declaration of Independence to the Continental Army, July 9, 1776 the beginning of the American period. The trial and acquittal of John Peter Zenger (1735) establishing the freedom of the press; citizens signing the nonimportation agreement (1765), citizens burning the British stamps (1765); Washington giving instructions to Nathan Hale (1776); Washington's farwell to his officers (1783) are suggestive of many others relating to colonial and revolutionary times. Where events are of national or state-wide importance there is no reason why one community should not borrow subjects from another. Washington refusing the crown at Newburgh, the adoption of the Constitution at Kingston, the Capitulation of Burogyne at Saratoga, and the making of the first American flag flown in battle at Fort Stanwix (Rome) are events in the latter class.

Almost every community has had one pre-eminent historical character, like Peter Stuyvesant, George Clinton, Peter Schuyler, Kilian Van Rensselaer, Horatio Seymour, William H. Seward, or scores of others who could be named. Such a character, represented in his most famous attitude or act, would make a tableau by itself. Often-times a local statute will convey a helpful suggestion in this direction. "Living statuary," representing a soldier and sailor, would symbolize the civil war.

Robert Fulton's life suggests several subjects, such as taking painting lessons from Benjamin West; working on a steamboat model; making mechanical drawings; conferring with ex-President Jefferson, President Madison and others when he explained his torpedo plans, etc.

Irving's Sketch Book can be drawn upon for Legends of the Hudson river, foremost among which is that of Rip Van Winkle and Henry Hudson's crew in the Catskills.

These hints could be prolonged until they made a volume; but perhaps enough has been said to suggest how to go to work and what subjects are available. The discovery of other appropriate subjects must be left to the studious ingenuity of the participants themselves.

### *Exhibitions.*

School exhibitions may include the following things:

Pictures of Henry Hudson; the Half Moon; Amsterdam; the Dutch people; scenes along the coasts of Norway, Spitzbergen, Iceland, Greenland, Hudson Bay, the Maine coast, and the Hudson river.

Indian relics of all kinds.

Relics of early settlers.

Pictures of Robert Fulton, early and modern steamboats and scenery of the Hudson river.



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Pictures of the locality in which the exhibition is held, showing its early and present appearances in contrast.

Views relating to the Erie canal.

Old maps of North America and New York State, with pins used as markers to indicate voyages of early explorers. A large globe of the earth thus marked would be instructive.

### *Children's Festivals.*

Saturday, October 2d, is the day particularly assigned to the children of the State for out-door festivals.

*Places.*—These festivals may be held on the rivers, river-sides, village greens, parks, park lakes, roads, boulevards, avenues, streets or parts of streets set aside for occasion, recreation piers, open fields, vacant lots, playgrounds, campuses and athletic fields. If the weather should be inclement or if for other reason it should be advisable to have the festivals under cover, use could be made of armories, large halls, recreation centers and roof gardens.

*Form of Festivals.*—The festivals themselves may take the form of (a) dramatic presentations, with literature and arts portraying the heroes, the people, the civilization of 1609, and symbols of development—scientific, industrial, social, political, educational. Or (b) they may take the character of aquatic or land processions or pageants with arches, poles, banners, emblems, coats of arms, insignia of all kinds, colors, and streamers, so far as possible to be made by the school children as school work. The symbols should suggest the sources of the Hudson, the different cities and towns in succession blessed by its waters, the various products borne by it for distribution to mankind in all parts of the world; and also the various nationalities which in succession have come to share in the blessings of the river. And (c) there may be home parties for children and young people with costumes, plays, games, charades, etc., illustrative of different features of the places and events.

*Rejoicing.*—Folk dancing of all nations, in succession and then in unison as one people, is suggested as a form of rejoicing; also historical excursions; tournaments; golf; tennis, and other ball games; all games for kindergarten and older children in parks, in streets set aside for the purpose, in open fields, and vacant lots—wherever individuals or neighborhood committees make it possible for children to play. Separate places should be provided for the segregation of kindergarten and small children. In communities near the Hudson river, the participants should, if possible, hold their rejoicings on the shores of the river and harbor.

*Co-operation.*—Schools, committees and individuals arranging children's festivals should secure, if possible, the co-operation of departments of education, departments of parks and various other

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departments of government; institutions, playground associations, athletic leagues, clubs, associations, societies, neighborhood leagues and committees. An individual, a committee or a society may select and improve even a vacant lot as a possible place for some form of celebration by children. Each school, institution, club, society, or neighborhood committee should provide a building or a playground and organize for the children of the school or neighborhood various forms of entertainment. The improvement of such vacant lots may lead eventually to the establishment of permanent parks or play-grounds.

### *Books.*

Following is a partial bibliography for the aid of the student. In some of the books mentioned are more extensive lists:

*Indians.*—Morgan's "League of the Iroquois," and Rittenber's "History of the Indian Tribes of the Hudson" (rare) are recommended with the following more accessible publications of the New York State Museum: "History of the New York Iroquois," "Aboriginal Occupation of New York," "Aboriginal Chipped Stone Implements of New York," "Polished Stone Articles Used by the New York Aborigines," "Earthenware of the New York Aborigines," "Wampum and Shell Articles used by the New York Indians," "Horn and Bone Implements of the New York Indians," "Metallic Implements of the New York Indians," "Metallic Ornaments of the New York Indians," etc.

*England and Holland.*—Greene's "Short History of England" and Motley's "History of The Netherlands" will give the relations of the countries prior to and at the time of Hudson's voyages. "Motley's Dutch Nation," by Wm. Elliot Griffis, D. D., L. H. D., condenses into one volume Motley's "Rise of the Dutch Republic" and in addition brings the historical narrative down to 1908.

*Early Voyages.*—John Fiske's "Discovery of America," chapters I and II of his "Old Virginia and Her Neighbors" and his "Dutch and Quaker Colonies in America" are fascinating reading concerning the sea-kings, western discoveries and American colonization. Volume IV of Windsor's "Narrative and Critical History of America" contains a great fund of information on the subject. "Purchas His Pilgrimes" published in 1625 is difficult of access but useful to the critical student. For individual pre-Hudson voyages, the following "Old South Leaflets," published by the Directors of the Old South Work, Boston, Mass., and costing five cents apiece, are very useful: No. 17, "Verazzano's Voyage;" No. 29, "The Discovery of America;" No. 31, "The Voyages to Vinland;" No. 37, "The Voyages of the Cabots;" No. 115, "John Cabot's Discovery of North America," and others mentioned in their list which is sent on application to them.

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*Henry Hudson.*—John Meredith Read's "Historical Inquiry Concerning Henry Hudson" is the most exhaustive investigation of his life, but is rare. Henry C. Murphy's "Henry Hudson in Holland" is also rare. Edgar Mayhew Bacon's "Henry Hudson, his Times and his Voyages" is perhaps the most convenient and accessible modern book on the subject.

*Discovery of the Hudson River.*—Asher's "Henry Hudson the Navigator" is an exhaustive and critical account of Hudson's voyages with full bibliography, but rare. Purchas' Pilgrims, (rare) reprinted in the New York Historical Society Collections, Vol. I, gives accounts of all four of Hudson's voyages. B. F. De Costa's "Sailing Directions of Henry Hudson" contains a dissertation on the discovery of the Hudson but is also rare. John Fiske's "Dutch and Quaker Colonies in America" is by far the most readable and condensed account of the discovery of the river. Bacon's "Henry Hudson," above referred to, is also excellent. Yates & Moulton's "History of New York" has a running commentary on Hudson's voyage up the river. Old South Leaflet, No. 94, "The Discovery of the Hudson River" gives that portion of Juet's diary of Hudson's voyage relating to the river. The American Scenic and Historical Preservation Society's "Eleventh Annual Report," (1906) contains Juet's Journal, also a fac-simile of Hudson's contract with the Dutch East India Company.

*Settlement of New Netherland.*—Chapter VIII of Volume IV of Winsor's "Narrative and Critical History of America" is an interesting and condensed account of the Dutch in America, with sources of information and a valuable bibliography. Fiske's "Dutch and Quaker Colonies" should also be consulted. The first volume of Gen. James Grant Wilson's "Memorial History of New York" is the most scholarly and detailed account of the discovery and colonization of New Netherland. Old South Leaflet, No. 69, contains the "Description of New Netherland by Adrian Van der Donck."

*The Hudson River.*—Lossing's "Hudson from the Wilderness to the Sea" and Bacon's "Hudson River from Ocean to Source" are interesting, descriptive and historical works.

*Robert Fulton.*—Colden's "Life of Robert Fulton" and Reigart's "Life of Robert Fulton" are the fullest biographies of the inventor, but the date and place of his death are erroneously stated in both. Convenient small books are "Robert Fulton, His Life and its Results," (194 pp.), by R. H. Thurston, and "The Story of Robert Fulton," (120 pp.), by Peyton F. Miller.

*Steam Navigation.*—The fullest work on this subject is Admiral Preble's "Chronological History of the Origin and Development of Steam Navigation." A brief account is to be found in Old South

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Leaflets, No. 108, "The Invention of the Steamboat." A valuable short book is "A Sketch of the Origin and Progress of Steam Navigation from Authentic Documents" (printed in 1848), by Bennet Woodcroft, Professor of Machinery in the University College of London and editor of the indexes of British patents.

*Local Histories.*—It is not possible in these pages to give titles of local histories. These should invariably be consulted, however.

The librarians of public libraries will almost always make helpful suggestions to inquiring students.











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- Lieut. Com. Aaron Vanderbilt.*  
*Alfred G. Vanderbilt.*  
*Cornelius Vanderbilt.*  
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 Warner Van Norden.  
*William B. Van Rensselaer.*  
*\*Hon. Horace S. Van Voast.*  
 John R. Van Wormer.  
 J. Leonard Varick.  
 William G. Ver Planck.  
 Hon. Foster M. Voorhees.  
 †Hon. C. E. Vredenburg.  
 Hon. E. B. Vreeland.  
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 Hon. Charles G. F. Wahle.  
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*Charles R. Wilson.*  
 Edward C. Wilson.  
 Frederick W. Wilson.  
*Gen. Jas. Grant Wilson.*  
 †Hon. John Wirth.  
 Hon. John S. Wise.  
 Hon. H. Otto Wittpenn.  
 Charles B. Wolffram.  
 †Hon. Edward J. Wood.  
 J. S. Wood.  
*Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood,*  
*U. S. A.*  
*Gen. Stewart L. Woodford.*  
*Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.*  
 W. E. Woolley.  
 William Wortman.  
 James A. Wright.  
*\*Hon. Frederick M. Young.*  
 Hon. Richard Young.  
 †Hon. F. G. Zinsser.

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- Dr. A. Bredius, No. 6 Prinsegracht, The Hague, The Netherlands.  
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Dr. W. Martin, No. 26 Emmastraat, The Hague, The Netherlands.  
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## List of Committers

Revised to March 8, 1909.

### Aeronautics Committee

To consider the feasibility of, and, if practicable, arrange for an exhibition of flying machines.

Hon. James M. Beck, Chairman.....	44 Wall Street, New York.
Hon. William Berri.....	15 Hanover Place, Brooklyn.
Hon. Theodore P. Gilman.....	237 Fulton Street, New York.
Peter Cooper Hewitt.....	11 Lexington Ave., New York.

### Art and Historical Exhibits Committee

To invite and to co-operate in securing exhibits of paintings, prints, books, models, relics, plants and animals of the historic periods, etc., by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, the Hispano-American Museum, the American Numismatic Society, the New York Public Library, the New York Historical Society, the New York Botanical Garden, the New York Zoological Garden, the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Webb's Academy and Home for Shipbuilders, the New York Yacht Club, and similar institutions;

To co-operate with institutions in the publication of catalogues of exhibits;

And to secure, if practicable, with the co-operation of the American Museum of Natural History, the establishment of a typical Indian Village at Inwood or on the site of Nipnichsen Castle at Spuyten Duyvil.

J. Pierpont Morgan, General Chairman...23 Wall Street, New York.

#### *Sub-Committee on Art Exhibits*

Hon. Robert W. deForest, Chairman..	30 Broad Street, New York.
Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke,	Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
Edward Robinson.....	Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
George A. Hearn.....	20 West 14th Street, New York.
Dr. George F. Kunz.....	401 Fifth Avenue, New York.

#### *Sub-Committee on Historical Exhibits*

Dr. George F. Kunz, Chairman.....	401 Fifth Ave., New York.
Samuel V. Hoffman.....	258 Broadway, New York.
Archer M. Huntington.....	1083 Fifth Ave., New York.
Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn..	Amer'n Museum of Natural History.

### Aquatic Sports Committee

To arrange for aquatic sports on the Hudson River on Wednesday, September 29, and Saturday, October 2, to be participated in by crews from the men-of-war, and by yacht, motor and rowing clubs.

Capt. Jacob W. Miller, Chairman....	Pier 19, N. R., New York.
A. H. Alker.....	338 Madison Ave., New York.
Constructor Wm. J. Baxter, U. S. N....	Navy Yard, New York.
E. C. Converse.....	7 Wall Street, New York.
Frederick B. Dalzell.....	70 South Street, New York.
Lieut. Com. A. B. Fry.....	Custom House, New York.
William J. McKay.....	Newburgh, N. Y.
Hon. Nathan A. Warren.....	Yonkers, New York.



**Auditing Committee**

To examine and approve bills for payment in concurrence with the Board of Trustees:

And to audit the reports and accounts of the Treasurer.

Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Chairman.....280 Broadway, New York.  
 Hon. Warren Higley.....165 Broadway, New York.  
 Hon. William McCarroll.....Tribune Building, New York.

**Badges, Flag and Poster Committee**

Upon request of the Trustees or any Committee, to provide metal or ribbon badges for the official use of members of the Commission:

To recommend a design for an official flag;

And to recommend a design for an official Poster.

(This Committee will, upon request, furnish to any Committee desiring badges an estimate of cost of the same, so that the Committee desiring the badges may include the cost in the estimate of its expenses presented for the general budget.)

August F. Jaccaci, Chairman.....7 West 43d Street, New York.  
 Herbert Adams.....131 West 11th Street, New York.  
 Louis Annin Ames.....90 Fulton Street, New York.  
 Barr Ferree.....7 Warren Street, New York.  
 Samuel V. Hoffman.....258 Broadway, New York.  
 Frank D. Millet.....6 East 23rd Street, New York.  
 Louis Stewart.....4 Washington Square, New York.  
 C. Y. Turner.....35 West 14th Street, New York.

**Banquet Committee**

To arrange for the Official Banquet in its various details. This includes the engagement of the banquet hall, the decoration of the hall, the engagement of the music, the selection of the bill of fare, the choice of speakers, the invitation of guests of honor, the printing, sale and distribution of tickets, and the printing of the menu.

(Concerning the issuing of invitations see note under Invitations Committee. Concerning printing, see note on Printing at end of list.)

Francis Lynde Stetson, Chairman....15 Broad Street, New York.  
 Hon. William Berri.....15 Hanover Place, Brooklyn.  
 Gen. Howard Carroll.....41 Park Row, New York.  
 John B. Creighton.....44 Court Street, Brooklyn.  
 E. S. A. De Lima.....24 State Street, New York.  
 Robert E. Ely.....23 West 44th Street, New York.  
 Henry W. Sackett.....Tribune Building, New York.  
 Cornelius Vanderbilt.....15 Washington Square, New York.

**Carnival and Historical Parades Committee**

To arrange for the Historical Parade on Tuesday, September 28, and for the Carnival Parade on Saturday evening, October 2, and any repetitions of those parades that may be decided upon by the Trustees. These duties include:

The selection of the places for the parades;

The selection of subjects to be represented, subject to the approval of the Historical Committee;

The designing and building of the floats;  
 The selection of the participants;  
 The designing and manufacture of costumes and equipments;  
 The selection of the Grand Marshals and Staffs;  
 The hiring of music;  
 The control of the official reviewing stands for these occasions;  
 And the issuing of invitations to the reviewing party.

(Concerning the issuing of invitations, see note under Invitations Committee. Concerning printing of tickets, see note on printing at end of list.)

Herman Ridder, Chairman.....	182	William Street, New York.
Herbert Adams.....	131	West 11th Street, New York.
B. Altman.....	25	Madison Ave., New York.
August Belmont.....	23	Nassau Street, New York.
Hon. William Berri.....	15	Hanover Place, Brooklyn.
George C. Boldt.....		Waldorf-Astoria, New York.
Hon. David A. Boody.....	176	Montague Street, Brooklyn.
Hon. George C. Clausen.....	277	Broadway, New York.
George Ehret.....	235	East 92d Street, New York.
Henry Fuehrer.....	569	Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn.
Frank S. Gardner.....	203	Broadway, New York.
Arthur H. Hearn.....	20	West 14th Street, New York.
Theodore Henninger.....	83	White Street, New York.
Colgate Hoyt.....	36	Wall Street, New York.
Gen. Horatio C. King.....	44	Court Street, Brooklyn.
Hon. Gustav Lindenthal.....	45	Cedar Street, New York.
Frank D. Millet.....	6	East 23d Street, New York.
William C. Muschenheim.....		Hotel Astor, New York.
Hon. Lewis Nixon.....	43	Cedar Street, New York.
Eben E. Olcott.....		Desbrosses Street Pier, N. R., New York.
William Church Osborn.....	71	Broadway, New York.
Bayard L. Peck.....	32	Nassau Street, New York.
Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley.....		Peekskill, New York.
Louis C. Raegener.....	141	Broadway, New York.
Carl J. Roehr.....		Brooklyn Freie Presse, Brooklyn.
Jacob H. Schiff.....	905	Fifth Ave., New York.
Dr. Gustav Scholer.....	10	Jumel Terrace, New York.
Oscar R. Seitz.....	76	William Street, New York.
Louis Seligsberg.....	11	Broadway, New York.
William Sohmer.....	1	Third Ave., New York.
James Speyer.....	257	Madison Ave., New York.
Hon. Louis Stern.....	993	Fifth Ave., New York.
C. Y. Turner.....	35	West 14th Street, New York.
J. Leonard Varick.....	257	Broadway, New York.
Edmund Wetmore.....	34	Pine Street, New York.
Charles B. Wolfram.....	22	North William Street, New York.

#### Children's Festivals Committee

To encourage public school children and juvenile institutions and organizations to hold children's festivals out-of-doors on Saturday, October 2.

Hon. Samuel Parsons, Chairman.....	1133	Broadway, New York.
Mrs. Anson P. Atterbury.....	145	West 86th Street, New York.
Morris P. Ferris.....	676	West End Ave., New York.
Dr. E. R. L. Gould.....	301	West 77th Street, New York.

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Willis Holly.....	17 Park Row, New York.
Prest. Jacob Gould Schurman.....	Ithaca, New York.
George R. Sutherland.....	49 Wall Street, New York.
Hon. Richard Young.....	87 Lincoln Road, Brooklyn.

#### Clermont Committee

After its construction, to receive the fac-simile of the Clermont;  
To arrange for its berthing or anchorage, protection and exhibition prior to the Naval Parade of Friday, October 1;

To manage it during the Naval Parades to, at and above Newburgh;

To conduct it on the following day with the North Hudson squadron to the head of navigation;

To make recommendations to the Commission concerning its final disposition after the Celebration; and to attend to the execution of the Commission's decision on that subject.

(The Naval Parade Committee will be responsible for the design and construction of the Clermont. In the Naval Parade, the Clermont Committee, like the commanders of all other vessels, will be subject to the arrangements of the Naval Parade Committee.)

Eben E. Olcott, Chairman.....	Desbrosses St. Pier, N. R., New York.
Constructor Wm. J. Baxter, U. S. N.....	Navy Yard, Brooklyn.
Robert Fulton Cutting.....	32 Nassau Street, New York.
Frederick B. Dazell.....	70 South Street, New York.
Robert Fulton Ludlow.....	Claverack, New York.
Stevenon Taylor.....	123 West 85th Street, New York.

#### Contracts Committee

To have charge of the drawing of all formal contracts executed by the Commission.

Hon. M. Linn Bruce, Chairman.....	18 Wall Street, New York.
H. L. Bogert.....	90 Nassau Street, New York.
Henry E. Gregory.....	25 Liberty Street, New York.
John J. McKelvey.....	84 William Street, New York.
Nelson Spencer.....	27 William Street, New York.

#### Decorations and Reviewing Stands Committee

To invite the public authorities and owners of great office buildings, by individual letters, to decorate their buildings during celebration week;

To suggest to the public authorities the erection of suitable street decorations, such as arches, courts of honor, etc.;

To make suitable appeals through the press to citizens generally to decorate their houses during the festival;

Upon request of any other Committee to provide the decorations which it may need;

And to attend to the construction of reviewing stands for the open air functions, upon request of the Committees having such functions in charge.

(The control of the use of the reviewing stands will be in the hands of the Committees having charge of the functions for which they are used.)

Charles R. Lamb, Chairman.....	23 Sixth Ave., New York.
John C. Eames.....	224 Church Street, New York.

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Albert E. Kleinert.....	16 Court Street, Brooklyn.
Homer Lee.....	563 West End Ave., New York.
William Allen Marble.....	395 Broadway, New York.
Ludwig Nissen.....	182 Broadway, New York.
W. R. O'Donovan.....	31 St. Nicholas Place, New York.
George Henry Sargent.....	151 Leonard Street, New York.
John W. Simpson.....	62 Cedar Street, New York.
Isaac Siern.....	32 West 23rd Street, New York.
Henry R. Towne.....	9 Murray Street, New York.

**Dedications Committee**

Upon request of the Committee on Memorials, to assist in the arrangements for the dedication of monuments or tablets which have been erected either by the Commission itself or which have been erected by other organizations with the official countenance of this Commission;

And to promote generally the dedication of memorials of various sorts by other organizations.

Hon. Warren Higley, Chairman.....	165 Broadway, New York.
George Clin on Patcheller.....	666 Broadway, New York.
George V. Brower.....	44 Court Street, Brooklyn.
Frederick R. Cruikshank.....	1 Liberty Street, New York.
Hon. Charles de Kay.....	413 West 23rd Street, New York.
James de la Montagne.....	239 Broadway, New York.
Hon. Garret J. Garretson.....	Ehahurst, New York.
Walter G. Hudson.....	63 Wall Street, New York.
T. D. Huntington.....	239 Broadway, New York.
John J. Sinclair.....	1 East 39th Street, New York.

**Executive Committee**

To perform the usual duties of the Executive Committee as precribed in the By-Laws.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Chairman.....	18 Wall Street, New York.
John E. Parsons, Vice-Chairman.....	52 William Street, New York.
Hon. James M. Beck.....	44 Wall Street, New York.
Tunis G. Bergen.....	55 Liberty Street, New York.
Hon. William Berri.....	15 Hanover Place, Brooklyn.
Andrew Carnegie.....	2 East 91st Street, New York.
Hon. Joseph H. Choate.....	60 Wall Street, New York.
Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke.....	Metropolitan Museum of Art, N. Y.
William J. Curtis.....	49 Wall Street, New York.
Theodore Fitch.....	126 Broadway, New York.
Austen G. Fox.....	45 Wall Street, New York.
Edward Hagaman Hall.....	Tribune Building, New York.
Col. William Jay.....	48 Wall Street, New York.
Dr. George F. Kunz.....	401 Fifth Ave., New York.
John La Farge.....	51 West 10th Street, New York.
Hon. Seth Low.....	30 East 64th Street, New York.
Hon. William McCarroll.....	Tribune Building, New York.
Captain Jacob W. Miller.....	Pier 19, N. R., New York.
Frank D. Millet.....	6 East 23rd Street, New York.
J. Pierpont Morgan.....	23 Wall Street, New York.
Hon. Levi P. Morton.....	38 Nassau Street, New York.
Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien.....	524 Fifth Ave., New York.
Eben E. Olcott.....	Desbrosses Street Pier, N. R., New York.

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Hon. George W. Perkins.....	23 Wall Street,	New York.
Hon. N. Taylor Phillips.....	280 Broadway,	New York.
Gen. Horace Porter.....	277 Madison Ave.,	New York.
Louis C. Raegener.....	141 Broadway,	New York.
Herman Ridder.....	182 William Street,	New York.
Henry W. Sackett.....	Tribune Building,	New York.
Isaac N. Seligman.....	1 William Street,	New York.
Hon. Frederick W. Seward.....	Montrose,	New York.
J. Edward Simons.....	14 Nassau Street,	New York.
Hon. John H. Starin.....	9 West 38th Street,	New York.
Francis Lynde Stetson.....	15 Broad Street,	New York.
Hon. Oscar S. Straus.....	5 West 70th Street,	New York.
Spencer Trask.....	52 William Street,	New York.
Wm. B. Van Rensselaer.....	Albany,	New York.
Lt.-Com. Aaron Vanderbilt.....	Army & Navy Club,	New York.
Dr. Samuel B. Ward.....	Albany,	New York.
Hon. Wm. R. Willcox.....	Tribune Building,	New York.
Gen. James Grant Wilson.....	157 West 79th Street,	New York.

#### General Commemorative Exercises Committee

To request and to assist, by pamphlets, correspondence, and other appropriate means, universities, colleges, public schools, historical and patriotic societies, and institutions of learning generally throughout the state, to hold commemorative exercises on Wednesday, September 29.

President Jacob G. Schurman, LL.D., Chairman.....	Ithaca,	N. Y.
Hon. James N. Adam.....	Buffalo,	N. Y.
Hon. John C. Barry.....	Cortland,	N. Y.
Hon. F. Beebe.....	Johnstown,	N. Y.
Hon. David A. Boody.....	176 Montague Street,	Brooklyn.
Hon. E. H. Butler.....	Buffalo,	N. Y.
Hon. Samuel A. Carlson.....	Jamestown,	N. Y.
Andrew Carnegie.....	2 East 91st Street,	New York.
Hon. A. T. Clearwater.....	Kingston,	N. Y.
Hon. Charles W. Cool.....	Glens Falls,	N. Y.
Hon. Jacob H. Dealy.....	Amsterdam,	N. Y.
Hon. Edward W. Douglas.....	Ogdensburg,	N. Y.
Hon. Anthony C. Douglass.....	Niagara Falls,	N. Y.
Hon. Andrew S. Draper.....	Albany,	N. Y.
Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton.....	Rochester,	N. Y.
Hon. Meyer Einstein.....	Dunkirk,	N. Y.
Hon. J. Sloat Fassett.....	Elmira,	N. Y.
Hon. Louis T. Fisk.....	North Tonawanda,	N. Y.
Hon. Alan C. Fobes.....	Syracuse,	N. Y.
Hon. William Follette.....	Tonawanda,	N. Y.
Hon. C. A. Frost.....	Oneida,	N. Y.
Dr. E. R. L. Gould.....	301 West 77th Street,	New York.
Hon. Edward M. Grout.....	111 Broadway,	New York.
Hon. Randolph Horton.....	Ithaca,	N. Y.
Hon. Francis M. Hugo.....	Watertown,	N. Y.
Hon. Albert Kessinger.....	Rome,	N. Y.
Hon. C. August Koenig.....	Auburn,	N. Y.
Hon. Robert Lawrence.....	Middletown,	N. Y.
Dr. Henry M. Leipziger.....	500 Park Ave.,	New York.
Hon. W. H. Mandeville.....	Olean,	N. Y.
George E. Matthews.....	Buffalo,	N. Y.

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Hon. St. Clair McKelway.....	Daily Eagle Office, Brooklyn.
Hon. Thomas A. McNamara.....	Corning, N. Y.
Hon. Geo. H. Minard.....	Lockport, N. Y.
Hon. W. B. Mooers.....	Plattsburg, N. Y.
Hon. Samuel Parsons.....	1133 Broadway, New York.
Hon. Richard M. Prangen.....	Hornell, N. Y.
Hon. Edward Quirk.....	Fulton, N. Y.
Hon. Arthur P. Rose.....	Geneva, N. Y.
Col. William Cary Sanger.....	Sangerfield, N. Y.
Hon. A. B. Santry.....	Little Falls, N. Y.
Hon. Daniel Sheehan.....	Elmira, N. Y.
Hon. Edward M. Shepard.....	128 Broadway, New York.
Hon. C. M. Slauson.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
Hon. John K. Smith.....	Oswego, N. Y.
Hon. Henry B. Swartwout.....	Port Jervis, N. Y.
Hon. E. B. Vreeland.....	Salamanca, N. Y.
Hon. Thomas Wheeler.....	Utica, N. Y.
Charles R. Wilson.....	Mutual Life Building, Buffalo, N. Y.
Hon. Frederick M. Young.....	Gloversville, N. Y.

**Half Moon Committee**

To keep in touch and collaborate with the Committee of citizens of Holland who are building the fac-simile of the Half Moon;

To receive it upon arrival, and have the care of its berthing or anchorage, and its protection and exhibition prior to the Naval Parade;

To have charge of it during the Naval Parades to, at and above Newburgh.

And to make recommendations to the Commission concerning its final disposition after the celebration and to execute the decision of the Commission on that subject.

(The Reception and Hospitality Committees will, upon request of the Half Moon Committee, co-operate with the latter in properly receiving and entertaining the Hollanders who bring the Half Moon. In the Naval Parade, the Half Moon Committee will be subject to the arrangements of the Naval Parade Committee.

Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, Chairman.....	120 Broadway, New York.
Tunis G. Bergen.....	55 Liberty Street, New York.
George G. De Witt.....	88 Nassau Street, New York.
Lt. Wm. B. Franklin, U. S. N.....	111 Broadway, New York.
Capt. Chas. H. Loring, U. S. N.....	239 Claremont Ave., Brooklyn.
Charles A. Schermerhorn.....	1286 Broadway, New York.
John R. Van Wormer.....	32 East 42d Street, New York.
William G. Ver Planck.....	149 Broadway, New York.

**Historical Committee**

To pass upon and if necessary revise any historical publication of the Commission, such as the "Book of the Pageant," the "Historical Souvenir Book," etc., if such be printed;

To approve of the historical subjects proposed for representation by the Carnival and Historical Parades Committee;

And to advise with any other Committee of the Commission upon any question of historical fact or propriety.

Samuel V. Hoffman, Chairman.....	258 Broadway, New York.
Hon. Theodore M. Banta.....	346 Broadway, New York.

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Hon. John D. Crimmins.....	624 Madison Ave., New York.
Hon. Arthur English.....	43 Exchange Place, New York.
Winchester Fitch.....	300 West 81st Street, New York.
William Homan.....	1 West 97th Street, New York.
Clarence E. Leonard.....	Caryl, Yonkers, N. Y.
Hon. Townsend Scudder.....	320 West 91st Street, New York.
Hon. Theodore H. Silkman.....	Yonkers, N. Y.
Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke.....	Princeton, N. J.
Hon. John S. Wise.....	20 Broad Street, New York.

### Hospitality Committee

Upon request of any committee whose duties involve the invitation of official guests who are to be entertained at the expense of the Commission, to provide the necessary hotel accommodations for such guests and otherwise look out for their comfort and pleasure.

Dr. George C. Batcheller, Chairman....	696 Broadway, New York.
G. Louis Boissevain.....	30 Pine Street, New York.
E. S. A. De Lima.....	24 State Street, New York.
William Allen Marble.....	395 Broadway, New York.
J. Leonard Varick.....	257 Broadway, New York.

### Hudson River Scenery Committee

To promote legislation;  
 To encourage private generosity;  
 To foster public sentiment, and  
 To co-operate with other organizations

With a view to securing the preservation of the natural beauty of the Hudson River.

Hon. Alton B. Parker, Chairman....	3 So. William Street, New York.
Hon. John Bigelow.....	21 Gramercy Park, New York.
Henry E. Gregory.....	25 Liberty Street, New York.
Hon. Samuel Parsons.....	1133 Broadway, New York.
Dr. Edward L. Partridge.....	19 Fifth Ave., New York.
Hon. George W. Perkins.....	23 Wall Street, New York.
Gen. Charles F. Roe.....	280 Broadway, New York.
Col. Herbert L. Satterlee.....	120 Broadway, New York.
Hon. J. Du Pratt White.....	31 Nassau Street, New York.

### Illuminations Committee

To have oversight and control of the operations of the Pain Manufacturing Company as Official Illuminators;

And to promote the general illumination by public authorities and private individuals as contemplated in the programme for Saturday evening, October 2.

Hon. William Berri, Chairman.....	15 Hanover Place, Brooklyn.
Capt. Richard H. Greene.....	235 Central Park West, New York.
Hon. William F. Sheehan.....	32 Nassau Street, New York.
Henry W. Wetmore.....	120 Broadway, New York.
Fred C. Whitney.....	1402 Broadway, New York.

### Invitations Committee

To have engraved or printed and issued to guests of honor the official invitations issued in the name of the Commission;

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And upon request of any other Committee, to provide such Committee with the invitations which it requires for the function in its charge.

(All engraving and printing which is to be paid for out of subscription funds or sales of tickets or privileges may be ordered of any engraver or printer; but if to be paid for out of funds appropriated by the State, must be done by the State Printer at Albany and may be ordered through the Secretary of the Commission.)

- Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Chairman.....60 Wall Street, New York.
- Hon. A. T. Clearwater.....Kingston, N. Y.
- Hon. Levi P. Morton.....38 Nassau Street, New York.
- Hon. Alton B. Parker.....3 South William Street, New York.
- Gen. Horace Porter.....277 Madison Ave., New York.
- The President, ex-officio.....18 Wall Street, New York.
- The Secretary, ex-officio.....Tribune Building, New York.

**Inwood Park Committee**

To secure the creation of a Public Park at Inwood Hill in the city of New York.

- John E. Parsons, Chairman.....52 William Street, New York.
- Reginald P. Bolton.....527 Fifth Ave., New York.
- William J. Curtis.....49 Wall Street, New York.
- Dr. George F. Kunz.....401 Fifth Ave., New York.
- Eben E. Olcott...Desbrosses Street Pier, North River, New York.
- Hon. George W. Perkins.....23 Wall Street, New York.
- Henry W. Sackett.....Tribune Building, New York.

**Law and Legislation Committee**

To pass upon questions of law arising in the course of the business of the Commission;

And to draft and secure such legislation as may be necessary to carry out the Commission's objects.

- Francis Lynde Stetson, Chairman.....15 Broad Street, New York.
- Hon. James M. Beck.....44 Wall Street, New York.
- William J. Curtis.....49 Wall Street, New York.
- Theodore Fitch.....120 Broadway, New York.
- Col. William Jay.....48 Wall Street, New York.
- Hon. John G. Milburn.....54 Wall Street, New York.
- John E. Parsons.....52 William Street, New York.
- Nelson S. Spencer.....27 William Street, New York.
- The President, ex-officio.....18 Wall Street, New York.

**Lectures Committee**

To arrange for the delivery of free public lectures bearing on the history of the Hudson River under the auspices of the Board of Education of the city of New York, during celebration week.

- Henry M. Leipziger, Ph.D., Chairman...500 Park Ave., New York.
- Herbert L. Bridgman.....Standard-Union, Brooklyn.
- Henry L. Stoddard.....Evening Post, New York.
- Richard B. Aldercroft, Jr.....220 Broadway, New York.

**Lower Hudson Committee**

- Hon. Nathan A. Warren, Chairman, (Mayor).....Yonkers.
- Hon. John E. Andrus.....Yonkers.

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Hon. James K. Apgar.....	Peekskill.
Hon. M. S. Beltzhoover, (President).....	Irvington.
Hon. Horace W. Boyd, (President).....	Nyack.
Hon. Thomas W. Bradley.....	Walden.
Hon. John H. Coyne.....	Yonkers.
Theodore Fitch.....	Yonkers.
Hon. Lyman C. French, (President).....	Dobbs Ferry.
Hon. John Gross, (President).....	Tarrytown.
Hon. Benjamin Howe, (Mayor).....	Mount Vernon.
Clarence E. Leonard.....	Caryl, Yonkers.
Hon. Clarence Lexow.....	Nyack.
Hon. Thomas Lynch, (President).....	Haverstraw.
Hon. Joel D. Madden, (President).....	Ossining.
Hon. Charles McElroy, (President).....	South Nyack.
Hon. Frank V. Millard.....	Tarrytown.
Hon. Vincent A. Murray, (President).....	Cold Spring.
Hon. W. H. Myers, (President).....	Piermont.
Gordon H. Peck.....	West Haverstraw.
Hon. Clarence E. Powell, (President).....	Croton-on-Hudson.
Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley.....	Peekskill.
Hon. George G. Raymond, (Mayor).....	New Rochelle.
Hon. Frederick W. Seward.....	Montrose.
Hon. Theodore H. Silkman.....	Yonkers.
Hon. Isaac H. Smith, (President).....	Peekskill.
Hon. Leslie Sutherland.....	Yonkers.
Hon. Arthur C. Tucker, (President).....	Upper Nyack.
Hon. W. L. Ward.....	Portchester.
Hon. E. L. Wemple, (President).....	West Haverstraw.
Hon. J. Du Pratt White.....	Nyack.
Edward C. Wilson.....	Peekskill.
Hon. John Wirth, (President).....	North Tarrytown.
J. S. Wood.....	Mount Vernon.
Hon. F. G. Zinsser, (President).....	Hastings.

#### Medal Committee

To arrange for the striking of the official commemorative medal;  
To attend to the presentation of such copies as are given gratuitously to distinguished rulers; and

To attend to the sale of copies otherwise disposed of to the members of the Commission or the public.

Henry W. Cannon, Chairman.....	10 Wall Street, New York.
Edward D. Adams.....	71 Broadway, New York.
Archer M. Huntington.....	1083 Fifth Ave., New York.
August F. Jaccaci.....	7 West 43d Street, New York.
John La Farge.....	51 West 10th Street, New York.
Frank D. Millet.....	6 East 23d Street, New York.
Charles H. Niehaus.....	148 West 36th Street, New York.
C. Y. Turner.....	35 West 14th Street, New York.

#### Memorials Committee

To consider and make recommendations to the Trustees concerning projects to erect monuments and tablets which seek the official endorsement of the Commission;

To co-operate in the execution of such projects as are approved by the Commission;

## List of Committees

To attend to the erection of such monuments or tablets as may be ordered by the Commission itself;

To arrange with the United States Treasury Department for the issue of commemorative coinage;

To arrange with the United States Postoffice Department for the issue of commemorative postage stamps;

To arrange either with the Postoffice Department or with a private company, for the issue of souvenir post-cards;

And to attend to the printing of a souvenir programme if one be authorized by the Trustees.

Tunis G. Bergen, Chairman.....	55	Liberty Street, New York.
Walter Cook.....	3	West 20th Street, New York.
Cleveland H. Dodge.....	99	John Street, New York.
Dr. James Douglas.....	99	John Street, New York.
Samuel V. Hoffman.....	258	Broadway, New York.
Col. William Jay.....	48	Wall Street, New York.
Frederick S. Lamb.....	23	Sixth Ave., New York.
Hon. Seth Low.....	30	East 64th Street, New York.
John Jay McKelvey.....	84	William Street, New York.
Wm. C. Muschenheim.....		Hotel Astor, New York.
Hon. G. W. Perkins.....	23	Wall Street, New York.
Gustav H. Schwab.....	5	Broadway, New York.
Hon. Oscar S. Straus.....	5	West 76th Street, New York.
Hon. William R. Willcox.....		Tribune Building, New York.

**Military Parade Committee**

To arrange for the Military Parade on Thursday, September 30, in all its details.

Maj. Gen. Charles F. Roe, Chairman....	280	Broadway, New York.
Col. Franklin Bartlett.....	5	Nassau Street, New York.
Capt. C. A. DuBois.....	3555	Broadway, New York.
Maj. Gen. F. D. Grant, U. S. A....		Dep't of the Lakes, Chicago, Ill.
Gen. Anson G. McCook.....	319	Broadway, New York.
Gen. A. L. Mills, U. S. A.....		Iloilo, Philippine Islands.
Gen. Horace Porter.....	277	Madison Ave., New York.

**Music Festival Committee**

To arrange for a Music Festival to be held Monday evening, September 27.

Hon. Gustav Lindenthal, Chairman....	45	Cedar Street, New York.
Henry Fuehrer.....	560	Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn.
Theodore Henninger.....	83	White Street, New York.
Gen. Horatio C. King.....	44	Court Street, Brooklyn.
Julius Lehrenkrauss.....	375	Fulton Street, Brooklyn.
Louis C. Ragner.....	141	Broadway, New York.
Dr. Gustav Scholer.....	10	Jumel Terrace, New York.
Hon. Charles A. Schieren.....	34	Ferry Street, New York.
Oscar R. Seitz.....	76	William Street, New York.

**Naval Parade Committee**

To be responsible in the first instance for the proper reception of the American and Foreign naval vessels attending on the invitation of the Commission.

(In this duty, the Naval Parade Committee may call upon the Reception and Hospitality Committees for assistance.)

To make the preliminary arrangements for the construction of the fac-simile of the Half Moon.

(This has already been done; and the Half Moon Committee will be responsible for further co-operation with the Committee of Hollanders.)

To plan and make the preliminary arrangements for the construction of the fac-simile of the Clermont.

(The Naval Parade Committee will notify the Clermont Committee when the construction is so far advanced that further responsibility is turned over to that Committee.)

And to arrange for and conduct the Naval Parade from New York to Newburgh on Friday, October 1, and from Newburgh to New York on Saturday, October 2, and to have charge of such other parades or ceremonies on the water as may be approved by the Commission.

(In this parade the Half Moon and Clermont Committees will be subject to the directions of the Naval Parade Committee.)

Capt. Jacob W. Miller, Vice-Chairman.....	Pier 19, N. R. New York.
Constructor Wm. J. Baxter, U. S. N.....	Navy Yard, Brooklyn.
Gen. Howard Carroll.....	41 Park Row, New York.
Fred'k B. Dalzell.....	70 South Street, New York.
Chas. E. Heitman.....	35 Wall Street, New York.
August F. Jaccaci.....	7 West 43d Street, New York.
Dr. George F. Kunz.....	401 Fifth Ave., New York.
William J. McKay.....	Newburgh, N. Y.
Rear Adm. Geo. W. Melville, U. S. N.....	532 Walnut St., Phila., Pa.
Charles R. Norman.....	11 Broadway, New York.
Commander R. E. Peary.....	15 West 81st Street, New York.
Louis T. Romaine.....	68 Broad Street, New York.
Hon. Henry Smith.....	Central Park, New York.
Hon. John H. Starin.....	9 West 38th Street, New York.
Col. Robert M. Thompson.....	41 Wall Street, New York.
Lt.-Com. Aaron Vanderbilt.....	Army and Navy Club, New York.
Capt. Aaron Ward, U. S. N.....	Army Building, New York.

### New Jersey Committee

To encourage and arrange for the participation of the citizens of New Jersey in the Celebration.

Hon. Edward C. Stokes, Chairman.....	Trenton, N. J.
Henry H. Doremus.....	Newark, N. J.
Hon. John F. Dryden.....	Newark, N. J.
Matthew C. Ely.....	Hoboken, N. J.
Hon. John W. Griggs.....	Paterson, N. J.
Thomas J. Hillery.....	Boonton, N. J.
William T. Hunt.....	Newark, N. J.
James Kerney.....	Trenton, N. J.
Hon. Franklin Murphy.....	Newark, N. J.
Hon. John Dyneley Prince.....	Ringwood, N. J.
John H. Ramsey.....	Hackensack, N. J.
Wallace M. Scudder.....	Newark, N. J.
Hon. Foster M. Voorhies.....	Elizabeth, N. J.
Hon. George T. Werts.....	Jersey City, N. J.
Hon. H. Otto Wittpenn.....	Jersey City, N. J.

## List of Committees

**Nominations Committee**

To consider and make to the Trustees recommendations concerning nominations for membership on the Commission;

To make nominations of Trustees for election at the annual meeting to be held on the first Wednesday after the 1st Monday in May, and to fill vacancies;

And to make nominations of Officers to be elected by the Trustees at their meeting on the fourth Wednesday in May.

Theodore Fitch, Chairman.....	120 Broadway, New York.
William J. Curtis.....	49 Wall Street, New York.
Henry W. Sackett.....	Tribune Building, New York.
Col. John W. Vrooman.....	Union League Club, New York.
The President, ex-officio.....	18 Wall Street, New York.

**Official Literary Exercises Committee**

To arrange for the Official Literary Exercises on Tuesday evening, September 28, in the Metropolitan Opera House, Carnegie Hall, and any other place that may be decided upon.

Gen. James Grant Wilson, Chairman....	157 W. 79th St., New York.
Reginald P. Bolton.....	527 Fifth Ave., New York.
Edward DeWitt.....	88 Nassau Street, New York.
Edmund Wetmore.....	34 Pine Street, New York.
Edward Hagaman Hall.....	Tribune Building, New York.
Albert Ulmann.....	111 Broadway, New York.

**Patriotic Societies Committee**

To secure the furtherance of patriotic societies in the exercises of the celebration, and particularly in those of the carnival and historical parades.

Theodore Fitch, Chairman.....	120 Broadway, New York.
Louis A. Ames.....	99 Fulton Street, New York.
Dr. George C. Batcheller.....	606 Broadway, New York.
Marcus Benjamin.....	1703 Q Street, Washington, D. C.
Edward DeWitt.....	88 Nassau Street, New York.
Morris P. Ferris.....	606 West End Ave., New York.
Clarence E. Leonard.....	Caryl, Yonkers.
Chas. A. Schermerhorn.....	1286 Broadway, New York.
Edmund Wetmore.....	34 Pine Street, New York.

**Plan and Scope Committee**

To consider and make recommendations concerning the general plan and scope of the celebration.

Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman.....	Montrose, New York.
Hon. James M. Beck.....	44 Wall Street, New York.
Tunis G. Bergen.....	55 Liberty Street, New York.
Hon. William Berri.....	15 Hanover Place, Brooklyn.
Hon. Robert W. deForest.....	30 Broad Street, New York.
Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant, U. S. A.....	Dept. of the Lakes, Chicago, Ill.
Dr. George F. Kunz.....	401 Fifth Avenue, New York.
Hon. Seth Low.....	30 East 64th Street, New York.
Hon. Wm. McCarroll.....	Tribune Building, New York.
J. Pierpont Morgan.....	23 Wall Street, New York.
Eben E. Olcott.....	Desbrosses Street Pier, North River, New York.
John E. Parsons.....	52 William Street, New York.

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Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley.....	Peckskill, N. Y.
Herman Ridder.....	182 William Street, New York.
Francis Lynde Stetson.....	15 Broad Street, New York.
Lt.-Com. Aaron Vanderbilt.....	Army & Navy Club, New York.
Cornelius Vanderbilt.....	15 Washington Square, New York.
Dr. Samuel B. Ward.....	Albany, N. Y.
Gen. James Grant Wilson.....	157 West 79th Street, New York.
The President, ex-officio.....	18 Wall Street, New York.

### Public Health and Convenience Committee

To promote, during celebration week, by means of circulars, placards, bureaus of information, and other means, the health, comfort and convenience of the out-door public, and particularly of strangers unfamiliar with the facilities of the city.

Dr. Eugene H. Porter, Chairman.....	181 West 73d Street, New York.
R. B. Alderóft, Jr.....	220 Broadway, New York.
George Wm. Ballou.....	428 East 48th Street, New York.
Dr. James C. Bayles.....	15 Gramercy Park, New York.
John F. Calder.....	50 Central Park West, New York.
John J. Cavanagh.....	258 West 23d Street, New York.
E. D. Cummings.....	149 Broadway, New York.
George F. Gregory.....	42 West 35th Street, New York.
Dr. LeRoy Hubbard.....	2036 Fifth Ave., New York.
Nathan Newman.....	106 Dresden Street, Brooklyn.
Percy B. O'Sullivan.....	95 Wall Street, New York.
Dr. Irving Townsend.....	62 West 51st Street, New York.

### Public Safety Committee

To promote public safety during celebration week by arranging for the proper policing of reviewing stands and lines of march, and by such other means as may be necessary.

Hon. William McCarroll, Chairman.....	154 Nassau Street, New York.
Abraham Abraham.....	420 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.
Hon. Thomas W. Bradley.....	Walden, N. Y.
James P. Holland.....	159 Meserole Ave., Brooklyn.
Jacob Katz.....	124 East 85th Street, New York.
Charles W. Lefler.....	73 Nassau Street, New York.
Hon. Warner Miller.....	100 Broadway, New York.
Orrel A. Parker.....	120 Broadway, New York.
Samuel H. Parsons.....	3 Broad Street, New York.
Hon. Theodore Sutro.....	280 Broadway, New York.
Hon. Charles G. F. Wable.....	220 Broadway, New York.
Charles W. Wetmore.....	30 Broad Street, New York.
W. E. Woolley.....	Broadway and 67th Street, New York.
James A. Wright.....	9 Broadway, New York.

### Reception Committee

To represent the Commission in the formal reception of invited guests, either upon assignment by the Officers or Trustees of the Commission, or upon request of any Committee authorized to invite official guests.

Hon. Seth Low, Chairman.....	30 East 64th Street, New York.
Col. John Jacob Aster.....	23 West 20th Street, New York.
Hon. James M. Beck.....	44 Wall Street, New York.

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## List of Committees

Hon. Frank S. Black.....	Troy, N. Y.
Hon. A. J. Boulton.....	232 Gates Ave., Brooklyn.
Andrew Carnegie.....	2 East 91st Street, New York.
Hon. Joseph H. Choate.....	.60 Wall Street, New York.
John Clalin.....	.15 Washington Square, N., New York.
Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke.....	Metropol. Museum of Art, New York.
Cleveland H. Dodge.....	.99 John Street, New York.
Hon. Smith Ely.....	.103 Gold Street, New York.
Most Rev. John M. Farley.....	.452 Madison Ave., New York.
Hon. Chas. S. Francis.....	American Embassy, Vienna, Austria.
Maj.-Gen. F. D. Grant, U. S. A.....	Dept. of the Lakes, Chicago, Ill.
Hon. David B. Hill.....	Albany, N. Y.
Hon. Henry E. Howland.....	.15 Broad Street, New York.
Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard.....	.2036 Fifth Ave., New York.
Cel. William Jay.....	.48 Wall Street, New York.
Hon. Phineas C. Lounsbury.....	.257 Broadway, New York.
Col. John J. McCook.....	.10 West 54th Street, New York.
Hon. George B. McClellan.....	City Hall, New York.
Hon. St. Clair McKelway.....	Daily Eagle, Brooklyn.
Rear Adm. G. W. McVilvie, U. S. N.....	.532 Walnut Street, Phila., Pa.
Hon. John G. Milburn.....	.54 Wall Street, New York.
Ogden Mills.....	.15 Broad Street, New York.
J. Pierpont Morgan.....	.23 Wall Street, New York.
Fordham Morris.....	.45 East 30th Street, New York.
Hon. Levi P. Morton.....	.38 Nassau Street, New York.
Hon. Alton B. Parker.....	.3 South William Street, New York.
Gen. Horace Porter.....	.277 Madison Ave., New York.
Thos. R. Proctor.....	Utica, N. Y.
Herman Ridder.....	.182 William Street, New York.
William Rockefeller.....	.26 Broadway, New York.
Henry W. Sackett.....	Tribune Building, New York.
Pres. Jacob G. Schurman.....	Ithaca, N. Y.
Isaac N. Seligman.....	.1 William Street, New York.
Hon. Frederick W. Seward.....	Montrose, N. Y.
Hon. Edward M. Shepard.....	.128 Broadway, New York.
Francis Lynde Stetson.....	.15 Broad Street, New York.
Hon. Oscar S. Straus.....	.5 West 70th Street, New York.
William B. Van Rensselaer.....	Albany, N. Y.
Dr. Samuel B. Ward.....	Albany, N. Y.
Hon. William R. Willcox.....	Tribune Building, New York.
Gen. James Grant Wilson.....	.157 West 79th Street, New York.
Maj.-Gen. Leonard A. Wood, U.S.A.....	Governors Island, New York.
Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.....	Care of Sherry's, New York.

## Religious Services Committee

To take such steps as may be necessary, by correspondence, circular or public appeal, to secure appropriate religious observances on Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26.

Hon. John G. Agar, Chairman.....	.31 Nassau Street, New York.
Hon. E. W. Bloomingdale.....	.115 Broadway, New York.
Hon. M. Linn Bruce.....	.18 Wall Street, New York.
Paul D. Cravath.....	.52 William Street, New York.
Robert Fulton Cutting.....	.32 Nassau Street, New York.
Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet.....	.80 Madison Ave., New York.
Hon. James J. Fitzgerald.....	.2 Rector Street, New York.
George A. Plimpton.....	.70 Fifth Ave., New York.
Warner Van Norden.....	.786 Fifth Ave., New York.

## Transportation Committee

To arrange with railroad and steamboat lines for proper transportation facilities and favorable rates of fare.

Gen. Howard Carroll, Chairman.....	41	Park Row, New York.
Charles H. Armatage.....		Albany, N. Y.
E. P. Bryan.....	13	Park Row, New York.
William Lanman Bull.....	17	Nassau Street, New York.
E. S. A. De Lima.....	24	State Street, New York.
Hon. Chauncey M. Depew.....	27	West 54th Street, New York.
Stuyvesant Fish.....	216	Broadway, New York.
Thomas Powell Fowler.....	56	Beaver Street, New York.
Thomas F. Ryan.....	38	Nassau Street, New York.

## Upper Hudson Committee

Hon. Arthur Mac Arthur, Chairman.....		Troy.
William P. Adams.....		Cohoes.
William A. Adriance.....		Poughkeepsie.
Hon. Arthur L. Andrews.....		Albany.
Charles H. Armatage.....		Albany.
Frank N. Bain.....		Newburgh.
Hon. Frank E. Bennett, (President).....		Red Hook.
Hon. Frank S. Black.....		Troy.
Hon. D. A. Bullard, (President).....		Schuylerville.
Cornelius F. Burns.....		Troy.
Hon. Clifford Bush, (President).....		Corinth.
Henry K. Bush-Brown.....		Newburgh.
Hon. J. Rider Cady.....		Hudson.
Hon. J. H. Callanan.....		Schenectady.
Herbert Carl.....		Kingston.
Hon. J. H. Clarkson, (President).....		Cornwall.
Hon. A. T. Clearwater.....		Kingston.
Frederick J. Collier.....		Hudson.
Hon. Chas. W. Cool, (Mayor).....		Glens Falls.
Chas. F. Cossum.....		Poughkeepsie.
Hon. Walter P. Crane, (Mayor).....		Kingston.
Hon. James H. Doyle, (President).....		Fishkill.
Hon. Wm. Draper.....		Troy.
Hon. Chas. A. Elliott, (President).....		Catskill.
Hon. Philip Elting.....		Kingston.
Hon. Hamilton Fish.....		Garrison.
Hon. Jas. F. Fitzgerald, (President).....		Fort Edward.
Hon. John T. Flynn, (President).....		Castleton.
Hon. James L. Freeborn, (President).....		Tivoli.
Hon. Charles H. Gaus.....		Albany.
Abner S. Haight.....	49	Leonard Street, New York.
Benj. F. Hamilton.....	120	Broadway, New York.
Hon. M. D. Hanson, (Mayor).....		Cohoes.
Robert J. Harding.....		Poughkeepsie.
W. R. Harrison.....		Kingston.
Hon. Gilbert D. B. Hasbrouck.....		Kingston.
Hon. Eugene J. Hauratto, (Mayor).....		Watervliet.
Hon. C. W. Higley, (President).....		Sandy Hill.
Hon. David B. Hill.....		Albany.
Hon. Michael H. Hirschberg.....		Newburgh.
Hon. Henry Hudson, (Mayor).....		Hudson.

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Hon. John L. Hughes, (President)	Wappinger's Falls.
Walter L. Hutchins	Albany.
Hon. Roswell S. Judson, (President)	Matteawan.
Hon. Irving J. Justus, (President)	Fishkill Landing.
David M. Kinnear	Albany.
Hon. Henry Kohl	Newburgh.
Herman Livingston	Catskill Station.
R. Fulton Ludlow	Claverack.
Hon. Elias P. Mann, (Mayor)	Troy.
Hon. Benjamin McClung, (Mayor)	Newburgh.
Donald McDonald	Albany.
Robert J. MacFarland	Chatham.
Wm. J. McKay	Newburgh.
Hon. John McLindon, (President)	Victory Mills.
Hon. W. B. Mooers, (Mayor)	Plattsburg.
Hon. Dennis Moynihan, (President)	South Glens Falls.
Hon. Benjamin B. Odell, Jr.	Newburgh.
Wm. Church Osborn	71 Broadway, New York.
Bayard L. Peck	32 Nassau Street, New York.
Hon. Samuel K. Phillips	Matteawan.
Hon. A. F. Quick, (President)	Rhinebeck.
Hon. A. Rowe, (President)	Saugerties.
Hon. W. J. Rockefeller, (Mayor)	Rensselaer.
Hon. John K. Sague, (Mayor)	Poughkeepsie.
John Scanlon	Cohoes.
Prof. John C. Smock	Hudson.
Hon. Henry F. Snyder, (Mayor)	Albany.
Hon. George V. L. Spratt	Poughkeepsie.
Hon. F. Herbert Sutherland, (President)	Coxsackie.
Hon. Fred W. Titus, (President)	Athus.
Peter H. Troy	Poughkeepsie.
Wm. B. Van Rensselaer	Albany.
Hon. Horace S. Van Voast, (Mayor)	Schenectady.
Hon. C. E. Vredenburg, (President)	Mechanicville.
Dr. Samuel B. Ward	Albany.
Hon. Robert B. Waters, (President)	Green Island.
Hon. Anthony J. Weaver, (President)	Waterford.
Gen. W. C. S. Wiley	Catskill.
Frederick W. Wilson	Newburgh.
Hon. Edward J. Wood, (President)	Stillwater.
William Wortman	Hudson.

#### Verplanck's Point Park Committee

To endeavor to secure the creation of a public park at Verplanck's Point by the State of New York.

Hon. C. A. Pugsley, Chairman	Peekskill, N. Y.
Hon. James K. Apgar	Peekskill, N. Y.
Dr. E. Parnly Brown	509 Fifth Ave., New York.
Hon. J. Rider Cady	Hudson, N. Y.
Abner S. Haight	49 Leonard Street, New York.
Hon. Warren Higley	165 Broadway, New York.
Hon. Frederick W. Seward	Montrose, N. Y.
Dr. Samuel B. Ward	Albany, N. Y.
Hon. W. L. Ward	Portchester, N. Y.
Hon. Joseph S. Wood	25 South Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.



**Ways and Means Committee**

To consider and make recommendations concerning the general financial plan of the Commission;

To receive and collate in budget form and to submit to the Trustees with recommendations the financial estimates of Committees;

To have charge of the raising of funds by public subscription if such a course be decided upon by the Trustees;

And to have charge of raising funds by such other means as are not undertaken by the Committee on Law and Legislation.

Herman Ridder, Chairman.....	182 William Street, New York.
Frederick S. Flower.....	45 Broadway, New York.
Henry C. Frick.....	Union League Club, New York.
Robert Walton Golet.....	19 West 17th Street, New York.
George J. Gould.....	195 Broadway, New York.
Edward H. Harriman.....	874 Fifth Ave., New York.
James J. Hill.....	32 Nassau Street, New York.
Hon. Patrick McGowan.....	City Hall, New York.
John E. Parsons.....	52 William Street, New York.
Hon. George W. Perkins.....	23 Wall Street, New York.
Thomas F. Ryan.....	38 Nassau Street, New York.
Hon. Frederick W. Seward.....	Montrose, N. Y.
J. Edward Simmons.....	14 Nassau Street, New York.
Francis Lynde Stetson.....	15 Broad Street, New York.
James Stillman.....	52 Wall Street, New York.
Spencer Trask.....	52 William Street, New York.
A. G. Vanderbilt.....	Grand Central Station, New York.
The President, ex-officio.....	18 Wall Street, New York.

*Suggestion to Chairmen*

In former years, members of some other State Commissions have unwittingly incurred large personal responsibility by contracting obligations in disregard of certain provisions of law applicable to the use of State moneys. Those provisions require, among many other things, that printing must be done by the State Printer at Albany; that salaried employees—secretaries, editors, stenographers, artists, office boys, in fact almost every one rendering any kind of personal service,—must be chosen in compliance with the Civil Service rules; that furniture, etc., must be purchased from the State Prison Commission, etc. Chairmen of Committees are therefore requested to order through the Secretary of this Commission all printing which is to be paid for out of State moneys; also to make through the Secretary the necessary arrangements with the State Civil Service Commission concerning the employment of personal assistants; and to confer with him freely on any other question which may arise as to the requirements of law concerning the expenditure of State funds.



## Minutes of Trustees' Meeting

February 24, 1909.

The thirty-fifth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, Wednesday, February 24, 1909, at 3 o'clock. The Chairmen of Committees and the Secretary of the Upper Hudson Committee were also invited to be present.

### *Roll Call.*

Present: Mr. Herman Ridder, Acting President, presiding; and Hon. John G. Agar, Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Hon. Wm. Berri, Hon. Joseph H. Choate, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Mr. Benjamin F. Hamilton, Mr. George A. Hearn, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel V. Hoffman, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Seth Low, Col. Arthur MacArthur, Mr. William McKay, Capt. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Henry F. Snyder, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Spencer Trask, Col. John W. Vrooman, and General James Grant Wilson.

### *Absentees Excused.*

Regrets for absence were received from Hon. John C. Barry, Dr. George C. Batcheller, Mr. George V. Brower, Mr. William J. Curtis, Hon. Robert W. de Forest, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Dr. Eugene H. Porter, Gen. Chas. F. Roe, Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, Prest. Jacob Gould Schurman, Mr. Gustav H. Schwab, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Hon. E. C. Stokes and Dr. Samuel B. Ward, and they were excused.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the Trustees' meeting held January 27, 1909, having been printed and sent to all the members of the Commission, were approved as printed except that on page 752 the name of Hon. Frank E. Burnett was corrected to Bennett.

*Executive Committee's Proceedings Ratified.*

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held February 3, 1909, having been printed and sent to all the members, the Secretary offered the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the acts and proceedings of the Executive Committee at its meeting held February 3, 1909, and recorded in the printed minutes on pages 777 to 786, both inclusive, be and they hereby are approved, ratified and confirmed.

Carried.

*Treasurer's Report.*

Mr. Seligman presented the following report:

*To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:*

I have the honor to report the state of the Treasury on February 24, 1909, as follows:

Fund of \$12,500 drawn under appropriation made by Chapter 325, Laws of 1906:

## DEBIT.

Balance on hand January 27, 1909. . . . .	\$1,476 31
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## CREDIT.

By paid on approved vouchers:	
126. A. H. Stoddard, construction of floats. . .	\$526 50
127. A. H. Stoddard, construction of floats. . .	252 30
128. A. H. Stoddard, salary for January . . . . .	\$416 66
A. H. Stoddard, refitting shop. . . . .	12 65
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	429 31

129. William Parry, part salary for January.	\$188 21
130. State of New York, interest.....	80 49
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Total credit .....	\$1,476 81
Total debit .....	1,476 31
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Balance to credit of new account .....	\$0 50
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Fund of \$162,500 appropriated by Chapter 466, Laws of 1908:

## CREDIT.

By balance from old account.....		\$0 50
By paid on approved vouchers:		
1. Erie Railroad Co., rental of grounds for workshop .....		1,000 00
2. A. H. Stoddard, refitting grounds and workshop .....		580 50
3. A. H. Stoddard, refitting grounds and workshop .....		854 23
4. Wm. Parry, balance of salary for January.		436 70
5. E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$153 70	
E. H. Hall, salary for January...	300 00	
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6. Geo. N. Moran, disbursements...	\$67 67	
Geo. N. Moran, salary for January .....	291 66	
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7. David T. Wells, disbursements..	\$2 85	
David T. Wells, salary for January .....	208 33	
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8. Edward Weber, materials for refitting....		8 90
9. Lehmaier & Bro., fac-simile letters.....		14 25
10. Underwood Typewriter Co., duplicator..		35 00
11. N. Y. Telephone Co., service to January 31st .....		26 35
12. J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....		182 92
13. Remington Typewriter Co., ribbons.....		7 00
14. Amer. District Telegraph Co., December service .....		9 70
15. Typewriter Exchange, rental of typewriters .....		6 00
16. L. R. Hamersly & Co., "Who's Who?"..		5 00

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17. Henry Romeike, Inc., clippings, November-December . . . . .	\$7 08
18. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., searching. . . . .	2 50
19. Lillie Vreeland, mimeographing. . . . .	25 25
20. J. A. Cooke, mimeographing. . . . .	11 35
21. John Wanamaker, mat. . . . .	1 50
22. Joseph Hawkes, pictures. . . . .	15 50
23. A. H. Stoddard, refitting. . . . .	96 68
24. A. H. Stoddard, refitting. . . . .	856 67
25. A. H. Stoddard, refitting. . . . . \$262 88	
A. H. Stoddard, construction of floats . . . . .	1,415 71
	1,678 50
26. A. H. Stoddard, construction of floats. . . . .	795 75
	\$7,682 22

Funds for the payment of these accounts have been advanced by J. & W. Seligman & Co., pending the receipt of moneys from the State Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,  
*Treasurer.*

The report was received and ordered on file.

*Assistant Secretary's Salary.*

Mr. Seligman called attention to the fact that the Assistant Secretary was receiving less salary than some of the other members of the executive staff, which was obviously unfair in view of the responsible duties devolving on him. Mr. Seligman also spoke of the unique character of Mr. Hall's services and their great value to the Commission. He therefore moved that beginning with March 1, 1909, the salary of the Assistant Secretary be fixed at \$650 a month.

The Acting President expressed his hearty approval of the Treasurer's motion, which was unanimously adopted.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The payment of the following accounts, which had already been approved by the Auditing Committee and paid

according to various resolutions was approved by the Trustees:

A. H. Stoddard, refitting, payroll January 30th.....	\$854 23	
A. H. Stoddard, refitting, payroll February 6th.....	856 67	
A. H. Stoddard, refitting, February 13th.....	\$262 88	
A. H. Stoddard, construction, February 13th.....	1,415 71	
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A. H. Stoddard, construction, February 20th.....	795 75	
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		\$4,185 24

The following bills were approved for payment, subject to examination and approval by the Auditing Committee:

American District Telegraph Co., January service.....	\$16 55	
J. A. Cooke, mimeographing.....	3 00	
Curtin's Transfer & Storage Co., drop curtains (construction).....	85 00	
De-Fi Manufacturing Co., carbon paper.....	3 50	
Enterprise Desk Co., chairs, desks, etc. (refitting).....	56 50	
Chas. Goldstein, window glass (refitting).....	52 50	
E. H. Hall, disbursements.....	\$149 28	
E. H. Hall, salary for February.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	449 28
Ignaz Hermann, tin and sheet-iron work (refitting).....	135 05	
Lyman D. Jones, fire hose (insurance).....	104 50	
Lehmaier & Bro., fac-simile letters.....	10 75	
J. B. Lyon Co., printing.....	93 92	
Manhattan Stove Co., heaters (refitting).....	12 25	
Manhattan Woodworking Co., woodwork (construction).....	767 40	
Jacob W. Miller, disbursements (Clermont) ..	25 00	
Geo. N. Moran, disbursements.....	\$28 70	
Geo. N. Moran, salary for February.....	291 66	
	<hr/>	320 36

N. Y. Telephone Co., service February.....	\$25 56
Wm. Parry, salary for February.....	625 00
Polhemus Printing Co., stationery.....	24 35
F. A. Ringler Co., photo-engravings.....	2 66
Henry Romeike, Inc., press clippings.....	10 38
Safety Fire Extinguisher Co., fire extinguisher (insurance).....	201 60
Scheer & Ebert, plumbing (refitting).....	211 05
Stewart & Co., modeling clay (construction)..	22 50
A. H. Stoddard, disbursements (con- struction).....	\$44 84
A. H. Stoddard, salary February....	416 66
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	461 50
Typewriter Exchange rentals to March 3d....	6 50
Underwood Typewriter Co., paper and blot- ters.....	4 25
Lillie Vreeland, mimeographing, etc.....	13 90
John Wanamaker, cabinet and towels.....	6 75
David T. Wells, disbursements.....	\$29 25
David T. Wells, salary for February.	208 33
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	237 58
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., motors (construction).....	135 00
White Studio, photographs.....	33 50
B. A. Wikstrom, designing 10 floats.....	500 00
Wm. Wilkening, paint, hardware, etc. (con- struction).....	678 35
Jacob Zucker, office boy, February.....	24 50
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	\$5,360 49
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*Fifty Dollars Each Voted for Float Designs.*

The Secretary, referring to the action of the Trustees on November 20, 1908 (pp. 626-627), making an allowance of \$1,000 for artist's services in designing the floats for the parades, stated that the estimate was based on only 20 floats for a single parade. In view of the extension of the plans for the celebration, and in order that the same rate might apply to floats exceeding 20 in number, he moved,

That \$50 per float be appropriated for the artist's designs for such number of floats as may be determined upon by the Carnival and Historical Parades Committee, it being



understood that this appropriation refers to the designs completed and accepted, and includes not only the making of the preliminary sketches, but also the designing of the costumes used in connection with the floats.

Mr. Stetson inquired what measures were being taken to secure the proper artistic effect of the floats. He had no objection to the motion, but he wanted to be sure that the designs were of a high artistic quality.

The Secretary stated that the floats were being designed by Mr. B. A. Wikstrom, an artist of many years' experience in designing floats, who had been brought on from New Orleans expressly for this purpose. The designs were passed upon by the Historical Committee before they were accepted.

Mr. Stetson said he understood that the Historical Committee passed upon simply the historical propriety of the subjects and suggested that an art committee pass upon the artistic aspect of the designs.

Mr. Hoffman, chairman of the Historical Committee, said that he would very gladly have the designs referred to a committee of artists if it were feasible, but he said that in the construction of floats they had to adopt designs that were practical and adapted to the historical subjects portrayed; that sometimes it was difficult to harmonize historical propriety with artistic perfection, and that the Historical Committee was making every effort to produce a happy combination of both. To this end it was holding meetings and consultations with the artist weekly. He said that the painting of the floats would be deferred until the last thing, in order that they might appear fresh and untarnished in the parades.

The motion was carried.

*Relative Cost of Day and Night Floats Transposed.*

The Secretary, referring to the estimate of cost of floats given on page 729 and the resolution on page 730, in which it was proposed that the cost of the floats for the Carnival Parade at night should be \$350 each and the cost of the floats for the Historical Parade in the day time should be

\$600 each, said that upon further study and a better understanding of the requirements of the two parades, it had been deemed advisable to transpose these estimates, so that the day floats should cost \$350 each and the night floats \$600 each. This would involve no net increase in the total cost of the two parades. He therefore moved to amend the resolution on page 730 so as to read as follows:

*Resolved*, That Mr. Stoddard's proposition to build the floats be accepted under his guarantee and bond that the cost of fifty floats for the Historical Parade on Tuesday, September 28th, shall not exceed \$37,000, and that the cost of the floats for the Carnival Parade on Saturday night, October 2d, shall not exceed the additional sum of \$250 per float (or \$600 each for the night floats) and that Mr. Stoddard be allowed 10 per cent commission on the actual cost of constructing the floats.

The resolution was carried.

*Thirty-one Thousand Five Hundred Dollars Appropriated  
for Historical and Carnival Parade Committee.*

The Secretary, referring to the appropriation of \$5,000 made January 7, 1909 (page 731) for the refitting of the workshop and the beginning of the purchase of materials for floats, stated that the work of construction was now under full headway, and that the preliminary provision of January 7th should now be enlarged to meet current needs. He therefore moved that in addition to the \$5,000 heretofore appropriated by the resolution at the bottom of page 731 of the minutes, the sum of \$26,500 (making a total of \$31,500) be appropriated to the Carnival and Historical Parades Committee for rental of grounds, refitting workshop, materials and labor for the construction of floats, in accordance with the estimate given on page 729 of the minutes, it being understood that this appropriation does not include Mr. Stoddard's or Mr. Wikstrom's salaries (provided for by other resolutions) or Mr. Stoddard's commission, which latter is payable upon the completion of the work.

The resolution was adopted.

*Appointed by the Governor.*

The Secretary presented a letter from the Secretary of the Governor, dated February 4, 1909, communicating the appointment of the Hon. Andrew S. Draper, State Commissioner of Education, as a member of the Commission.

The Secretary was instructed to place Commissioner Draper's name on the roll of this Commission.

*Resignation of Hon. Andrew D. White.*

The Secretary presented a letter from the Governor's Secretary, dated February 13, 1909, stating that "Governor Hughes has received the resignation of the Hon. Andrew D. White as a member of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission."

While there was a unanimous sentiment of regret that other demands upon Dr. White have prevented his active participation in the work of the Commission, in which he had expressed the most cordial interest, it was the consensus of opinion that his wish should be acceded to. The Secretary was therefore instructed to note the resignation in the records.

*Appointed by the Mayor.*

The Secretary read a letter from the Executive Secretary of the Mayor of New York, dated February 5, 1909, communicating the appointment of Mr. George W. Sweeney of the Hotel Victoria, and Mr. John J. Cavanagh of No. 258 West Twenty-third street, New York City, as members of the Commission.

The Secretary was requested to place their names on the roll of the Commission.

*Death of Mr. Julius Lehrenkrauss.*

The Acting President requested the Trustees to rise while he made the painful announcement of the death of Mr. Julius Lehrenkrauss, which occurred in Brooklyn on Thursday, February 18th.

*Change in Membership.*

The Acting President announced that the Hon. Eugene J. Hauratto, having been elected Mayor of Watervliet, thereby became ex-officio a member and Trustee of the Commission in place of his predecessor in office, the Hon. Daniel P. Quinn.

*Committee Changes.*

The Acting President announced the following committee changes:\*

Aquatic Sports: Mr. William J. McKay and Naval Constructor Baxter, added.

Art and Historical Exhibits: Mr. Archer M. Huntington, added to subcommittee on Historical Exhibits.

Badges, Flag and Poster: Mr. S. V. Hoffman, added.

Carnival and Historical Parades: Mr. Henry Fuehrer, Mr. Theodore Henninger, Dr. Gustav Scholer and Mr. Oscar R. Seitz, added.

Executive: Hon. Andrew D. White, resigned.

General Commemorative Exercises: Hon. Andrew S. Draper, added.

Historical: Mr. Reginald P. Bolton, resigned.

Hospitality: Mr. Louis G. Boissevain, added.

Invitations: Hon. Andrew D. White, resigned.

Inwood Park: Mr. Reginald P. Bolton, added.

Lower Hudson: Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Clarence E. Leonard and Hon. Frank V. Millard, added.

Medal: Dr. George F. Kunz, resigned.

Music Festival: Mr. Henry Fuehrer, Mr. Theodore Henninger, Dr. Gustav Scholer and Mr. Oscar R. Seitz, added.

Naval Parade: Dr. George F. Kunz and Hon. Henry Smith, added.

Patriotic Societies: Mr. Theodore Fitch made Chairman; Dr. Geo. C. Batcheller and Mr. Clarence E. Leonard, added.

Public Health and Convenience: Mr. John J. Cavanagh, added.

Reception: Hon. Andrew D. White, resigned.

Upper Hudson: Hon. Eugene J. Hauratto, Mayor of Watervliet, added, in place of Hon. Daniel P. Quinn, term expired; and Mr. Wm. P. Adams, Hon. Arthur L. An-

\* For convenience of the Commission, certain additional committee changes made after the meeting of Feb. 24 are embodied in these minutes.

draws, Mr. Frank N. Bain, Mr. Herbert Carl, Hon. Philip Elting, Hon. Hamilton Fish, Hon. Chas. H. Gaus, Mr. Robert J. Harding, Mr. W. R. Harrison, Hon. G. D. B. Hasbrouck, Mr. Walter L. Hutchins, Mr. David M. Kinnear, Hon. Henry Kohl, Mr. Robert J. MacFarland, Hon. B. B. Odell, Jr., Hon. Samuel K. Phillips, Mr. John Scanlon, Hon. Geo. V. L. Spratt, Gen. W. C. S. Wiley and Mr. Frederick W. Wilson, added.

*Nominated for Appointment on Commission*

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a report recommending the following named gentlemen for appointment as members of the Commission:

*By the Governor:* Mr. William P. Adams of Cohoes; Hon. Arthur L. Andrews, Corporation Counsel of Albany; Mr. Frank N. Bain (proprietor of Palatine Hotel and President of New York State Hotel Men's Association), of Newburgh; Mr. Herbert Carl, Merchant, of Kingston; Hon. Chas. A. Elliott, President of the village of Catskill, whose term as an ex-officio member will expire this spring with the expiration of his term as Village President; Hon. Philip Elting, Shipping Commissioner of the Port of New York, of Kingston; Hon. Hamilton Fish, Assistant United States Treasurer at New York, of Garrison; Hon. Charles H. Gaus, State Comptroller, of Albany; Mr. Robert J. Harding, City Engineer of Poughkeepsie; Mr. W. R. Harrison, merchant, of Kingston; Hon. G. D. B. Hasbrouck, ex-Supreme Court Judge of Kingston; Mr. Walter L. Hutchins of Albany; Mr. David M. Kinnear of Albany; Hon. Henry Kohl, Corporation Counsel, of Newburgh; Mr. R. J. MacFarland, Treasurer of Knox Hat Manufacturing Co., and President of Deep Water Ways Commission of State of New York, of Chatham; Hon. Frank V. Millard, Surrogate of Westchester County and President of Westchester Bar Association, of Tarrytown; Hon. Benj. B. Odell, Jr., ex-Governor, of Newburgh; Hon. Samuel K. Phillips, ex-County Judge, of Matteawan; Mr. John Scanlon of Cohoes; Hon. Geo. V. L. Spratt, Corporation Counsel of Poughkeepsie; Gen. W. C. S. Wiley of Catskill; and Mr. Frederick W. Wilson, editor of the News, Newburgh.

*By the Mayor:* Mr. Henry Fuehrer, President of the Brooklyn Arion Society, No. 569 Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn; Mr. Theodore Henninger, President of the United Singing Societies of Manhattan, No. 83 White street;

Dr. Gustav Scholer, President of the Arion Society, No. 10 Jumel terrace; Mr. Oscar R. Seitz, President of the Leiderskranz, No. 76 William street.

In presenting this report, Mr. Fitch called the particular attention of the Trustees to the fact that many other names of distinguished gentlemen had been submitted to the Committee by distinguished members of the Commission, but the Committee had felt constrained to lay them on the table. The Commission was now composed of about 350 members, which was more than sufficient to carry out the plans which were in contemplation, and if additions were made indefinitely it would become unwieldy. The Committee was therefore of the opinion that from this time forward, great care should be used in enlarging the membership, and it very respectfully suggested to the members of the Commission that additions should be proposed only in exceptional cases. The fact that a resolution had been adopted in January, authorizing the President upon the recommendation of the Chairmen of Committees, to designate as aides to the Chairmen persons who were not members of the Commission made it possible for the Commission to avail itself of the services of those whose help is needed. The names recommended to-day were, with a single exception, those recommended by the Mayors and the Upper Hudson Committee, and the Nominating Committee felt that in view of the responsibilities of the Upper Hudson Committee their wishes were entitled to especial consideration. The Nominating Committee ventured to express the hope, however, that the Upper Hudson Committee would find that the nominations made to-day would give them a personnel large enough to carry out their plans. If such should not prove to be the case, it could avail itself of the resolution of January by suggesting to the Acting President the names of persons whom he would be happy to appoint as aides to the Committee.

The report of the Nominating Committee was approved and the nominees recommended to the Governor and Mayor respectively for appointment.

*Judge Parker Elected Vice-President.*

The report of the Nominating Committee further recommended the election of the Hon. Alton B. Parker as Vice-President to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. Andrew D. White.

It was unanimously voted that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in behalf of the Trustees for Judge Parker; which having been done, the Acting President declared Judge Parker elected.

*Plan and Scope Report.*

In the absence of Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Chairman of the Plan and Scope Committee, the Assistant Secretary stated that at a meeting of that Committee held prior to the Trustees' meeting, it was voted to report favorably upon the recommendation of the Aeronautics Committee to approve of the airship competition under the auspices of the New York World and the Aero Club of America; also upon the question of officially inviting the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences to hold a Hudson-Fulton exhibition. He moved that the report be received and placed on file, leaving it to the Chairman of the Committee on Aeronautics and the Chairman of the subcommittee on Historical Exhibits to make the appropriate motions.

Carried.

*Aeronautic Competition Approved.*

The regular call of Committees in alphabetical order was then taken up.

In the absence of the Hon. James M. Beck, Chairman of the Committee on Aeronautics, Mr. Berri, a member of that committee, presented the following report:

The undersigned, the Committee on Aeronautics, respectfully reports that after some informal discussion of the question, the Committee is of opinion that it would be very appropriate to include in the official program of the celebration an exhibition of the wonderful development in the navigation of the air.

The committee need not state that within the last twelve months an extraordinary development in aviation has taken place, which has excited the wonder and admiration of the world, and it is especially gratifying to know that the country of Robert Fulton has given to the world the inventors who, beyond all others, have demonstrated the possibilities of propelling a machine through the air without the use of gas. That a public demonstration of this wonderful advance in aeronautics should be had in connection with the Hudson-Fulton celebration seems to us most appropriate. The Hudson celebration will recall the days of the sailing vessel. The Fulton centennial will commemorate the stupendous advance which was made when steam was utilized for water transportation. If to these conquests over nature shall now be added the most wonderful of all — the conquest of the air — the celebration will be of extraordinary interest.

The problem which your Committee has found most difficult is that of expense, for unless more liberal appropriations are made to the Commission, we assume that it may not have the ability to make the appropriations necessary for the purpose of encouraging an imposing exhibition of airships of all kinds and a possible contest in their relative speed. To some extent this difficulty has been met by the enterprising offer which one of the leading newspapers of New York has made, to which more detailed reference is made in the letter hereto appended, from Cortlandt F. Bishop, President of the Aero Club of America.

Your Committee commends the public spirit of the New York World and recommends that the Hudson-Fulton Commission accede to the request of the Aero Club of America to include this extraordinary contest in the program of the celebration. In doing so, however, we recommend that the Commission likewise give its official sanction to any other dignified and worthy effort in the matter of aeronautics and cordially invite the co-operation of all aeronautic and scientific societies to make the demonstration of the airship imposing and complete.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the matter be referred back to your Committee, with the approval by the Commission of its recommendations and with instructions to co-operate with the Aero Club of America and with any other Aeronautic Society in New York, to the end that



the contest made possible through the public spirit of the New York World and any other contest of the same character, may be included in the official program of the celebration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. BECK, Chairman.  
THEODORE P. GILMAN,  
PETER COOPER HEWITT,  
WILLIAM BERRI.

Mr. Berri moved that the Aero Club have the sanction of the Commission in conducting the competition referred to in the report and that it be placed on the programme as a part of the Celebration.

Carried.

*One Thousand Dollars Appropriated for Zoological Exhibit.*

Dr. Kunz, Chairman of the sub-committee on Historical Exhibits of the Committee on Art and Historical Exhibits, reported that under date of February 9th, he had received a letter from Dr. W. T. Hornaday, Director of the New York Zoological Park under the management of the New York Zoological Society, in part as follows:

"I have carefully considered your suggestion in regard to a special number of the Zoological Society Bulletin, setting forth as far as possible the wild life of the Hudson Valley at the time of Hudson's discovery. I think it would be entirely practicable, and in fact of considerable benefit to the event, to prepare a special, double number of the Bulletin, and illustrate it freely to cover the subject mentioned above. At a total cost of \$1,000 we can prepare, illustrate and print an edition of 5,000 copies, and I could promise that the document would do credit to the occasion. Of these we would of course be glad to place any number at your disposal, and utilize the remainder in whatever ways might seem best for the good of the celebration as a whole — subject to the direction of your Committee. Incidentally, we would be glad of an opportunity to demonstrate to the people of the United States the fact that the private individuals and taxpayers of New York city, working together in perfect harmony but without the slightest aid *from either state or nation*, have built up here a national institution,

which is already the greatest of its kind in the world — and which is free to the world.”

It was voted that \$1,000 be appropriated for the Zoological catalogue as outlined in Dr. Hornaday's letter.

*One Thousand Dollars Appropriated for Botanical Exhibit.*

Dr. Kunz reported that under date of February 5th, he had received a letter from Dr. N. L. Britton, Director of the New York Botanical Garden, outlining the following scheme for a Hudson-Fulton botanical catalogue:

1. The preparation of a pamphlet descriptive of the native trees of the Hudson River Valley illustrated by photographs and otherwise, written entirely in untechnical language.

2. Native trees of the Hudson River Valley growing within the New York Botanical Garden to be labeled with a letter "H."

3. The proposed descriptive list of trees to be prefaced by a short guide to the Botanical Garden illustrated photographically.

We can issue the pamphlet with the authority of the New York Botanical Garden.

I estimate that the entire expense of this work, including the production of at least 5,000 copies of the document, would not be greater than \$1,000. I do not have funds available for this purpose, but if they can be secured, we will take the work up at once and plan to issue the document in September.

It was voted that \$1,000 be appropriated for the botanical catalogue in accordance with the plan outlined.

*One Thousand Dollars for Brooklyn Institute Exhibit.*

Dr. Kunz reported that under date of February 24th, Dr. Frederick A. Lucas, Curator-in-Chief of the Museum of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, had written expressing the readiness of the Institute, through its museums, to participate in the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The letter continues:

“It would, for this purpose, need an appropriation for the work of developing the collections and publishing the Bulletin, as noted by you. The Central Museum has a

room devoted to the animals of Long Island, but we would especially desire to extend the collection of stone implements from Long Island, known as the Tooker Collection, by adding such material as may be obtained from the more recent Indians of this vicinity. In this way it would be possible to illustrate the aboriginal population of this vicinity in the time of Hudson. The Children's Museum has a series of small groups illustrating various phases in the settlement of the United States and especially of this vicinity. It has as well numerous engravings of historic houses and places. This collection would be extended if an appropriation were available for that purpose. The collections with some illustrations could be published in such a manner as you may suggest to form an extra issue of the Museum News for August. Ordinarily there would be no issue of the News until October. The extra number would refer to the collections in both Museums and would be of such size as the Committee in charge of publications may determine upon."

It was voted that \$1,000 be appropriated for the Hudson-Fulton catalogue of the Institute.

*Columbia University's Co-operation.*

Dr. Kunz reported that under date of February 23d, he had received from Dr. Frederick A. Goetze, Dean of Columbia University, a letter reading as follows:

"I have spoken to our Dr. Sinkovitch about the desirability of our having an exhibition of Hudson and Fulton memorabilia in our library during the period of the celebration in September and he will be very glad to do what he can in this matter. Judging from the good work which he has been able to do in the past I am sure that he will have a very creditable exhibit.

"President Butler has asked me to tell you that the University will be very glad to place our boathouse at One Hundred and Sixteenth street and North river at the disposal of the officers of the men-of-war, which may be stationed in the Hudson river during the time of the celebration.

"If we can secure the necessary funds, we will be glad to give a reception or smoker to the naval officers on our campus similar to that which we tendered to the members of the International Zoological Congress, which I believe you attended and which was a very delightful affair.

"We shall also be very glad to have our Engineering Schools represented by a float in the civic parade if we can find some way of meeting the expense and we shall be glad to help in any way that we can toward making the memorial celebration which your committee has in hands a great success."

Dr. Kunz suggested the propriety of voting \$1,000 for the Columbia exhibition catalogue.

Mr. McKay called attention to the rapidity with which money was being voted and asked where it was to come from.

Mr. Hoffman expressed some apprehension that the Columbia exhibition might be so nearly of the character of that contemplated by the New York Historical Society as to interfere with the latter.

It was therefore decided to defer action until Dr. Kunz and Mr. Hoffman could confer on the subject.

It was voted that the tender of the use of the Columbia boathouse be accepted with very sincere thanks and that the use of it be referred to the Naval Parade Committee with power.

The offer concerning a reception and smoker on the campus was referred to the Plan and Scope Committee.

The suggestion concerning a float was referred to the Carnival and Historical Parades Committee.

#### *Exhibition at National Arts Club.*

Dr. Kunz also reported that the National Arts Club, the Municipal Art Society and the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society were arranging for an exhibition at the National Arts Club for which they asked no appropriation from this Commission.

#### *Aquatic Sports September 29th and October 2d.*

Capt. Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Aquatic Sports, reported the liveliest public interest in this subject. His committee had already received offers from 50 or more different associations offering to take part in the competi-

tions, and the question now was how to limit the participation. In making arrangements for these water sports the committee felt hampered by the fact that only one day — Wednesday, September 29th — had been designated for this feature of the celebration. The committee really needed three days for preliminary trials and three days in which to run off the events. The chairman thought that it was not necessary for the Commission to take official cognizance of the preliminary trials in its programme and they could be arranged for as most convenient to the participants. The three groups of final events could be consolidated into two days by having two groups on the same day. It was therefore proposed to have two of the groups on Wednesday, September 29th — one off Riverside Park, between Ninety-seventh and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, and the other for large motor boats opposite the city of Yonkers; and the third group at Newburgh on Saturday, October 2d. Those competitions would embrace eleven types of races, and include everything from canoes up to high power motors. Capt. Miller asked authority to have aquatic sports on the two days named, and that an appropriation of \$15,000 be made to the Committee on Aquatic Sports.

After some general discussion Capt. Miller moved that \$1,000 be now appropriated for the committee.

Carried.

Mr. Stetson moved that the other recommendations of the committee, including an appropriation of \$14,000 additional, be referred to the Plan and Scope Committee with power.

Carried.

Mr. Seligman made the facetious suggestion that the Aquatic Sports Committee arrange for a race between the Half Moon and Clermont, which Capt. Miller said his committee would take under careful consideration.

#### *Appropriation for Auditing Accounts.*

Mr. Phillips, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, said that the financial transactions of the Commission were now

so extensive that the Auditing Committee needed the assistance of a regular auditing company to assist it in keeping proper control of accounts. He therefore moved that the committee be authorized to retain the services of an auditing company at an expense not to exceed \$10 a day for the time actually employed.

Carried.

*Five Hundred Dollars Appropriated for Badge Designs and Dies.*

Mr. Jacacci, Chairman of the Committee on Badges, Flag and Poster, reported progress in regard to the preparation of the flag. He said that if the Secretary could get from the different committees an idea of the number of flags required, his committee would be able to secure closer estimates.

He stated that Mr. Edwin H. Blashfield had been engaged to design the poster and the work was well advanced.

The committee recommended that the official badge be made according to a truly beautiful design by one of our best sculptors, and he moved that \$500 be appropriated — \$300 for the plaster model and \$200 to be used if needed for the reduction and dies of the model.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Jacacci requested that the Chairman of the Historical Committee, Mr. Hoffman, be added to his committee, and the Acting President appointed him as requested.

*Official Banquet.*

Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, referred to the enlargement of the committee by the addition of Mr. Creighton and Mr. Ely, and said that he would have a meeting of the committee at the Hotel Astor on Monday, March 8th, at 3.30 p. m. He said that the committee would have to refer to the Trustees the solution of two questions — one being that of cost and the other that of having ladies present. He said that the new banquet hall of the Hotel Astor would seat 2,100 guests. His idea was that a high price should be charged, not only in order that the banquet might

be of the best possible character, but also that the dinner favors might be some worthy and dignified souvenir like the official medal. He also favored having ladies, as he believed they would add grace and brilliancy to the affair.

In the informal discussion which followed the speakers all accorded very heartily with the ideas expressed by Mr. Stetson.

#### *Carnival and Historical Parades.*

Mr. Ridder, Chairman of the Carnival and Historical Parades Committee, reported that the preparations for the parades were progressing rapidly. Twenty historical floats were in course of construction, ten being nearly finished; and the designs for twenty more had been approved. On Sunday, the representatives of 600 German societies had met to arrange for participation in the Carnival Parade, which promised to be very beautiful. The historical floats for Tuesday were being assigned to the historical societies but it was feared that there might not be enough of the strictly patriotic and historical societies to take charge of them all. The editors of the Italian papers and all other nationalities would be invited to co-operate in furnishing the personnel of the parades and it was expected that they would be very impressive. There was a strong probability that it might prove desirable to have the Historical Parade of Tuesday repeated in Brooklyn Friday, and the Carnival Parade repeated in Brooklyn some night the following week.

#### *Two Thousand Dollars Appropriated for Children's Festivals.*

Mr. Samuel Parsons reported that the work of the Children's Festivals Committee was advancing. His committee was in close co-operation with President Schurman's Committee on General Commemorative Exercises and they would work together as far as possible so as not to duplicate their efforts. The committee expected to secure the services of men of great experience in school affairs and in handling large bodies of children. It had also addressed

a letter to Hon. Wm. H. Maxwell, Superintendent of Schools of New York City, asking him to co-operate. No one in the city could help more than Superintendent Maxwell. Mr. Parsons moved that \$2,000 be appropriated to the use of the Children's Festivals Committee in addition to the \$1,000 appropriated January 7, 1909 (page 733). This would give his committee \$3,000, while the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises had \$3,500, and they would work together and spend only what was necessary.

After some discussion the motion was adopted.

Mr. Parsons also moved that a formal letter be sent from the Commission to Superintendent Maxwell inviting his co-operation.

Carried.

*One Hundred Dollars Appropriated to Committee on Dedications.*

Judge Higley, Chairman of the Committee on Dedications, reported that the committee had received one formal application for a dedication in connection with the celebration, namely, from the Daughters of the Revolution of the State of New York. The committee had approved of their request that the dedication of their memorial arch at Stony Point Battlefield should be included in the celebration. It was understood that their programme should be submitted for approval. Judge Higley inquired whether it would not be well to require in cases like this that the inscription on the monument should contain some statement directly connecting the dedication with the Hudson-Fulton Celebration, but after a brief discussion, no conclusion was reached.

The report was accepted, and on motion of Judge Higley \$100 was appropriated for the expenses of the committee.

*General Commemorative Exercises.*

In the absence of President Schurman the Secretary reported that the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises was actively at work. Under its direction the Assistant Secretary had prepared a pamphlet containing an historical sketch of Hudson and Fulton and suggestions to



aid the holding of general commemorative exercises and children's festivals throughout the State. The manuscript of this pamphlet had been approved by President Schurman, and after being printed in uniform style with the minutes of the Commission (see pp. 795-869) would be reprinted as a separate pamphlet not only for the special work of the Committees on General Commemorative Exercises and Children's Festivals, but also for the general use of the Commission. The Secretary concurred in the opinion that had been expressed by President Schurman concerning the historical and educational value of this pamphlet.

#### *Historical Revision.*

Mr. Hoffman, Chairman of the Historical Committee, reported that his committee had approved about forty designs for floats, twenty of which were in course of construction.

The committee had also approved of the above-mentioned historical manuscript prepared by the Assistant Secretary for the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises.

#### *Illuminations.*

Mr. Berri, Chairman of the Committee on Illuminations, reported that an effort was being made to secure an appropriation of \$25,000 from Congress for illuminations and pyrotechnics at the forts around New York harbor.

Mr. Stetson said that Senator Depew had exercised his good offices with Senator Hale, the chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, but was doubtful if the appropriation would be granted.

#### *Invitations.*

Mr. Choate, Chairman of the Committee on Invitations, stated for the encouragement of the Commission that the Lincoln Centennial Commission had just held a meeting, and, after paying all bills, had a slight balance left in the treasury.

With reference to the extension of invitations to foreign governments, assurance had been received from the State Department that the Department would transmit the Com-

mission's invitations through the diplomatic representatives of the United States abroad with an expression of the hope that the foreign governments would find it both agreeable and convenient to accept.

*Inwood Hill Park.*

Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the Inwood Hill Park Committee, reported that he had visited the hill with Park Commissioner Henry Smith and some others and that the Commissioner seemed to be favorably impressed. It was understood that Commissioner Smith, to whom the Mayor had referred the subject, would report his views to the Mayor.

*Memorials.*

Mr. Bergen, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, reported that the editorial work on the souvenir book was well under way.

Mr. Trask suggested that all publications issued under the auspices of the Commission be made of uniform size as far as possible, so that they might readily be bound together.

The question concerning the financing of the book was discussed, but no formal action taken.

Mr. Bergen also presented the preliminary design for the memorial tablet to be erected at Fort Tryon through the generosity of Mr. C. K. G. Billings and the active personal co-operation of Mr. William C. Muschenheim. It represented a bronze tablet, about ten feet high, to be set into the vertical face of the living rock at Fort Tryon on Fort Washington avenue, about three-quarters of a mile north of Fort Washington. Mr. Bergen said that he was sure he reflected the sentiment of all the Trustees in expressing gratification at Mr. Billings' public spirit in providing for the erection of this very interesting landmark.

He also reported encouraging progress with the arrangements for the Hudson monument on Spuyten Duyvil Hill, designs for which had already been prepared. The site for this monument stood just 300 feet above the river — a figure remarkably significant in connection with the Three

Hundredth Anniversary of Hudson's voyage; and the monument itself would be 100 feet high, which might be regarded as symbolical of the Fulton centenary.

#### *Music Festivals.*

In the absence of Mr. Lindenthal, the Acting President reported that the singing societies were very deeply interested in the music festivals and would do everything to make them a brilliant success.

#### *Dimensions of Clermont Determined.*

Captain Miller, Vice-Chairman and Acting Chairman of the Naval Parade Committee, presented a brief verbal report concerning the committee's further investigation of the dimensions of the original Clermont, and filed with the Secretary additional data with which the following minutes are amplified. Captain Miller stated that, after Admiral Coghlan's death, the valuable work done by the Naval Parade Committee on this subject under the Admiral's direction had been followed up by further investigations which had enabled the committee to arrive with certainty at the dimensions of the Clermont as she appeared on her maiden voyage. For this happy result the committee were very largely indebted to Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Chairman of the Clermont Committee, and to Mr. Frank E. Kirby and Mr. J. W. Millard. At a meeting of the Naval Parade Committee, held February 19th, at the Chairman's office, at which, in addition to the gentlemen named, were present Naval Constructor W. J. Baxter, U. S. N., and Mr. Stevenson Taylor, Mr. Millard made the following statement:

"Mr. Kirby and I investigated all the various authorities we could find and found their statements of the dimensions of the Clermont so conflicting that we decided to go back if possible to Fulton's own letters, disregarding everything else. We found that Fulton had made a statement\* which is

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\* This statement is taken from Fulton's specifications upon which he obtained his second patent of October 2, 1810, and is found in "A Sketch of the Origin and Progress of Steam Navigation" by Prof. Bennet Woodcroft, a distinguished authority on patents, printed in London in 1848.

published in the Nautical Gazette, August 22, 1907, in which Fulton says:

"My first steamboat on the Hudson's River was 150 ft. long, 13 ft. wide, drawing 2 ft. of water, bow and stern 60 degrees; she displaced 30.40 cubic ft., equal 100 tons of water; her bow presented 26 ft. to the water, plus and minus resistance of 1 ft.; running 4 miles an hour.

12.37 lbs. multiplied by 26, the bow of the boat.....	321 lbs.
Friction on 2,380 superficial ft. of bottom and sides, at 7.50 lbs. for 50 superficial ft.....	352
Total resistance of the boat, running 4 miles an hour..	673
A like power for the propellers.....	673
Total power felt at the propellers.....	1,346
The boat running 4 miles an hour is 6 ft. a second; this is three times faster than the piston, hence multiplied by. . . . .	3

Necessary power of the engine, the piston running 2 ft.  
a second . . . . . 4,038 lbs."

It will be noticed that Fulton says his first boat was 150 feet long and 13 feet wide, drawing 2 feet of water. From this he works out his displacement and the wetted surface and resistance, and it will be noted that all his results correspond with a boat 150 feet long, 13 feet beam. There is also no doubt that this calculation refers to the first boat for from the figures Fulton determined the size of his engine. We also know that it cannot refer to the boat as later changed because we know from her official papers issued after she was enlarged that she was then 18 feet wide and no other figures except 150 feet long and 13 feet wide would give the results in Fulton's calculations.

On the 29th of August 1807, Fulton wrote a letter to Chancellor Livingston, as follows:

"New York, Saturday,

"The 29th of August, 1807.

"Dear Sir.—On Saturday I wrote you that I arrived here on Friday at 4 o'clock, which made my voyage from Albany exactly thirty hours. We had a little wind on Friday morning, but no waves which produced an effect. I have been making every exertion to get off on Monday morning, but there has been much work to do, boarding all the sides, decking over the boiler works, finishing each cabin with twelve berths, to make them comfortable, and strengthening many parts of the iron works. So much to do and the rain, which delays the caulkers, will, I fear, not let me off till Wednesday morning. Then, however, the boat will be as complete as she can be made, all strong and in good order, and the men well organized, and I hope nothing to do but run her for six weeks or two months. The first week, that is if she starts on Wednesday, she will make one trip to Albany and back; every succeeding week

she will run three trips, that is, two to Albany and one to New York, or two to New York and one to Albany, always having Sunday and four nights for rest to the crew.

"By carrying for the usual price there can be no doubt but the steamboat will have the preference because of the certainty and agreeable movement. I have seen the Captain of the fine sloop from Hudson. He says the average of his passages have been forty-eight hours. For the steamboat it would have been thirty certain. The persons who came down with me were so much pleased that they said were she established to run periodically they would never go in anything else. I will have her registered and everything done which I can recollect. Everything looks wells, and I have no doubt it will be very productive.

Yours truly,

ROBERT FULTON.

"To Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, Clermont, N. Y."

It will be noted that in this letter Fulton says: "I will have her registered and everything done which I can recollect." This shows that the Clermont was not registered on her first trip, but Fulton said he would have her registered presumably before he started on the next trip.

The next step in the story is the enrollment of the Clermont which is on file in the New York Custom House. It reads:

"No. 108. Enrollment in conformity to an Act of Congress of the United States of America entitled 'An act for enrolling and licensing ships or vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for regulating the same.

"Robert R. Livingston, of Clermont,

"Columbia County, State of New York.

"having taken and subscribed to the oath required by the said Act and having sworn that he, together with Robert Fulton of the City of New York, are citizens of the United States, and sole owners of the ship or vessel called the North River Steamboat of Clermont, whereof Samuel Wiswall is at present master, and as he hath sworn he is a citizen of the United States, and that the said ship or vessel was built in the City of New York, in the year 1807, as per enrollment 173 issued at this port on the 3rd. And Peter A. Schenck, Surveyor of the Port, having certified that day of September 1807, now given up, the vessel being enlarged, the said ship or vessel has one deck, and two masts, and that her length is 140 ft.; breadth 17 ft. 11 in, depth 7 ft. and that she measures 182 3/8-05 tons. That she is a square-sterned boat, has square tuck; no quarter galleries and no figurehead. Handis and Seals May 14, 1808."

It will be noted that in this enrollment it says that a previous enrollment, No. 173, issued in New York on September 3, 1807, is now given up showing that Fulton did register the boat within five days after his letter to Chancellor Livingston in which he said he was going to do it.

It further says that the boat was 149 feet long, 17 feet 11 inches breadth, the vessel being *enlarged*. We note here that it does not speak of the vessel being lengthened but enlarged, which we understand to mean that she was widened and had a poop deck and other work put on her. This widening was a natural thing to do, a boat 150 feet long and 13 feet wide would not be stiff enough for the work, and as we shall show by a later letter from Fulton he found it out. In Fulton's statement first quoted he says his boat was 150 feet long; the official papers make her 149 feet long. This slight difference in length is owing to the fact that the Custom House measurement of length in those days was from the foreside of the stem to the after side of the stern post at the upper deck. Undoubtedly the Clermont had a rake to both bow and stern because all of the designs of Fulton's boats with which we are acquainted shows such raking, and if we carry up this rake through the height of the rail it will make the boat 150 feet long over all, which is where Fulton probably measured.

Fulton wrote a letter to Robert R. Livingston on November 20, 1807, an extract from which I will now read:\*

"It is now necessary to consider how to put our first boat in a complete state for 8 or 10 years — and when I reflect that the present one is so weak that she must have additional knees and timbers, new side timbers deck beams and deck, new windows and cabins altered, that she perhaps must be sheathed, her boiler taken out and a new one put in her axels forged and Iron work strengthened with all this work the saving of the present hull is of little consequence particularly as many of her Knee Bolts timbers and planks could enter into the construction of a new boat, my present opinion therefore is that we should build a new hull her knees and floor timbers to be of oak her bottom planks of 2 Inch oak her side plank two Inch oak for 3 feet high. *She to be 16 feet wide 150 feet long this will make her near twice as Stiff as at present and enable us to carry a much greater quantity of sail, the 4 feet additional width will require 1146 lbs additional purchase at the engine moving 2 feet a second or 15 double strokes a minuet this will be gained by raising the steam 5 lb to the inch as 24 Inches the diameter of the cylinder gives 570 round Inches at 3 lb to the inch = 1710 lb purchase gained to accomplish this with a good boiler and a commodious boat running our present speed, of a voyage in 30 hours I think better and more productive to us than to gain one mile on the present boat.*"

You will note that in this letter Fulton says that his boat as altered will be 16 feet wide, 150 feet long, and this will make her twice as stiff as at present. *The 4 feet additional width will require, etc., etc.* Here Fulton distinctly im-

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\* See pages 649 and 650, *ante*.

plies that the change in the boat is to be in the width, the 150 feet length remaining the same, as in his first statement; that "the boat will be nearly twice as stiff as at present," showing that the reason for making a change in the boat was to get more stability which was done by widening her, a perfectly natural and reasonable thing to do and which this boat undoubtedly needed. With these letters of Fulton and the official enrollment paper *we reach the conclusion that the Clermont as first built was 150 feet long, 13 feet beam, 7 feet depth of hold*, that on her first trip she had her masts and sails but no wheel enclosures and no bulwarks and no berths in the cabins and no covering over the boilers, this work being done, as Fulton says in his letter of August 29, 1807, after his return from the first trip. We conclude that the boat was so unstable, that in the winter of 1807-1808 she was widened to 16 feet on the bottom and 18 feet at the deck, that the poop was built up and a number of other improvements and changes made. We are not interested in these latter changes as we have tried to design a fac-simile of the boat as she was on her first trip to Albany in August, 1807.

We have decided however that it would not be advisable to make the boat only 13 feet wide as she really was on this first trip. As the Clermont will probably at times have a good many people on board, it will not do to take any chances of her not having sufficient stability, and we think it better to make her of the width she was eventually made, viz., 16 feet wide at the bottom and 18 feet wide at the deck. With this exception the plan as drawn is we believe exactly as the Clermont appeared on her first trip.

The committee had approved of these findings and recommended that the Clermont be rebuilt according to the plans prepared, with an actual working engine and boiler, as nearly as possible like the original as she was in August, 1807, except for the sake of stability and safety her enlarged width of 16 feet on the bottom and 18 feet on deck be adopted instead of the original 13 feet beam.

The report was received and unanimously adopted.

*Forty Thousand Dollars Appropriated for Building the  
Clermont.*

Capt. Miller continued his report by stating that upon the basis of bids obtained for the construction of the Cler-

mont about \$40,000 would be needed for that purpose. He therefore moved that the sum of \$40,000 be appropriated for the construction of the Clermont and her care until October.

Mr. Choate inquired if the Clermont would have any value after the Celebration.

Capt. Miller said that she would possess great historical and educational value for many years as an object lesson in the progress of steam navigation.

Mr. Stetson seconded the motion and it was carried.

*Jurisdiction of Naval Parade Committee Extended.*

Capt. Miller called attention to the fact that in the outline of duties of the Naval Parade Committee it appeared to be limited to the arrangements for the Naval Parade on Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 2d. He moved, upon recommendation of his committee, that its jurisdiction be extended so as to cover any other parades or ceremonies on the water which may be officially recognized in the future by the Commission.

Carried.

*Official Literary Exercises.*

Gen. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Official Literary Exercises, reported that the committee had received several requests from women's organizations for boxes at the official literary exercises, and he asked the advice of the Trustees.

After a general discussion it was decided that the Trustees were not prepared at present to act on the subject.

*Reception of Guests.*

Dr. Low, Chairman of the Reception Committee, reported his readiness to call his committee together as soon as he was advised who the guests of the Commission would be. Until the official guests had been invited and their replies had been received he believed that there was nothing for his committee to do. He inquired for information concerning the scope of the Reception Committee's duties, and in the general discussion which ensued it was explained that it



was the duty of the Reception Committee to meet the official guests and extend the honors of the Commission to them, while it was the duty of the Hospitality Committee, upon request of the Reception Committee, to provide the necessary hotel accommodations for such guests.

Mr. Stetson suggested the reprinting of the list of committees and their duties, as given on pages 665-679 of the minutes, corrected to date, and the Secretary was requested to have this done. (See pp. 877-894, preceding.)

#### *Religious Services.*

The report of Mr. Agar, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Services, was read, stating that a letter had been prepared to be sent to the heads of all religious bodies in Greater New York, about 2,200 in number, requesting them to call the attention of their congregations to the approaching celebration, and at the time of the celebration to deliver addresses and hold such commemorative services as might be appropriate to their various forms of worship. This letter was now in the printers' hands and would soon be sent out. The committee was of the opinion that the scope of its work should be confined to bodies having religious services as their chief function. The committee recommended that the Acting President write to the various municipal authorities throughout the State, asking them to appoint local committees to arrange local religious exercises.

#### *Verplanck's Point Park.*

Mr. Pugsley, Chairman of the Committee on Verplanck's Point Park, reported that on February 10th, the Hon. F. L. Young had introduced in the Assembly the following bill:

AN ACT to provide for acquiring land on Verplanck's Point in Westchester county, for a Hudson-Fulton memorial park, and making an appropriation therefor.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1. The commissioners of the land office shall, on the recommendation of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, a corporation duly incorporated by chapter

three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six, acquire on behalf and in the name of the people of the state, at such price and upon such terms as said commissioners of the land office may deem just, not exceeding the amount hereinafter appropriated, title to such portion of the land lying on Verplanck's Point, in the town of Cortlandt and in the county of Westchester, as in the judgment of said commissioners of the land office shall be most suitable for a public park or reservation, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the exploration of the Hudson river by Henry Hudson in sixteen hundred and nine and the one hundredth anniversary of the first use of steam in the navigation of said river by Robert Fulton in eighteen hundred and seven, and to preserve the scenic beauty and historic landmarks of said Verplanck's Point. The area to be acquired by said commissioners of the land office shall include particularly the site of Fort Fayette of the revolutionary period, the site and remains of the shore battery, the terminal of the old King's ferry leading to the Stony Point battle-field state reservation at the foot of Broadway, being the shore fronting Henry Hudson's anchorage in sixteen hundred and nine, the site of Washington's headquarters, and the camping-ground of the allied American and French troops in seventeen hundred and eighty-two, known as the Washington hill property.

§ 2. After title to said land shall have been acquired as aforesaid the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission shall, during the existence of said commission, have control and jurisdiction of said park or reservation for the purposes stated in this act and in section two of chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six. Upon the dissolution of said Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission and unless otherwise provided by the legislature, the control and jurisdiction of said park or reservation shall be given to such custodian as the commissioners of the land office may determine.

§ 3. The sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, payable by the treasurer out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, is hereby appropriated subject to the audit of the comptroller to carry out the provisions of this act, and the same shall be payable by the treasurer upon the warrant of the comptroller on requisition of the said commissioners of the land office, or of such officer or officers as they may designate for such purposes.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Pugsley said that since the bill had been introduced the committee had considered the advisability of reducing the area to be acquired and consequently reducing the cost to about \$20,000 or \$25,000.

#### *Ways and Means.*

Mr. Ridder, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and Mr. Stetson, a member of the committee, reported progress in their efforts to secure appropriations of \$300,000 from the city of New York, and a like amount from the State.

#### *Aquatic Historical Floats.*

The Secretary laid before the Trustees Mr. Parry's suggestion for five aquatic historical floats — one to be stationed in the river opposite Riverside Park and called a floating island, and four to take part in an illuminated marine parade at night. The plan contemplated that during one of the afternoons of the first week representations of scenes in the history of New Amsterdam should be given on the stationary float, showing the arrival of the Half Moon, Indians trading, etc., finishing with a salute by the warships and a display of daylight fireworks. In the evening it was proposed that there be a big illuminated parade in four divisions, comprising, first, private sea-going yachts; second, smaller yachts, and tugs; third, large power boats; and, fourth, small power boats. While this parade would be forming down the river, the warships anchored off Riverside would signal with search lights and enliven the scene with band music. In the parade there would be a large historical float attached to each division. These, after arriving near the turning point, would anchor between the battleships; and the illuminated squadron, after passing in review, would anchor during the Historical Pageant on the floating island. At the finish of this part of the programme a fireworks display from the Squadron and Floats is proposed. It is estimated that 500,000 people can witness the Carnival without any danger of overcrowding, with a natural amphitheater from One Hundred and Forty-

sixth street down to Ninetieth street, whilst on both banks of the Hudson can be seen the signal fires burning for miles from the Narrows to Tarrytown. Mr. Parry estimated that the cost would not be great with the co-operation of the New York and other yacht clubs. He thought that the boats would gladly volunteer, and the offer of gold and silver cups and medals for the best illuminated boats would arouse a spirit of emulation. The principal cost would be the bands, historical floats and fireworks and the entire cost should not exceed \$25,000 to be expended by the committee.

The matter was referred to the Naval Parade Committee.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

*Secretary.*

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

*Assistant Secretary.*

Minutes of  
Lower-Hudson Committee

March 3, 1909

The first meeting of the Lower Hudson Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at Manor Hall, Yonkers, N. Y., on Wednesday, March 3, 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present: Hon. Nathan A. Warren, Yonkers, Chairman, presiding; and Hon. James P. Apgar, Peekskill; Hon. M. S. Beltzhoover, Irvington; Hon. Homer W. Boyd, Nyack; Hon. John Gross, Tarrytown; Mr. Gordon H. Peck, West Haverstraw; Hon. Clarence E. Powell, Croton-on Hudson; Hon. George C. Raymond, New Rochelle; Hon. Leslie Sutherland, Yonkers; Hon. John Wirth, North Tarrytown; Hon. F. G. Zinsser, Hastings; Mr. Theodore Fitch, Yonkers; Mr. Clarence E. Leonard, Yonkers, Secretary.

Regrets were received from Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley of Peekskill, and Hon. Thomas Lynch of Haverstraw, Hon. W. L. Ward, of Port Chester, Hon. John E. Andrus of Yonkers, Hon. Benjamin Howe of Mount Vernon, Hon. Vincent A. Murray of Cold Spring, Hon. Thomas W. Bradley of Walden, and Hon. J. Du Pratt White of Nyack.

On motion of Mr. Leslie Sutherland of Yonkers, seconded by Mr. Theodore Fitch of Yonkers, Mr. Clarence E. Leonard of Yonkers was elected Secretary of the Committee.

Chairman Nathan A. Warren addressed the Committee, briefly stating the objects for which it had been formed, and its future scope of work. He stated that the Committee on Aquatics of which he was a member had formulated plans which included rowing races and motor races, off Yonkers, September 29, same day of the races off Riverside Drive in New York, and the Naval Parade up the Hudson.

It was necessary for the Committee on Lower Hudson to make plans for a general celebration from Yonkers to Peekskill, during the second week which might be known as Old Home Week if thought desirable. It was planned to utilize, if possible, some of the floats now being constructed in New York for the Historical Parade on Tuesday and the Carnival Parade on Saturday evening, by a parade at Yonkers on Monday, then taking them through Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown and North Tarrytown on Tuesday, to Nyack on Wednesday, Ossining, Croton and Montrose on Thursday, ending with Peekskill on Friday.

Local celebrations would take place under charge of local committees.

Mr. Theodore Fitch of Yonkers moved the appointment of the various sub-committees, by the chairman, representing each village of the Lower Hudson, and such committees to take charge of the local celebration in which it was interested, of which committees the Chairman of the Lower Hudson Committee should be the Chairman, and each committee to contain the member of this committee representing the specific locality, and such aides as may be required.

This was seconded by Mr. Leslie Sutherland of Yonkers, and carried.

Mr. Theodore Fitch moved that an Executive Committee of five be appointed by the Chairman and such other committees as he may deem advisable. This was seconded by Mr. James K. Apgar of Peekskill and carried.

Mr. Theodore Fitch moved that the Treasurer of Yonkers be elected Treasurer of the Committee and it was seconded by Mr. James K. Apgar. Mr. Leslie Sutherland said that the Treasurer was a personal friend and deserved the honor, but he thought that as Yonkers had the Chairman and Secretary the honor should go to another place. Mr. Theodore Fitch recognized this fact and withdrew his mo-

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tion, and nominated Mr. Cornelius A. Pugsley of Peekskill. This was seconded by Mr. James K. Apgar and carried.

Mr. Gordon H. Peck of West Haverstraw spoke of the dedication of the Arch and Gateway, which was to take place at Stony Point on October 1st, and suggested the name of Mr. Thomas H. Lee to represent Stony Point in this Committee.

Chairman Nathan A. Warren stated that he had received a letter asking that a representative should be named for Highland Falls, West Point and Fort Montgomery.

Mr. Theodore Fitch seconded the nomination of Mr. Lee and recommended that other villages be represented by aides. He also stated that the Committee on Aquatics had arranged that the high power motor boats should race at Yonkers on September 29th.

Mr. Homer W. Boyd of Nyack asked that the President of Grand View be appointed on the Committee.

Mr. M. S. Beltzhoover of Irvington stated that Irvington had included the sum of \$500 in their budget for celebration purposes, and stated that the election would be held this month.

Mr. F. G. Zinsser of Hastings stated that they intended raising funds also.

Mr. John Gross of Tarrytown stated that their budget was already prepared.

After considerable discussion as to ways and means, on motion of Mr. M. S. Beltzhoover seconded by Mr. Gordon H. Peck and carried, the Chairman was instructed to find out from the Executive Committee of the Commission how large a fund would be allowed this Committee for the general plan of celebration, in addition to the amounts raised by localities for their respective use.

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Chairman Warren suggested that the Secretary of this Committee be appointed as Executive Aide to confer with each local committee and work with them, reporting to this Committee, in harmony with the general work of the Commission.

Mr. Gordon H. Peck was excused.

Mr. John Wirth of North Tarrytown stated that all the villages represented on this Committee were entitled to part of the sum allowed the Commission by the New York Legislature, and earnest representations should be made to the Executive Committee that a sufficiently large sum should be allowed by them to this Committee.

Mr. Homer W. Boyd stated that Nyack had made plans for a local celebration and that Hook Mountain and South Mountain would be illuminated.

Mr. F. G. Zinsser of Hastings said that the Presidents of the villages should make their plans and report at the next meeting.

Mr. George C. Raymond of New Rochelle spoke to the same effect.

Mr. Theodore Fitch moved that the Chairman be authorized to call a meeting of this Committee at his discretion, and that five members constitute a quorum. This was seconded by Mr. Leslie Sutherland and carried.

On motion duly seconded the meeting adjourned.

CLARENCE E. LEONARD,  
Secretary Lower Hudson Committee  
Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.



# Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

Incorporated by  
Chapter 325 of the Laws of 1906  
of the  
State of New York



To arrange for the "Commemo-  
ration of the Ter-Centenary of  
the Discovery of the Hudson  
River by Henry Hudson in the  
year 1609, and of the First  
Use of Steam in the Navigation  
of said river by Robert Fulton  
in the year 1807." ❖ ❖ ❖



Minutes of March 24, 1909

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## Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission

Revised to April 6, 1909.

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Minutes of  
**Trustees' Meeting**

March 24, 1909.

The thirty-sixth meeting of the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was held at headquarters in the Tribune Building, No. 154 Nassau street, New York City, Wednesday, March 24th, 1909, at 3 o'clock. The Chairmen of Committees were also invited to be present.

*Roll Call.*

Present: Mr. Herman Ridder, Acting President, presiding; and Dr. George C. Batcheller, Constructor Wm. J. Baxter, U. S. N.; Mr. Tunis G. Bergen, Mr. William J. Curtis, Mr. Frederick B. Dalzell, Mr. George G. DeWitt, Mr. Theodore Fitch, Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Mr. George A. Hearn, Hon. Warren Higley, Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman, Mr. August F. Jaccaci, Col. William Jay, Dr. George F. Kunz, Hon. Gustav Lindenthal, Col. Arthur MacArthur, Mr. William A. Marble, Hon. Benjamin McClung, Mr. William J. McKay, Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N.; Capt. Jacob W. Miller, Mr. William C. Muschenheim, Mr. Eben E. Olcott, Mr. John E. Parsons, Hon. Samuel Parsons, Mr. Bayard L. Peck, Dr. Eugene H. Porter, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley, Maj.-Gen. Charles F. Roe, Mr. Louis T. Romaine, Mr. Henry W. Sackett, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Mr. Isaac N. Seligman, Hon. Daniel Sheehan, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Spencer Trask, Col. John W. Vrooman, Capt. Aaron Ward, U. S. N.; Hon. Nathan A. Warren, Gen. Jas. Grant Wilson and Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.

*Absentees Excused.*

The following members were excused for absence: Hon. William Berri, Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Sir Caspar Purdon

Clarke, Hon. Robert W. de Forest, Mr. Henry E. Gregory, Hon. Seth Low, Hon. Wm. McCarroll, Mr. Frank D. Millet, Hon. Frederick W. Seward, Hon. Edward C. Stokes, Dr. Samuel B. Ward and Mr. Charles R. Wilson.

*Death of Hon. John H. Starin.*

The Acting President announced the death of the Hon. John H. Starin, which occurred at his home in New York City on Monday, March 22, and asked Gen. Wilson to express the sentiments of the Commission.

General Wilson paid a feeling tribute to the memory of Mr. Starin as a fine type of self-made man. Mr. Starin was born in Sammonsville, N. Y., in 1825, being descended from old Dutch stock. Nicholas Starin (as the name was then spelled) founder of the family in this country, came to America in 1695 and settled in Fort Orange, N. Y., now Albany. Among Mr. John H. Starin's ancestors were several who served in the Revolutionary Army. Mr. Starin came to New York City in his young manhood and began the study of medicine, but soon abandoned this profession for a business career. Having made the acquaintance of Commodore Vanderbilt, he took up the solicitation of freight for the Hudson River railroad. Later, he went into business for himself, and at the time of his death controlled the freight lighterage business of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, the Morris & Essex Railroad, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad and the Central Railroad of New Jersey. He was a Republican in politics and was elected to Congress for two successive terms beginning in 1876. President Garfield offered him the position of Collector of the Port of New York, an honor which he declined. He had extensive business connections and was prominently identified with the establishment of the subway system. He was a member of many civic societies, and was held in high esteem for the soundness of his judgment and the readiness of his counsel in public affairs. General Wilson said that in his death, the community at

large and this Commission in particular, had sustained a great loss.

*Minutes Approved.*

The minutes of the last meeting, having been printed and sent to all the members, were approved at printed.

*\$50 Appropriated for Indexing Minutes.*

The Secretary was authorized to employ a person to index the minutes of the Commission at a compensation not to exceed \$50 for the work.

*Treasurer's Report.*

The report of the Treasurer was read as follows :

To the Trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission: Gentlemen, I have the honor to report the state of the treasury on March 24, 1909, as follows:

State Fund, Appropriation of  
\$162,500 made by chapter 466  
of the laws of 1908:

DEBIT.

To cash received from State Treasurer . . . . \$7,682 22

CREDIT.

By paid on approved vouchers as per report of  
Feb. 24, 1909 . . . . . \$7,682 22

Paid on approved vouchers since Feb. 24, 1909:

27. A. H. Stoddard . . . . .	2,344 71
28. American District Telegraph Co. . . . .	16 55
29. Miss J. A. Cooke . . . . .	3 00
30. Curtin's Transfer and Storage Co. . . . .	85 00
31. De-Fi Manufacturing Co. . . . .	3 50
32. Enterprise Desk Co. . . . .	56 50
33. Charles Goldstein . . . . .	52 50
34. E. H. Hall . . . . .	449 28
35. Ignaz Herman . . . . .	135 05
36. Lyman D. Jones . . . . .	104 50
37. Lehmaier & Brother . . . . .	10 75
38. J. B. Lyon Co. . . . .	93 92
39. Manhattan Stove Co. . . . .	12 25

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40. Manhattan Woodworking Co.....	\$767 40
41. Jacob W. Miller .....	25 00
42. George N. Moran .....	320 36
43. New York Telephone Co. ....	25 56
44. William Parry .....	625 00
45. John Polhemus Printing Co.....	24 35
46. F. A. Ringler Co.....	2 66
47. Henry Romeike, Inc. ....	10 38
48. Safety Fire Extinguisher Co. ....	201 60
49. Scheer & Ebert .....	211 05
50. Stewart & Co. ....	22 50
51. A. H. Stoddard .....	461 50
52. Typewriter Exchange .....	6 50
53. Underwood Typewriter Co. ....	4 25
54. Lillie Vreeland .....	13 90
55. John Wanamaker .....	6 75
56. David T. Wells .....	237 58
57. Westinghouse Electric & Manufac. Co. ..	135 00
58. White Studio .....	33 50
59. William Wilkening .....	678 35
60. Jacob Zucker .....	24 50
61. A. H. Stoddard .....	1,858 38
62. A. H. Stoddard .....	1,888 88
63. A. H. Stoddard .....	1,874 38
64. Staten Island Shipbuilding Co.....	1,000 00

Total credit to date.....	\$21,509 06
Total debit .....	7,682 22

Debit balance March 24, 1909 ..... \$13,826 84

The amount of the debit balance has been advanced by J. & W. Seligman & Co., pending receipt of moneys from the State Treasurer.

## Subscription Fund Account.

## CREDIT.

By paid on approved voucher :

13. H. G. Paine .....	\$225 00
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There have been no receipts for the Subscription Fund account, and the amount of the above account has been advanced by J. & W. Seligman & Co. pending reimbursement.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. SELIGMAN,  
Treasurer.

*Bills Approved for Payment.*

The payment of the following bills was approved:

Bills authorized and paid but not yet submitted to trustees:

State Fund.

A. H. Stoddard, Construction payroll March 6 .. .. .	\$1,858 38
A. H. Stoddard, Construction payroll March 13 .. .. .	1,888 88
A. H. Stoddard, Construction payroll March 20 .. .. .	1,874 38
Staten Island Shipbuilding Co. on a/c of building Clermont .. .. .	1,000 00
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	\$6,621 64
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Subscription Fund.

H. G. Paine, editor of souvenir book, 4½ weeks ending Feb. 27th .. .. .	\$225 00
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Bills not paid or previously presented:

State Fund.

Abraham Brothers, paint, etc., (floats) .. . . .	\$63 06
American Dist. Tel. Co. February service..	4 20
Artists Packing & Shipping Co., expressage ..	2 00
Baresi Coal Co., coal (floats) .. . . .	14 50
Bockhaus, George, carriage hire .. . . .	8 00
Bolton Electric Co., electric furnishings (floats) .. . . .	212 39
Cameron & Byington, jacks .. . . .	15 00
Carpenter, E., rattan (floats) .. . . .	20 00
Claffin, The H. B. Co., cloth (floats) .. . . .	261 20
Columbia Wagon Co., 30 trucks (floats) ....	2,334 00
Conlon, J. Joseph, lettering door .. . . .	3 25
De-Fi Manufacturing Co., carbon paper ....	7 00
Demarest & Carr, excelsior (floats) .. . . .	13 23
Edmonds, Thos. C., & Co., glass (floats)...	65 37
Estey Wire Works Co., wire (floats) .. . . .	164 95
Frank, Henry, Jr., hardware (floats) .. . . .	5 81
Gillmann, C. F. & Co., clock (floats) .. . . .	6 00
Goldstein, Charles, glass (floats) .. . . .	28 50

Hall, E. H., disbursements.....	\$227 65	
March salary .....	650 00	
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Hermann, Ignaz, sheet iron work (floats) ..		11 05
Hubbs, Chas. F., & Co., paper (floats).....		34 96
Linde, Abraham, office boy, March .....		20 00
Lyon, J. B. Co., printing .....		166 99
Lyons & Chabot, muslin, etc. (floats) .....		95 43
Manhattan Machine Co., pulleys, etc. (floats).		351 73
Manhattan Straw Board Co., strawboard (floats) .. .....		13 40
Manhattan Wood Working Co., lumber (floats) .. .....		1,748 70
Martin, Thomas, water-proof covers (floats).		39 75
Miller, Jacob W., disbursements .....		30 00
Moran, George N., disbursements ..	\$47 84	
March salary, .....	291 66	
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Morrell, Cornelius S., office shelving .....		35 50
National Press, cuts, etc. (publicity) .....		64 71
New York Telephone Co., March service ....		25 60
Parry, William, March salary .....		625 00
Polhemus Printing Co., stationery .....		54 38
Ringler, F. A. Co., photo engravings .....		16 20
Romeike, Henry, press clippings .....		17 13
Safety Fire Extinguisher Co., chemicals ....		5 00
Scheer & Ebert, plumbing (floats).....		40 21
Singer, M. A., burlap, etc. (floats) .....		18 70
Smith Premier Typewriter Co., ribbons, etc...		1 25
Stewart & Co., modeling clay (floats) .....		112 50
Stoddard, A. H., disbursements ....	\$144 36	
March salary .....	416 66	
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Stump & Walter Co., whitewashing machine, etc. (floats) .....		30 75
Typewriter Exchange, rentals .....		9 50
Underhill, J. E., picture frames .....		2 05
Underwood Typewriter Co., stationery .....		28 95
Vreeland, Lillie, typewriting.....		10 80
West Disinfecting Co. ....		17 00
Wells, David T., disbursements ....	\$70 85	
March salary .....	208 33	
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White Studio, photographing .....		113 40
Wikstrom, B. A., designing 10 floats .....		500 00

Wilkening, Wm., hardware (floats).....	\$430 93
Zucker, Jacob, office boy, March .....	30 00
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Subscription Fund.

H. G. Paine, edr. souvenir book, 4 weeks ending March 27 .....	\$200 00
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*Appointed by the Governor.*

The Secretary read a letter dated March 3, 1909, from the Secretary to the Governor, announcing the appointment of the following named gentlemen as members of the Commission, in accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees (p. 907) :

- Mr. William P. Adams, of Cohoes.
- Hon. Arthur L. Andrews, of Albany.
- Mr. Frank N. Bain, of Newburgh.
- Mr. Herbert Carl, of Kingston.
- Hon. Charles A. Elliott, of Catskill.
- Hon. Philip Elting, of Kingston.
- Hon. Hamilton Fish, of Garrison.
- Hon. Charles H. Gaus, of Albany.
- Mr. Robert J. Harding, of Poughkeepsie.
- Mr. W. R. Harrison, of Kingston.
- Hon. Gilbert D. B. Hasbrouck, of Kingston.
- Mr. Walter L. Hutchins, of Albany.
- Mr. David M. Kinnear, of Albany.
- Hon. Henry Kohl, of Newburgh.
- Mr. Robert J. MacFarland, of Chatham.
- Hon. Frank V. Millard, of Tarrytown.
- Hon. Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., of Newburgh.
- Hon. Samuel K. Phillips, of Matteawan.
- Mr. John Scanlon, of Cohoes.
- Hon. George V. L. Spratt, of Poughkeepsie.
- Gen. W. C. S. Wiley, of Catskill.
- Mr. Frederick W. Wilson, of Newburgh.

The Secretary was directed to add their names to the roll of the Commission.

*Appointed by the Mayor.*

The Secretary read a letter dated March 2, 1909, from the Executive Secretary of the Mayor of the City of New

York, communicating the appointment of Mr. Henry Fuehrer, Mr. Theodore Hemminger, Dr. Gustav Scholer and Mr. Oscar R. Seitz, as members of the Commission in accordance with the recommendation of the Trustees (pp. 907-908).

Also a letter dated March 17, 1909, communicating the appointment of the following named gentlemen upon the Mayor's initiative:

Mr. Walter B. Pollock, Manager, Marine Department, N. Y. C. & H. R. R., Produce Exchange.

Mr. Eugene F. Moran, President, Moran's Towing Line, 17 Battery Place, New York.

Mr. Henry L. Joyce, Manager, Marine Department, C. R. R. of N. J., 143 Liberty street.

Mr. Fred. Coykendall, General Manager, Cornell Steamboat Company, Foot of West 51st street, New York.

Mr. Robert S. Clark, Superintendent, Floating Equipment, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., Grand Central Station.

Mr. Henry O. Nickerson, Marine Superintendent, New England Navigation Company, Pier 19, North River, New York.

Mr. Henry B. Walker, President, Old Dominion Line, 81 Beach street, New York.

Mr. George L. Norton, Editor, Marine Journal, 17 State street, New York.

Mr. Carl W. Jungen, Manager, Moran Line, 366 Broadway, New York.

Mr. William H. Pleasants, Vice-President and General Manager, Ocean Steamship Company, Pier 35, North River, New York.

Mr. William C. Hope, General Passenger Agent, C. R. R. of N. J., 143 Liberty street, N. Y.

Mr. Pierre H. Marshall, Terminal Agent, B. & O. R. R., Pier 22, North River, New York.

Mr. Harry B. James, President, Manhattan Towing Company, 143 Liberty street, New York.

Mr. Clarence T. Snyder, Vice President, Interstate Lighterage Company, 143 Liberty street, New York.

Mr. John W. Emery, Manager Marine Department, Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railroad, 90 West street, New York.

Mr. Wallace P. Groom, Treasurer, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Secretary was directed to add their names to the roll.



*Excepted from Civil Service Examination.*

The Secretary read a letter dated March 22, 1909, from the Secretary of the State Civil Service Commission, stating that the following named persons had been excepted from examination under the provisions of civil service rule VIII, sub-division 9, it appearing that said persons are engaged in private business and that the services to be rendered are professional, technical and expert, and of occasional and exceptional character:

Mr. B. A. Wikstrom, designer of carnival floats, \$50 per float, total compensation not exceeding \$5,000.

Mr. Henry Gallup Paine, editor of memorial book, \$50 per week, total compensation not exceeding \$2,000.

Mr. Chester Beach, designer of official badge, total compensation not exceeding \$300.

Mr. Edward H. Blashfield, designer of official poster, total compensation not exceeding \$500.

Mr. Emil Fuchs, designer of official medal, total compensation not exceeding \$1,000.

Miss Grace E. Taft, indexer, total compensation not exceeding \$50.

*Netherlands Hudson-Fulton Commission.*

The Secretary read a letter dated The Hague, February 27, 1909, from Mr. J. Heldring, Assistant Secretary, giving the following names of "The Netherlands Hudson-Fulton Commission, under the patronage of His Royal Highness, Prince Henry of the Netherlands, Duke of Mecklenburg:"

Honorary President—Vice Admiral A. G. Ellis, Aide-de-camp to Her Majesty the Queen.

President—Baron Æ. Mackay, Minister of State.

Vice-Presidents—Mr. J. T. Cremer, President of the Netherlands Trading Society, Amsterdam, and Mr. E. P. de Monchy, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotterdam.

Secretary—Major J. W. P. van Hoogstraten, Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty the Queen.

Assistant Secretary—Mr. J. Heldring, The Hague.

Treasurer—Mr. R. van Rees.

The managing directors of the Holland America Line.

The managing directors of Royal Dutch West India Mail.

Baron W. D. H. van Asbeck, Captain, R. N.

Baron J. d' Aulnis de Bourrouil, Professor at the University of Utrecht.

Dr. H. Bavinck, Professor at the Free University of Amsterdam.

Dr. P. J. Blok, Professor at the University of Leiden.

Mr. S. P. van Eeghen, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Amsterdam.

Dr. A. Kuyper, Minister of State.

Hon W. F. van Leeuwen, Mayor of Amsterdam.

Mr. J. F. van Beek, Superintendent of shipbuilding at the Department of the Navy.

Hon. F. S. van Nierop, Member of the First Chamber of Representatives.

Hon. J. C. de Marez Oyens, Ex-Secretary of State for Commerce.

Hon. L. H. W. Regout, Secretary of State for Commerce.

Baron W. U. van Welderen Rengers, Member of the First Chamber of Representatives.

Jonkheer J. Röell, President of the Second Chamber of Representatives.

Vice-Admiral Jonkheer J. A. Röell, Aide-de-camp to Her Majesty the Queen.

Baron J. E. N. Schimmelpenninck van der Oye van Hoevelaken, President of First Chamber of Representatives.

Hon. J. E. Scholten, Member of the First Chamber of Representatives.

Hon. D. W. Stork, Member of the First Chamber of Representatives.

Vice-Admiral Baron J. H. L. J. Sweerts de Landas Wyborgh, Aide-de-camp to Her Majesty the Queen.

Baron C. J. van Tuyll van Serooskerken, Comptroller of the Crown Lands.

Baron J. J. G. van Voorst tot Voorst, Aide-de-camp to Her Majesty the Queen.

Jonkheer P. J. J. S. M. van der Does de Willebois, Member of the First Chamber of Representatives.

Hon. A. R. Zimmerman, Mayor of Rotterdam.

*Half Moon's Keel Laid Oct. 20, 1908.*

The Secretary stated that Mr. Heldring's letter also stated that the keel of the Half Moon was laid Oct. 29, 1908. " Thus far, the progress made in the construction of the

Half Moon has been satisfactory and we hope to be able to launch the vessel by the end of April next."

*Changes in the Commission.*

The Acting President announced the following changes in the membership of the Commission: Hon. Andrew D. White and Hon. Hamilton Fish resigned; Hon. E. L. Post succeeds Hon. Vincent A. Murray as President of village of Cold Spring; Hon. Albert W. Twiggarr succeeds Hon. Joel D. Madden as President of the village of Ossining; Hon. Chas. E. Storms succeeds Hon. Lyman C. French as President of Dobb's Ferry; Hon. Louis Rosenkranz succeeds Hon. A. F. Quick as President of Rhinebeck; Hon. J. Fred Wehmeyer, Jr., succeeds Hon. Robert B. Waters as President of Green Island; Hon. John Fridge succeeds Hon. Dennis Moynihan as President of South Glens Falls; Hon. Wm. P. Bugbee succeeds Hon. Horace W. Boyd as President of Nyack; Hon. Wm. S. Massoneau succeeds Hon. Frank E. Bennett as President of Red Hook; Hon. James C. Armstrong becomes a member and trustee by virtue of his election as Mayor of Hudson; Hon. John Riordan succeeds Hon. D. A. Bullard as President of Schuylerville; Hon. A. M. Patrick succeeds Hon. C. E. Vredenburg as President of Mechanicville; Hon. L. H. Wing succeeds Hon. James E. Fitz Gerald as President of Fort Edward; Hon. John P. Dugan succeeds Hon. J. H. Doyle as President of Fishkill; Hon. Frank Nichols succeeds Hon. F. W. Titus as President of Athens; and Hon. Wm. H. Phipps succeeds Hon. John T. Flynn as President of Castleton. The Hon. E. I. Wood, President of Stillwater, died Nov. 27, 1908.

*Committee Changes.*

The Acting President announced the following Committee changes:

Hudson River Scenery: Hon. B. B. Odell, Jr., Hon. Thomas R. Proctor and Col. John W. Vrooman, added;

Lower Hudson: Hon. Albert W. Twiggarr succeeds Hon. Joel D. Madden, term expired; Hon. E. L. Post succeeds

Hon. Vincent A. Murray, term expired; Hon. Wm. P. Bugbee succeeds Hon. Horace W. Boyd, term expired and Hon. Chas. E. Storms succeeds Hon. Lynman C. French, term expired.

Upper Hudson: Hon. Hamilton Fish, resigned; Hon. J. Fred Wehmeyer, Jr., succeeds Hon. Robert B. Waters, term expired; Hon. John Fridge succeeds Hon. Dennis Moynihan, term expired; Hon. Wm. S. Massoneau succeeds Hon. Frank E. Bennett, term expired; Hon. Louis Rosenkranz succeeds Hon. A. F. Quick, term expired; Hon. John Riordan succeeds Hon. D. A. Bullard, term expired; Hon. A. M. Patrick succeeds Hon. C. E. Vredenburg, term expired; Hon. L. H. Wing succeeds Hon. James F. Fitzgerald, term expired; Hon. John P. Dugan succeeds Hon. J. H. Doyle, term expired; Hon. Frank Nichols succeeds Hon. F. W. Titus, term expired; Hon. Wm. H. Phipps succeeds Hon. John T. Flynn, term expired. Hon. E. I. Wood is deceased.

Executive: Hon. John H. Starin, deceased.

Naval Parade: Hon. John H. Starin, deceased.

*\$6,000 Appropriated for Champlain Floats.*

Hon. Alexander R. Smith, Secretary of the Lake Champlain Ter-Centenary Commission, was given the privilege of the floor to speak in reference to the proposition of that Commission that the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission utilize the floats which the former intended to have built and to bear half the expense. The Champlain Commission proposes to have a floating platform measuring 50 by 300 feet built upon six specially constructed barges, each barge being 19½ by 96 feet in size. Upon this platform scenes in Indian life are to be portrayed by Canadian Indians, the float being towed to different places on Lake Champlain on different days during the celebration beginning July 5, 1909. The construction of these barges and platform will cost \$12,000. The Champlain Commission proposes that in consideration of the sum of \$6,000 to be paid to it by the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission,

the Champlain Commission, after its celebration is concluded, will take the float apart and transport it to New York City for use upon the Hudson river during the Hudson-Fulton Celebration, with the understanding that the latter will transport it back to Albany and there return it to the Champlain Commission. The proposition was orally submitted on February 26th by Hon. Henry W. Hill, who is a member of the Champlain Commission and also a member of the Finance Committee of the Senate, to the Secretary of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission and by him communicated to the Chairmen of the Committees on Naval Parade and Carnival and Historical Parades. At a meeting of the latter, it was decided to give Senator Hill assurance of the willingness of this Commission to share the expense of the float as proposed, provided the Upper Hudson Committee would assume one-third of it, or \$2,000, out of the funds which it was hoped would be secured for use at and above Newburgh.

Mr. Smith asked that this Commission give the Champlain Commission official notice of its assumption of one-half of the expense of the float, so that the Champlain Commission could give the contract for construction at once.

Col. MacArthur, Chairman of the Upper Hudson Committee, said that he could not bind his committee but he would do what he could to consummate the division.

Mr. Stetson said that until we were assured of the appropriation sought from the Legislature, he doubted whether it would be prudent to make a binding contract involving a proposed expenditure of \$6,000 for this purpose.

The Acting President said he was so confident that the Legislature would make the appropriation that he thought the trustees would be justified in appropriating the sum mentioned.

Mr. Trask moved that the sum of \$6,000 be appropriated toward the building of the float, in accordance with the proposition of the Lake Champlain Ter-Centenary Commission. Carried.

*Committees Report Progress.*

The Acting President then called for reports from committees in alphabetical order, and various reports of progress were made.

*\$250 Appropriated to Daughters of American Revolution.*

Upon recommendation of Dr. Kunz, Chairman of the sub-committee on Historical Exhibits, President Schurman moved that \$250 be appropriated to the New York State Daughters of the American Revolution for publications. Carried.

*\$250 Appropriated to Colonial Dames.*

Upon recommendation of Dr. Kunz, President Schurman moved that \$250 be appropriated to the Colonial Dames of the State of New York toward an exhibition in the Van Cortlandt mansion in Van Cortlandt Park, New York. Carried.

*New York Historical Society's Robert Fulton Exhibit Made Official.*

Upon motion of Dr. Kunz, it was voted that the exhibition of Fulton portraits, miniature, manuscripts, etc., to be held by the New York Historical Society be recognized as the official Robert Fulton exhibition of the Celebration.

*Appropriation for Bookkeeper.*

Upon recommendation of Mr. Phillips, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, Mr. Seligman, the Treasurer, moved that the committee be authorized to engage a bookkeeper at a salary not exceeding the rate of \$1,350 a year. Carried.

*Official Flag Adopted.*

Mr. Jaccaci, Chairman of the Committee on Badges, Flag and Poster, submitted a sample flag and moved its approval as the official flag. The flag consists of a horizontal tri-color of orange, white and blue bunting, the colors being named in their order from the top. In the center of the flag, within a green wreath, in plain letters, are the

initials "H. F." Mr. Jaccaci explained that the colors were those of Holland under which Hudson sailed in 1609. These flags can be made in wool bunting, 4 by 6 feet in size, at a cost of from \$2.25 to \$2.50 and retail at the drygoods stores for \$3. In silk the same size they would cost about \$12 and retail for \$15; in sewed cotton, cost \$1 and sell for \$1.50; in printed cotton, 2 by 3 feet in size, retail at 25 cents; printed silk, 8 by 12 inches, at 25 cents. These prices are approximate. The report continues as follows:

"We submit that the design of the flag should be copyrighted to prevent cheap, unworthy imitations and that bids should be asked from flag makers. The proper specifications should be drawn, embodying prices to the commission and prices to the trade. The contract should cover all these points and control the proper making and the prices to the trade and to the public. Flags should be for sale at all drygoods stores; that is the usual method of distribution."

Mr. Jaccaci's motion was adopted.

*Design of Badges Referred to Executive Committee With Power.*

In regard to badges, Mr. Jaccaci reported as follows:

"In the matter of badges we recommend a bar, medal and two ribbons as per sketch.

"All the members of the commission to have the same badge with bar and medal of solid silver. The name 'Commission' and possibly the name of the commissioner to be on the bar. The upper ribbon to be orange, white and light blue like the flag. The lower ribbon to be of a solid color to be determined by your committee.

"When a committee is in action the lower ribbon is to be substituted by a white one which will tell at a glance that the committeeman wearing it is in authority at the time. As there may be several committees in charge at the same time, we propose that besides the white ribbon each committeeman should wear a button with the name of his special committee. This is a substitute for the name of the committee printed on the ribbon.

"The chairmen of committees are to be distinguished by a gold or silver fringe at the bottom of the lower ribbon.





" The guests are to have the same badge as the members of the commission, except that the lower ribbon shall be of a distinctive color, golden or gold, and that the word " Guest " shall be on the bar.

" The aides are to have the word "Aides " on the bar. The metal of the bar and the medal is to be distinctive and for the aides alone. They should have but one ribbon, the upper or flag ribbon.

" The public to have the medal attached to the flag ribbon and no bar. Several sizes of this medal might be made. The way in which the Lincoln medal was reproduced and sold would form an intelligent basis for your committee to decide upon sizes.

" Your committee ask for power to go ahead on the above basis, to request bids from the badge makers and make contracts for the making and proper distribution of these badges and medals.

" Badge makers having told us that they had been approached by some of the up-state committees and asked to submit ideas and prices for suitable badges, it seems advisable that the Secretary of the Commission should at once inform the Upper and Lower Hudson Committees, and their sub-committees, that only the official badge and medal should be used, not only because, being the work of one of the best American sculptors, it is beautiful, dignified and worthy of the commemoration but because we should make money on the sale of those medals to the public, and that if we have no competition among ourselves, many more of our medals will be sold."

Mr. Stetson thought that there should not be one design for the official medal and another for the badges. He therefore moved that the recommendations of the committee concerning badges be referred to the Executive Committee with power. Carried.

#### *Official Banquet at Hotel Astor.*

Mr. Stetson, Chairman, reported that the Banquet Committee had voted to hold the official banquet at the Hotel Astor provided satisfactory terms could be arranged. The question of price of tickets and the question whether ladies should be invited were still open. The banquet hall will

seat about 1,200 guests in the open and about 500 more under the gallery, or about 1,700 in all. Out of the total number, it is likely that from 400 to 500 will be official guests. The price charged for the tickets for the other guests will have to be sufficient to cover the cost of the official guests. It seemed to the Committee therefore that the price of the tickets would have to be about \$20 apiece. In regard to having ladies at the banquet, Mr. Stetson was strongly of the opinion that they should be asked to lend the grace of their presence. It was fair, however, to state the other side of the question. If, out of 1,500 persons at the dinner, 500 were official guests, there would be 1,000 places left for all others. If one-half of the latter were ladies, there would be accommodations for only 500 men. As there were nearly 500 members of the commission, it had been suggested that if ladies were invited, there would not be room enough for all the men whom it might be desirable to invite. It was possible, however, that means might be found for adjusting the accommodations to the necessities, and still admit the ladies. The admirable results of their presence at the peace dinner given in honor of the Hon. Elihu Root very strongly predisposed him in favor of having them present.

President Schurman asked if the question were not whether to exclude the ladies or to exclude men guests who ought to be admitted.

Mr. Stetson replied that the question was not quite so sharply defined as that. He thought that of those who potentially could come, enough would decline to make the admission of ladies practicable.

Mr. Seligman suggested that there might be two separate dinners.

Mr. Stetson said it would be better to have two dinners in the same house than in different houses.

Mr. Muschenheim said that the Hotel Astor could open additional rooms into the large dining hall, or could give another dinner at the same time for 800 or 900 guests.

After a general discussion by Mr. Ridder, Mr. Trask, Mr. Bergen and others, the subject was postponed for further consideration when the Commission could form an estimate of the number of official guests.

*Jurisdiction over Children's Festivals Divided.*

On the recommendation of Chairman Parsons of the Children's Festivals Committee and of Chairman Schurman of the General Commemorative Exercises Committee, it was

Resolved, That the work of these two committees be re-arranged so as to transfer to the Children's Festivals Committee all jurisdiction over the celebrations to be held by the children in the City of New York and to the General Commemorative Exercises Committee all jurisdiction over the celebrations to be held by the children throughout the remainder of the State.

*Award of School Medals Approved.*

President Schurman, Chairman of the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises, reported that the Hon. Andrew S. Draper, State Commissioner of Education and a member of his Committee, was cordially co-operating and lending very valuable help. He was having prepared a pamphlet which would be printed to the possible number of 100,000 copies, and which would be circulated among the school children and teachers of the State. It promised to be of very great service.

President Schurman said that his Committee also believed that the educational side of the celebration would be promoted by giving medals to scholars for the best essays on subjects relating to Hudson and Fulton — these medals to be awarded upon the judgment of the faculty of each school to the boy and the girl preparing the best essays in that school. It was believed that bronze medals could be supplied at a cost of \$1 each and silver medals at a cost of \$2. He, therefore, moved that the Trustees authorize the Committee on General Commemorative Exercises to award such

medals, with the understanding that if they are to be paid for out of the appropriation already made to that Committee, the Committee shall have the privilege of coming back to the Trustees for an additional appropriation if necessary. He said that the Committee did not contemplate any other heavy expenditures.

The motion that the Committee be authorized to award the medals was carried.

It was voted that the making of the medals be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

*Admission to Float Construction Works Limited by Ticket.*

Mr. Hoffman, Chairman of the Historical Committee, reported that the construction of historical floats was making good progress at the works called by the constructors "the Den" at Harlem river and 149th street in the Bronx. He said that the Committee would be happy to have members of the Commission visit the place to see the floats in process of construction, but in order to keep out unauthorized persons it was necessary to have admission by ticket only. At the request of the Historical Committee he offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the responsibility of selecting and accepting the designs for the several floats which are to be a part of the Historical Parade in September rests with the Historical Committee and under the power vested in that Committee, the floats are now being constructed;

And whereas, it is desirable that the work be not unnecessarily disturbed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That non-transferrable tickets for single admission, countersigned by the Chairman of the Historical Committee, be issued to members of the Commission upon application to Mr. A. H. Stoddard, Captain of Pageantry, who shall specify upon the ticket such rooms as in his judgment may be visited; and that all tickets heretofore issued, except to the workmen employed, be recalled.

The Acting President made a brief explanation of the need of the proposed regulation, after which the motion was carried.

*Hospitality of Hotel Astor Extended to Committees.*

Dr. Batcheller, Chairman of the Committee on Hospitality, reported progress.

Mr. Muschenheim of the Hotel Astor said that he would be pleased to provide rooms for any committees which might find it convenient to hold meetings in his hotel.

The Acting President expressed the Trustees' appreciation of the kind offer.

*Arrangements for Illuminations.*

The Secretary reported for the Committee on Illuminations that excellent progress was being made in the preparations for illuminations along the Hudson Valley. About 40 municipalities had already made contracts for bonfires and pyrotechnics under the arrangement with the Pain Manufacturing Company, official illuminators.

*Commission Declines to Co-operate in Piccesmeal Acquisition of Inwood Hill.*

Mr. John E. Parsons, Chairman of the Inwood Hill Park Committee, offered the resolution given below, prefacing it with an explanation of the situation at Inwood Hill. Inwood Hill, he said, constitutes the extreme northern end of Manhattan Island, and is bordered on three sides by the waters of the Hudson river and Spuyten Duyvil creek. Treated by itself, it constitutes an almost symmetrical hill sloping four ways. On the western side, the slope, while steep, is more gradual than on the eastern. The same is measurably true of the northern side. On the eastern side, however, the hill is more abrupt and the property is less valuable. Of the 100 acres or more on the hill, about 70 acres should be taken for public purposes, embracing the crest and the western, northern and eastern slopes. The top of the hill has an altitude of about 220 feet and is an eligible site for some form of monument. In considerable part, and except for the natural changes of time, the land is in its native condition as Hudson saw it. When this Commission first brought to the mayor's attention the subject of the

acquisition of Inwood Hill as a park, it was estimated that the property might have been acquired for a sum that would have been satisfactory to the judgment of this Committee if the city had been dealing as an individual. As soon as the project became known, however, some of the owners and real estate speculators raised their prices. Back of these difficulties was the necessity of application to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and meeting the question "Have you options to guarantee the acquisition of the property at that price?"

Meanwhile, two other projects developed in connection with Inwood Hill. One is the extension of Riverside Drive, and the other is the acquisition of an approach to the proposed bridge over Spuyten Duyvil creek. If these projects are treated as three separate schemes, the result will be to increase enormously the amount to be asked for. The Commission, through its Committee, has consistently taken the position with the mayor and city authorities that while earnestly desirous for the creation of Inwood Hill Park, it will not countenance the payment of exorbitant prices or cooperate in any scheme which calls for a larger expenditure than we can commend. Affairs have now reached a stage where it is a question whether the Commission should not withhold its efforts; and let any other scheme by the property owners go through on its own merits. He, therefore, offered the following resolution, as approved by his committee:

Whereas, bearing upon the effort to acquire Inwood Hill or a sufficient part thereof for a park are three schemes to be considered:

1. The park scheme.
2. The plan for approaches to Spuyten Duyvil bridge.
3. The extension of the Riverside Drive, the necessary land for the latter two of which would be provided if the city acquired the land for the park.

And whereas, any effort for the accomplishment of either plan separately would necessarily result in large increased expense because of the cost of condemnation proceedings, and an increase in the amounts claimed by property owners

for the park if the city is to be at the expense of land for the drive or for the approaches to the bridge, either or both;

And whereas, the Committee have been unwilling from the beginning that the result of efforts on its part should be to increase the cost to the city of the land needed for the park;

Resolved, That until further action to the contrary the Commission do not co-operate in any effort to acquire the land for the park, except in such way as that such land shall also provide for the extension of the drive and the bridge approaches; provided, however, that the Committee will co-operate for the acquisition of the entire area for a park, the bridge approaches and the Riverside Drive Extension, to be taken from such land, with such property owners as will give to the city an option upon their land for their holdings at such price as the Committee shall deem suitable and satisfactory.

JOHN E. PARSONS, Chairman.  
HENRY W. SACKETT,  
W. J. CURTIS,  
GEORGE F. KUNZ.

The resolution was adopted.

*Bill to Increase Number of Members and Trustees.*

Mr. Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Law and Legislation, reported that at the request of the executive officers and after consultation with the Committee on Nominations, the Committee of which he was chairman had drafted a bill increasing the number of members and trustees of the Commission as follows:

An act to increase the number of the members and trustees of the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1. The members and trustees of the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission as designated by or under the acts, chapter three hundred and twenty-five of the laws of nineteen hundred and six, and chapter two hundred and seventeen of the laws of nineteen hundred and eight, are and shall be increased in number by adding to and including as such members and trustees, such persons, not exceeding

fifty in all, as from time to time shall be elected as trustees by the trustees of such commission at any regular or special meeting of such trustees.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

This bill had been introduced in the Senate on March 15th by Hon. J. Mayhew Wainwright and in the Assembly on March 18th by the Hon. Beverly R. Robinson. This provision, said Mr. Stetson, seemed to be needed to provide for the addition to the Board of Trustees of gentlemen whose counsel and co-operation were greatly desired without displacing any of those whose services had been so valuable in the past.

It was voted that the action of the Committee be approved.

Mr. Stetson added that he was without information as to the status of the appropriation bill.

#### *Legal Protection of Designs.*

Mr. Stetson suggested the propriety of obtaining State legislation to protect the designs for the official flag, badges, poster, medal and other designs of the Commission, in addition to the usual copyright protection.

It was voted that the Committee on Law and Legislation be authorized to secure such legal protection as might be needed.

#### *Lower Hudson Committee Promised Floats.*

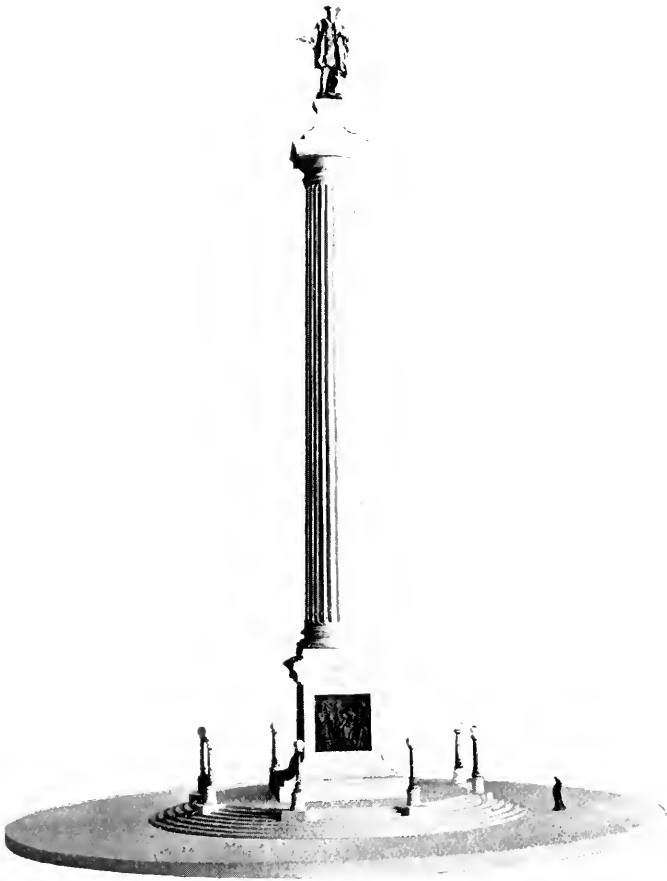
Mayor Warren, Chairman of the Lower Hudson Committee, reported that his Committee had appointed the presidents of villages as chairmen of local citizens' committees and that a very lively interest was being taken in the celebration.

He suggested that the Commission allow certain floats to go to the towns along the river after the parade in New York.

The Acting President assured Mayor Warren that his Committee could have the floats as desired.







Design for Monument to Henry Hudson to be erected on Spuyten Duyvil Hill, New York, by private subscription under the auspices of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

*Mr. Huntington Acting Chairman of Medal Committee.*

Mr. Jaccaci proposed that in the absence abroad of Mr. Cannon and Mr. Adams, Mr. Archer M. Huntington be appointed Acting Chairman of the Medal Committee. He said that he felt sure that this would be agreeable to Mr. Adams, to whom Mr. Cannon deputed his duties of chairman before he left town.

The Acting President appointed Mr. Huntington as recommended.

*Medal Appropriation Referred to Executive Committee.*

Mr. Stetson said that it was very essential that we be in communication with the chairman of the Medal Committee in order that arrangements may be made for the striking of the medals. He, therefore, moved that the matter of the manufacture of the medals be referred to the Executive Committee with power to make an appropriation. It was expected, he said, that the entire cost of the medals would come back from their sale.

The motion was carried.

*Hudson Monument Adopted as Part of Programme.*

Mr. Bergen, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, reported that the Book of the Celebration was being made up, and that progress was being made on the Programme for the Day and the Book of Floats.

He submitted a model for the Hudson Monument to be erected on Spuyten Duyvil hill by private subscription and moved that its erection be made a part of the official programme. This monument will be located on an elevation of 200 feet, and will be in the shape of a fluted doric column 100 feet in height, making a total of 300 feet above the sea. On this column will be a statue of Henry Hudson, about 20 feet in height, making a grand total of 320 feet. Mr. Karl Bitter will model the statue. On the square base on which the column rests will be a tablet by Mr. Henry M. Shradly. The column itself and the base were designed by Mr. Walter Cook.

Mr. Samuel Parsons asked if the monument were to be placed on public property, saying that in such case the approval of the Municipal Art Commission would be a prerequisite.

Mr. Muschenheim, who initiated the movement for the monument, replied that it was expected that the monument would be erected on public property and that application would be made to the municipal authorities in due course.

*Line of March Discussed.*

General Roe, Chairman of the Committee on Military Parade, asked the advice of the Trustees concerning the line of March. Two routes seemed to be available. One was entirely along Fifth avenue, from Washington square to 110th street. In front of the Public Library between 40th and 42d streets there would be room for an official reviewing stand holding about 5,000 persons. The other route was from Washington square up Fifth avenue to about 59th street, thence through 59th street, Broadway, 72d street and Riverside Drive to Grant's Tomb. He submitted the propriety of adopting one of these routes. The advantage of the first was that it was in the center of the city and could be reached by the people of the east side with less carfare and inconvenience than the other.

The Acting President said that a route should be selected along which all three parades — the Historical, Military and Carnival parades — could move; and that it should be borne in mind that the tall floats of the Historical and Carnival parades could not pass under the elevated railroad.

General Roe said that the Fifth avenue route would not pass under any elevated railroad structures.

The decision of the route was left to a conference between the committees having charge of the various parades.

*\$500 Allotted for Supervision of Construction of Clermont.*

Captain Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Naval Parade, reported that the contract for the building of the Clermont had been awarded to the Staten Island Shipbuild-

ing Company and he moved that Mr. J. W. Millard, who had assisted in drawing the plans and specifications, be appointed inspector of construction on behalf of the Commission, at a total compensation not to exceed \$500, to be paid out of the appropriation of \$40,000 to the Navel Parade Committee. Carried.

*Colonel MacArthur Elected Trustee, vice Mr. Starin,  
Deceased.*

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented a report recommending the election of Colonel Arthur MacArthur, Chairman of the Upper Hudson Committee, as a Trustee in place of Hon. John H. Starin, deceased.

There being no other nominations, it was unanimously voted that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot in behalf of the meeting for Colonel MacArthur. The ballot having been cast as directed, the Acting President declared Colonel MacArthur elected.

*Nominated for Appointment on the Commission.*

Mr. Fitch also reported in behalf of the Committee on Nominations, recommending that the following named gentlemen be nominated to the Governor and Mayor respectively for appointment as members of the Commission:

By the Governor: Col. Hugh L. Scott, U. S. A., commandant of West Point Military Academy, West Point; Hon. Thomas H. Lee, ex-District Attorney of Rockland County, Stony Point; and Rev. Robert Fulton Crary, D. D., grandson of Robert Fulton, Matteawan.

By the Mayor: Mr. James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of The Herald, Herald Square; Mr. Emil L. Boas, manager of the Hamburg American Line, No. 45 Broadway; Mr. Robert Fulton Crary, Jr., great-grandson of Robert Fulton, No. 30 Nassau street; Mr. Philip T. Dodge, president of the Mergenthaler Linotype Co. and of the Engineers' Club, No. 154 Nassau street; Mr. A. W. Dodsworth of The Journal of Commerce, No. 32 Broadway; Mr. Henry L. Einstein of The Press, No. 7 Spruce street; Mr. H. A. Hallett of The Morning Telegraph, Eighth avenue and 50th street; Mr. William M. Laffan of The Sun, No. 170 Nassau

street; Hon. William Loeb, Jr., Collector of the Port of New York, Custom House; Hon. Chester S. Lord of The Sun, No. 170 Nassau street; Mr. Hart Lyman of The Tribune, No. 154 Nassau street; Mr. Andrew McLean of Brooklyn Citizen, No. 397 Fulton street, Brooklyn; Mr. Adolph S. Ochs of The Times, Times Square; Mr. Joseph Pulitzer of The World, Park Row, Lieut. Col. Arthur F. Schermerhorn, member of numerous patriotic societies and military aide in many celebrations of national importance, No. 251 West 107th street; Mr. Melville E. Stone, Secretary of the Associated Press, No. 195 Broadway; Mr. Samuel Straus of The Globe, No. 5 Dey street; Mr. James A. Sperry of The Brooklyn Times, No. 24 Broadway, Brooklyn; Mr. Wm. H. Truesdale, President of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, No. 90 West street; Mr. Oswald G. Villard of The Evening Post, No. 20 Vesey street; and Hon. Edgerton L. Winthrop, Jr., President of the Board of Education, 500 Park avenue.

It was voted that the nominations be recommended to the Governor and Mayor.

*Board of Trustees Renominated.*

Mr. Fitch also presented the following report:

To the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission: The Nominations Committee hereby nominates the following gentlemen for re-election at the annual meeting of the Commission to be held May 5th, 1909, as trustees of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission:

Hon. John G. Agar,	Hon. Joseph H. Choate,
Hon. James K. Apgar,	Mr. Paul D. Cravath,
Col. John Jacob Astor,	Mr. William J. Curtis,
Col. Franklin Bartlett,	Mr. Robert Fulton Cutting,
Hon. James M. Beck,	Hon. Robert W. de Forest,
Mr. August Belmont,	Mr. George G. DeWitt,
Mr. Tunis G. Bergen,	Mr. John C. Eames,
Hon. William Berri,	Hon. J. Sloat Fassett,
Hon. Frank S. Black,	Mr. Stuyvesant Fish,
Hon. A. J. Boulton,	Mr. Theodore Fitch,
Mr. George V. Brower,	Hon. Charles S. Francis,
Hon. J. Rider Cady,	Mr. George J. Gould,
Mr. Henry W. Cannon,	Maj. Gen. F. D. Grant,
Mr. Andrew Carnegie,	U. S. A.,
Gen. Howard Carroll,	Mr. Henry E. Gregory,
Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke,	Mr. Edward Hagaman Hall,

Mr. George A. Hearn,	Gen. Horace Porter,
Hon. Warren Higley,	Hon. Thomas R. Proctor,
Hon. David B. Hill,	Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley,
Mr. Samuel Verplanck Hoffman.	Mr. Louis C. Raegener,
Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard,	Mr. Herman Ridder,
Hon. Henry Hudson,	Mr. William Rockefeller,
Mr. August F. Jaccaci,	Maj. Gen. Chas. F. Roe,
Col. William Jay,	Mr. Thomas F. Ryan,
Gen. Horatio C. King,	Col. Henry W. Sackett,
Dr. George F. Kunz,	Col. Herbert L. Satterlee,
Mr. John La Farge,	Pres. Jacob Gould Schurmar,
Mr. Charles R. Lamb,	Mr. Gustav H. Schwab,
Dr. Henry M. Leipziger,	Mr. Isaac N. Seligman,
Hon. Seth Low,	Hon. Frederick W. Seward,
Hon. Arthur MacArthur,	Mr. J. Edward Simmons,
Hon. William McCarroll,	Mr. Nelson S. Spencer,
Mr. William J. McKay,	Mr. James Speyer,
Rear Adm. Geo. W. Melville,	Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson,
U. S. N.	Mr. James Stillman,
Hon. John G. Milburn,	Hon. Oscar S. Straus,
Capt. Jacob W. Miller,	Mr. Spencer Trask,
Mr. Frank D. Millet,	Lieut. Com. Aaron Vanderbilt,
Mr. Ogden Mills,	Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt,
Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan,	Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt,
Hon. Levi P. Morton,	Mr. William B. Van Rensselaer.
Mr. William C. Muschenheim,	Col. John W. Vrooman,
Mr. Ludwig Nissen,	Dr. Samuel B. Ward,
Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien,	Mr. Edmund Wetmore,
Mr. Eben E. Olcott,	Hon. William R. Willcox,
Hon. Alton B. Parker,	Mr. Charles R. Wilson,
Mr. John E. Parsons,	Gen. Jas. Grant Wilson,
Hon. Samuel Parsons,	Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood,
Mr. Bayard L. Peck,	Gen. Stewart L. Woodford,
Hon. George W. Perkins,	Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff.
Hon. N. Taylor Phillips,	

Each member of the committee refrains from nominating himself but concurs in the action of the Committee as to all other names.

As the Mayors of all cities of the State are by statute made trustees ex-officio, their names are not submitted for election by the Commission.

There are other distinguished members of the Commission who would be desirable acquisitions to the board of trustees, but with the number of elective trustees limited by

the charter to one hundred, the Committee does not find it possible to nominate any of these gentlemen without displacing some of the present trustees whose services in the opinion of the Committee entitle them to a renomination.

The Committee recommends an amendment to the Charter providing for fifty additional trustees to be elected by the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE FITCH, Chairman,  
 HERMAN RIDDER,  
 HENRY W. SACKETT,  
 W. J. CURTIS,  
 JOHN W. VROOMAN,  
 Nominations Committee.

Dated March 24, 1909.

It was voted that the report be approved and sent to the members of the Commission.

*Patriotic Societies Committee Report.*

Mr. Fitch, chairman of the Committee on Patriotic Societies, reported that the committee had held two meetings and devoted its efforts to enlisting the interest of the Patriotic Societies in the celebration. Members had been delegated to see the officers of various societies for that purpose. The Society of the War of 1812 had declined to take part in the Historical Parade but had offered to act as guard of honor at the reviewing stand.

*Reception of Official Guests on September 25.*

In the absence of Mr. Seward on account of illness, Gen. Wilson reported in behalf of the Plan and Scope Committee making the following recommendations:

1st. That the formal reception of foreign and American Naval vessels take place on Saturday, September 25, instead of Monday September 27;

2nd. That the Half Moon and Clermont enter the river on Saturday, September 25 instead of Monday, September 27, and that a night reception and pageant be given them off Riverside Park; and



3rd. That the Mayor be requested to appoint a citizens' committee in each borough to forward the celebration.

The report was received and the recommendations adopted.

*Report on Public Health and Convenience.*

Dr. Porter, chairman of the Committee on Public Health and Convenience, presented the following report :

While the work which this committee could perform is almost unlimited, the following, with such additions and changes as the progress of the work itself may suggest, will add materially to the success of the celebration. The importance of this work more than justifies the expenses incidental to its proper accomplishment.

This plan briefly provides for

1st. The establishment of Comfort Stations.

2nd. The establishment of Medical Emergency Stations.

3rd. Stations where small children can be cared for while their parents participate in the various functions of the celebration.

4th. A Bureau of Information.

5th. Bureaus of registration of visitors.

Establishment of Comfort Stations: This city is sorely lacking in permanent comfort stations such as many European cities have. The need of such stations will be strongly felt during the celebration with its vast crowds of visitors, and particularly along the line of the land parades and near the principal vantage points for viewing the Naval Parades. A number of such stations of a temporary character should be provided and this Committee believes that the proper city authorities can be prevailed upon to build them without expense to the Commission. Comfort Stations should also be provided for in the construction of all grand stands. The majority of office, store and other buildings along the line of the parade having convenient toilet facilities can readily be prevailed upon to place the same at the service of the general public and this Committee plans to adopt a distinctive banner which will be used to denote all such buildings. This Committee would also arrange to have conveniently located hospitals and dispensaries afford the same comfort facilities.

Emergency and Medical Stations: The parades will bring together great masses of people in confined spaces. In cases of sudden illness or injury it would be difficult to secure medical attendance particularly as most doctors will be out

viewing the parades. To meet this situation this Committee will provide stations along the line of march with doctors and nurses in attendance. In this we would have the co-operation of the Red Cross, and other similar organizations and the various hospitals. Another feature of this emergency service would be the establishment of ambulance stations for the land parade and two or more motor launches with doctors and nurses aboard to patrol the course of the naval parades and crews among the excursion craft.

**Caring for Small Children so that the Parents Can Participate in the Celebration:** This feature of our plan is principally for the convenience of the poorer residents of New York City and should do much to popularize the Celebration with the masses. It will be proof conclusive that the Commission desires to have all our people poor and rich alike participate in and enjoy the various functions of the Celebration. As the basis for this work there are the various day nurseries now in operation and the organizations which maintain these, together with other children's societies will be glad to co-operate in the establishment of as many additional temporary nurseries as may be deemed necessary. Department stores will undoubtedly be glad to aid in this work.

**Bureau of Information:** This will be of the greatest benefit to out of town visitors. A central bureau would handle all inquiries previous to the opening of the Celebration when branches would be established at all railroad terminals and at the piers of the Hudson River and Sound Steamship Lines. Detailed information about hotels and boarding houses, their prices, accommodations, etc.; the location of the places where the various ceremonies are to be held and how to reach them; good vantage points to view the parades and how to reach them; places of interest about the City and how to reach them, with possibly sight-seeing trips outlined; cab rates, etc., would be carefully compiled in advance and distributed to visitors as they arrive or mailed on request. This information would be printed in an official programme and if advertising was accepted for the same it would more than pay for itself.

**Registration of Visitors:** Arrangements would be made at the different information bureaus to register visitors, including their home addresses and addresses while in town. Those registering could have mail and telegrams forwarded to their temporary address and could be located by friends. These plans to provide for the comfort and convenience of

visitors and residents will be received with interest by the public at large and consequently will be given wide publicity by the press. They should help materially in attracting crowds of people to the Celebration. They represent a material expression of the Commission's hospitality.

Dr. Porter said that when their plans were further advanced, the Committee would ask the Trustees for an appropriation.

The report was received and ordered on file.

#### *Upper Hudson Committee.*

Col. MacArthur, Chairman of the Upper Hudson Committee, reported that the work of his Committee during the past month had been principally missionary labors with the finance committee of the Senate. The latter seemed to be favorable to the appropriation but had taken no definite action up to date. He said it was quite essential to the work of the Upper Hudson Committee to know upon what money they could count. He wished that ex-Lieut. Governor Woodruff, who was present, would exercise his good offices in the matter.

The Acting President said that Mr. Woodruff would put the whole Commission under obligation if he would assist in the matter.

Mr. Woodruff said that he had already talked with several members of the Finance Committee and that they were favorably disposed, but the difficulty was that they could not comply with the requests of everyone; and they could not decide upon questions like this until they knew what was absolutely necessary for the government. It was true, they had voted \$275,000 for the State Fair; but the reason for that was that money was needed for buildings which it was necessary to begin at once. He said he would do all he could to secure the Hudson-Fulton appropriation.

#### *Verplanck's Point Park.*

Mr. Pugsley, chairman of the Verplanck's Point Park Committee, reported that he had attended a hearing on the park bill before the Ways and Means Committee of the

Assembly and the Finance Committee of the Senate the previous day and there was a fair prospect of an appropriation of from \$25,000 to \$40,000 for the purpose.

*Expenditure Authorized for Organizing Brooklyn Work.*

The Secretary laid before the Trustees a letter from Mr. John B. Creighton, Secretary of the Brooklyn League, dated March 17, and addressed to the Acting President, stating that at a meeting of the editors of the Brooklyn daily papers held March 15, under direction of Hon. St. Clair McKelway, he was asked to communicate to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission the proposition to organize Brooklyn for the Celebration under the supervision of the Commission. The plan contemplated the formation of a citizens' committee with a Secretary, who should be an assistant to the Secretary of this Commission, located in Brooklyn. The editors had recommended that Mr. Creighton act as such Secretary and he was willing to do so at a salary of \$250 a month. A part of the office of the Brooklyn League, together with typewriter machine, desk and telephone connections, could be had at a nominal rental of \$25 a month. In addition to this, it would be necessary for the Commission to supply a typist, and pay for the necessary postage and stationery.

It was voted that, subject to the action of the State Civil Service Commission, Mr. Creighton be engaged as Assistant to the Secretary at a salary of \$250 a month, beginning April 1st.

It was also voted that the payment of \$25 a month for office rental, the salary of a stenographer at the rate of \$75 a month, and the necessary expense of postage and stationery, be authorized for the Brooklyn work.

The meeting then adjourned.

HENRY W. SACKETT,

Secretary.

EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL,

Assistant Secretary.







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