

DOCUMENT 14 – PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS CITY SCAVENGER

April 23, 1847

TRANSCRIPTION

To his Honor the Mayor & Common Council Assembled
Your Petitioner actuated in behalf of Public good as well as
Private begs to call Your Honorable attention to certain evils
which many ~~private~~ Citizens labor under in not fully complying
with a certain City Ordinance, (viz) That which relates to throwing
or depositing in the Streets any Vegetable or Animal Matter
The above law without other Provisions is rendered neugatorry ~~with-out~~
as house keepers cannot or will not take the trouble and expense
of sending dayly their refuse or Swill out of the City concequently
~~are~~ of necessity Law is violated

There is also another evil arising from the above violation of
Law (viz) alurements for Cattle & Hogs or by owners driveing them
to be fed in the Streets to the great anoyance of Citicens & Country-
-men with produce.

Therefore Your Petioner would beg of Your Honorable Body to take
into consideration the following remedy for the existing evil.

That A Bell Man or Men with Carts or Waggons who shall
be subjected to the direction of Street Commissioners or City Marshall
for all necessary information appertaining to time, ~~were~~ and
Streets for collecting. Also that Citicens may be in due time
aprired of the aproach of the Cart or Waggon by the Bell &
to receive from whosoever shall hand or convey into the aforesaid
Cart or Waggon any Vegetable or Animal Matter.

Your Petionerer would also suggest to Your honorable body
that He would be willing to undertake the collecting or receiving
the aforesaid collections at some convenint distance and allowing
the worth thereof or as Your honorable body may judiciously
determine I will be happy to conform and will be ever

bound in high respect for the favour recvd.

John Ludby

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