

**DOCUMENT 1 – PETITION FOR A FREE PEDDLER’S LICENSE**

**April 4, 1872**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

Chicago, April 4<sup>th</sup> 1872

To the Hon. Mayor & Common Council  
of the City of Chicago,

Mr J. Coppman having lost everything he had by  
the great fire of October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 1871 and being  
desirous of resuming his business of peddling  
matches. soap &c, humbly petitions your honorable  
body to grant him a free license as he is  
unable to pay for the same.

Said petitioner is an honest old man (over 60 years)  
and deserving the favor above asked. Hoping  
the same will meet with your favor and  
the license be issued we remain

Very Respectfy Yours

Irish, Bullen & Co