

**DOCUMENT 9 – COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ESTABLISHING A FREE  
SOUP HOUSE**

**January 5, 1877**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

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To the Mayor and Alderman of the city of  
Chicago in City Council Assembled

In consideration of the  
misery and poverty existing in the City of Chicago  
measures should be taken to alleviate the sufferings  
of the poor. During the war with Prussia the  
City of Paris established soup houses in the several  
districts of the city and fed more than 10,000 persons  
daily, giving to each person two meals, costing  
eight cents each, consisting of 1<sup>st</sup> “Meat soup”  
2<sup>d</sup> a plate of Meat. 3<sup>d</sup> a portion of bread

If it pleases the city to enter  
into arrangements with me I will furnish at  
#71 Adams St. or wherever required, food for  
one hundred or more persons, at eight cents  
a meal. Each meal to consist of 1<sup>st</sup>  
Soup 2<sup>d</sup> Meat and vegetables. 3<sup>d</sup> Bread. 4<sup>th</sup>  
a cup of coffee with milk. I should be happy to  
meet those in authority to discuss the subject— A. Duverne  
71 W Adams St