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# James Harper's claim for damages from New York City draft riots, October 22, 1863.

County of New York

James Harper

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Claim of James Harper

533 Third Ave N. Y. City

The following articles <sup>destroyed</sup> stolen

Glass bar contents <sup>with</sup> 15-00

Cigar bar & contents 10-00

Cakes 1 Pair " 5-00

Candy glass bar contents 30-00

Tobacco & papers 25 60 00

1 Clock — 3 10-00

Toys — 5 25-00

Bar glass ware, — 20-00

Cigars upon bar 1 10-00

Liquor <sup>200</sup> destroyed & stolen 50-00

Pictures — 15 20-00

Cash stolen from till 15-00

Doctors bill for attendance  
for injuries received in store 15-00

\$345-00

Damage & destroyed on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
May July between the hours of 5 P.M. & 6 P.M.  
James Harper

James Harper claims

\$345.00

He kept a small place at 555 3 Avenue for the sale of Candies, Liquors & Segars and from the appearance of the place I am satisfied it has been his intention to make a good sale to the City, he now resides in Hartford, and the person occupying the place says it is similar to what it was when in his possession, both quantities and prices of goods taken are greatly exaguated. His Bill the contents of which he charges \$80 for use not worth \$30, he claims for \$15 taken from his till. He did not see \$5 a day and it is not reasonable to suppose he left his money in his till at night. He also charges \$10 for books Bill. I have examined that of the receipt \$175 he will be well paid

R. A. Lee

In the matter  
of the claim  
of James Harper

James Harper  
being duly sworn testified as  
follows. I resided at the  
time of the riot 533. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
I ~~do not~~ reside now in Connecticut.  
I kept a cigar store & fancy articles.  
I was home at the time of  
the riot. It took place between  
5 & 6. P.M. I think there was  
about 20 or 25 <sup>rioters + a large number outside</sup> in my store  
they destroyed every thing nothing  
of any value was left. I have  
not recovered any of the articles  
since the riot. The glass counter  
case about 4 x 2 ft. 1 foot high  
contained, fancy articles such as,  
taper lights, pipes meerschaum &c  
some playing cards. The case cost  
\$10<sup>00</sup> about 3 months previous to the  
riot. I think there was at least  
2 doz meerschaum pipes cost me  
\$18<sup>00</sup> per doz. I had 4 doz  
candy jars. I had 2 meet previous  
to the riot \$15<sup>00</sup> cigars. I kept  
a bar in the back of the store, I  
had 12 decanters. I started there  
with \$90<sup>00</sup> worth of liquors as the  
demijohns become empty I filled them  
up. The pictures were french &

were hanging up in the barroom.

The \$15<sup>00</sup> was in the money <sup>stone</sup>  
drawer in the front stone. <sup>\$6<sup>00</sup></sup> I  
put in the morning & the balance  
was taken in ~~the~~ during the day.

I do not remember where I  
<sup>bought</sup> got the meerscha pipe. I paid  
\$15<sup>00</sup> to the doctor for injuries  
received during the riot.

I purchased the regans of Putnam  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave

sworn to before me this  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of Oct / 63

James Hanfel

Wm Ely Jr.

The County of New York,

To James Harper

Residence, .....

D.

1863

For

Dollars. Ct.

July

Assessed bill for damage by rioters \$345 00  
 Allowed by the Board of  
 Supervisors at \$175 00  
 Deducted by Comptroller 25 00  
 \$ 150 00

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

*James Harper* being duly sworn, deposes and says, that the items charged in the above account are correct; that the services specified and articles enumerated therein have in fact been performed and furnished, and by due authority; also that the prices charged are reasonable and just, and that said account has not been, either in whole or any part, paid, satisfied or assigned, and that the same is now justly due to him.

Sworn to before me,

Nov 6

1863

*James Watson*

Notary Public

Com. of Deeds.

*James Harper*

RECEIVED,—New York,

Nov 11

1863, from MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY AND

COUNTY OF NEW YORK, the sum of *One Hundred & fifty* Dollars, in full for the Damages sustained by me, by and in consequence of the Riot which prevailed in said City in the month of July, 1863, and in full satisfaction and discharge of all claims and demands whatsoever against the City or County of New York, by or in consequence of said riot.

*James Harper*

COUNTY EXPENDITURES.

Audit

No. *2114*

Warrant

No. *4489*

Record No. *298*

\$ *150.00*

Receipt of *James Harper*

For *Damage by riot 5-33, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave*

Month of *July*

186*3*

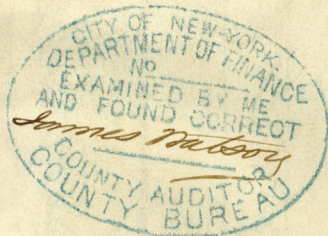
Abstract No. *1*

DISTRIBUTION OF ACCOUNT.\*

(\* Out of what appropriation.)

RIOT DAMAGES.

*Res. Oct. 26. 1863*



N. B.—ALL ACCOUNTS or Claims for supplies or materials furnished or services performed, must be rendered in the form prescribed by the COMPTROLLER, and verified in conformity with the requirements of Law and the Ordinances of the Board of Supervisors.

Laws and Ordinances Relating to the Payment of Money for County Purposes.

Treasury by authority of the Board of Supervisors shall be upon vouchers for the expenditure thereof, examined and allowed by the Auditor, and approved by the Comptroller, and no such moneys shall be drawn therefrom, except on the warrant drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor and Clerk of the Board, and no other warrant shall be necessary for such purpose."

*Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New York, passed December 31, 1858.*

SEC. 6.—"All bills or claims on the County of New York shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, in order that the same may be examined and acted upon before being audited by the Comptroller, or paid by the Treasurer, except where otherwise required by law or ordinance."

SEC. 7.—"No moneys shall be paid out of the County Treasury unless the same shall have been previously appropriated. Separate accounts shall be opened with each appropriation, and each payment authorized by the Board of Supervisors shall be a charge only to the proper appropriation."

SEC. 8.—"No payment shall be made for bills incurred by any court or county officer in the purchase of supplies, unless requisition, duly specifying the several items, shall have been made to the Board of Supervisors, previous to the purchase."

Acts of Legislature of the State of New York.

LAW 1847, CHAP. 420.

SEC. 2.—"No account shall be audited by any Board of Town Auditors or Supervisors, or Superintendents of the Poor, for any services or disbursements, unless such account shall be made out in items, and accompanied with an affidavit attached to, and to be filed with such account, made by the person presenting or claiming the same, that the items of such account are correct, and that the disbursements and services charged therein have been in fact made or rendered, or necessary to be made or rendered at that session of the Board, and stating that no part thereof has been paid or satisfied. And the Chairman of such Board, or either of said Superintendents, is hereby authorized to administer any oath required under this section."

LAW 1857, CHAP. 590.

SEC. 5.—"No money shall be drawn from the Treasury, except the same shall have been previously appropriated to the purpose for which it is drawn, and no expense shall be incurred, whether it shall have been ordered by the Board [of Supervisors] or not, unless an appropriation of money, then in the Treasury, sufficient to cover such expense, shall have been previously made."

SEC. 6.—"The Finance Department of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York and its officers, shall have the like powers and perform the like duties in regard to the fiscal concerns of said Board, as they possess in regard to the local concerns of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality. All moneys drawn from the