

requisition No. 637, signed by Commissioners Morris and Fowler, was drawn on the Mayor & City Council for \$41,057.55, to pay the salaries of the Secretary, the Assistant to Secretary, the Counsel and three Police Physicians for the month of December 1902; to pay the Marshal and Deputy Marshal from December 16th., to 31st., 1902; to pay the police force for two weeks from December 4th., to 17th., 1902, together with sundry bills.

Salaries.....	\$36,223.46
Expenses.....	4,834.09

Money Borrowed from Bank.

The Secretary also reported that when the requisition referred to above, was presented to the Comptroller of the city, he the Secretary was notified that the sum remaining to the credit of the Police Commissioners of Appropriation for account of salaries (by reason of cut made by the Board of Estimates of the City in amount asked for by the Board for salaries 1902) was but \$31,064.06; being \$5,159.40 short of amount required as per requisition; that he, the Secretary, called upon the Mayor of the city, who consulted with the Comptroller in the matter, and informed him, the Secretary, that while the city recognized that the obligation was on it to provide the necessary money to pay the salaries of the Police Department, because of the depleted condition of the Contingent Fund, there were no funds in the hands of the Municipal Government now available, to meet deficit already mentioned, and also that the City Charter forbids the creation of a floating indebtedness. In order to relieve the situation the Mayor requested the Board of Police Commissioners arrange to secure the amount of the deficit \$5,159.40 on loan, and promised that the amount would be made good by the city on the first of January 1903, out of its contingent fund for that year, and that the transaction should in no wise affect the amount asked for and appropriated for salaries of the Police Department for the year 1903, which under the provisions of law could not be used for such purpose.

The Secretary further reported that as it was necessary to secure the money at once to pay the police force on to-day, Friday December 19, 1902, the usual pay day, he conferred with the President