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Corporation the best means of Judging of the
utility of the Chain principle, and then if
approved, they may employ who they please
to build the rest, for the whole work will
consist of strength and simplicity. There will be
no need of the chains entering the earth at
more than 20 feet from the Centre of the up-
rights, and their ends can be so ranged as to
Correspond in some degree with the Kibstones
of the streets. The uprights and chains may be
considered as almost perpetual the flooring and
railing only subject to decay, and one side
of them can be repaired or renewed while the
other side is in constant use. My desire to
bring the chain bridges into general use in order
to benefit by the sale of the patent rights has
induced me to calculate close but not so close
as not to allow enough to build a perfectly strong
and useful bridge not including stone work.
If I build this bridge I shall contract for Iron
Lumber, Carpentry work &c &c and it would
be vastly more agreeable and convenient for me
to draw orders on the bills and contracts after
the articles were delivered and work done, and
have them paid by the Treasurer, than to draw
the money. The above sum will include the
Patent Right and 16 stones to fasten the chains
to in the earth.

I am Sir with
Sentiments of high Respect
Your Hble Serv^t

John Templeman

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A Message was thereupon transmitted to the 2^d
Branch proposing to refer the above communication
with the letter accompanying the same to a Joint
Committee of both Branches of the City Council
and stating the appointment of Messrs Small
Bell and Carey as such Committee on the part
of this branch to which the Second Assented
& appointed Messrs Brings & Dugan as a Committee
on their part.

The following communication was received
from the Mayor -

Gentlemen of the first & second branches
of the City Council -

In your Appropriation bill eight hundred
Dollars is allotted for the health department
and having appointed a health officer who
must be furnished with four boat men, the
sum appropriated will be nearly expended in the
payment of their wages. It has also been
discovered that the late board of City Comm^{rs}
were in debt one thousand Dollars for Cross
Streets paving the last year and of course the
Appropriation will be inadequate as the contracts
already entered into for paving require more money
than the balance of the appropriation.

Unless an additional sum is allowed
for the above objects it will not be possible
to fulfil the wishes of the Council.

19 April 1859.

Edw. Johnson

Which communication having been read,
and leave having been granted for that purpose