

The following communication was received, and, on motion of Mr. Pillsbury, was ordered to be spread on the minutes, and referred to the committee of the whole:

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 5, 1875.

To his Honor the Mayor of New Orleans:

I have noticed several allusions in the papers of a desire on the part of the city authorities of your city to lease or dispose of the Waterworks of New Orleans with a view of reducing the city indebtedness, as well as to get the works placed upon a first class footing as to capacity, etc. If such is the case, and the city would give us a fifty year lease we would take hold at once and reorganize and rearrange the whole system. We would build new machinery, new reservoirs, lay additional pipe, so as to give the whole city a bountiful supply of pure well settled and clear water for all public and private uses. We would rearrange the present system so that water would be taken to the top stories of your highest hotels and houses. We would build settling reservoirs and filtering arrangements so that when completed you would never have any muddy water, and always a bountiful supply. We have just completed a magnificent system of waterworks in this city, owned and operated by this company, costing \$1,250,000.

I would be pleased to have you lay this matter before your City Council, and if they think well of it I will come at once with our chief engineer and the attorney for the company, look the ground over and submit a plan and make a proposition for a lease of the works.

All kinds of materials entering into the construction of waterworks are cheaper now than they will be for years again, therefore, prompt action is desirable in the premises.

Awaiting your favors I am, yours truly,
B. M. MAHAN.

President National Waterworks Company,
of New York.

Address me at Kansas City, Missouri.