Office of the Board of Public Works Chicago Oct. 23^d 1871.

To the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Chicago, in Common Council Assembled

The Board of Public Works would respectfully represent to your Hon. Body that there is a considerable amount of material, consisting of brick, iron &c. the remains of such of the public buildings as were destroyed by the late fire, which might be gathered up and sold and a considerable sum realized therefor.

If allowed to remain where it now lies, it will be scattered and destroyed, and be a total loss to the City.

The Board recommend that they be authorized to dispose of such portion of said material as may be thought desirable and they they append a resolution to that effect hereto.

