of the city and the government of the State must both be benefited by such a result.

Manhattan Island is to-day the business centre of a Greater New York of not less than three millions of people. There are those now living who may see it the business centre of a population twice as large. In the meanwhile, by uniting into one city the settlements (within the city limits) that line the shores of the Sound, the East River and the Bay, so far as they are included in the State of New York, the City of New York secures an opportunity to command the development of commercial facilities throughout the length and breadth of its magnificent water front, which probably could not be had in any other way.

The Commissioners unite in recommending the Greater New York Charter to the favorable consideration of the legislature.

B. F. Tracy President
W. L. Strong Mayor
F. W. Wurster Mayor
P. J. Gleason Mayor
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Silas B. Dutcher
Seth Low
Harrison S. Moore
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Campbell W. Adams
State Engineer and Surveyor
T. E. Hancock Attorney-General
Geo. M. Pinney Jr. Secretary.

Dated New York, February 18th, 1897.

THE GREATER NEW YORK CHARTER.

AN ACT

To unite into one municipality under the corporate name of The City of New York, the various communities lying in and about New York Harbor, including the City and County of New York, the City of Brooklyn and the County of Kings, the County of Richmond, and part of the County of Queens, and to provide for the government thereof.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

CHAPTER I.

BOUNDARIES, BOROUGHS, POWERS, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY.

The City of New York; corporations consolidated; territory; short title of this Act.

Section 1. All the municipal and public corporations and parts of municipal and public corporations, including cities, villages, towns and school districts, but not including counties, within the following territory, to wit: The County of Kings, the County of Richmond, the city of Long Island City, the towns of Newtown, Flushing and Jamaica, and that part of the town of Hempstead, in the County of Queens,