

June 10, 1918

Hon. Richard E. Enright,
Commissioner of Police,
240 Centre Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In view of the persistent lawlessness of about 30 per cent of the people who visit the Parks of New York City, as manifested in the throwing of rubbish and other forms of vandalism, the police protection that is afforded us during the heaviest visiting season is, to a certain extent, a life or death matter. The reputation of the Zoological Park thus depends in great measure on circumstances beyond our control.

In the interest of law and order, the discouragement and suppression of disorder in public places, and in the interest of economy in man-power and in money, Park Commissioner Hennessy and I crave the favor of a few minutes interview with you next Wednesday at your office, provided such an interview would suit your convenience. If you will favor us with a chance to talk with you face to face, we will promise not to unduly prolong the interview, and it may be that you will be interested in hearing the side of this particular "tead under the harrow."

Will you kindly have your secretary advise me as soon as possible whether it will be convenient for you to see us on Wednesday; and in case it is possible, if you will name the hour, we will conform thereto.

Yours very truly,

Director