

RIVERHEAD, L. I., June 5.—Justice Wil-
mot M. Smith of the Supreme Court has
fixed June 19 at Patchogue as the time and
place to hear arguments in the demurrer
in the suit of the Montauk Indians, through
their Chief, King Wyandank Pharaoh,
against the Long Island Railroad to recover
the Peninsula of Montauk, the end of Long
Island.

Brooklyn Institute Excursions.

Two excursions have been arranged for
by the associate members of the Brooklyn
Institute of Arts and Sciences—one to the
Thousand Islands and Trenton Falls and
another to Niagara Falls. The first starts
July 3 and the second July 22.

United Singers of Brooklyn.

The United Singers of Brooklyn will give
a concert and public rehearsal for the eigh-
teenth National Singers' Festival, in Phila-
delphia, in Wissel's Ridgewood Park, to-
day.

LETTER FILE IN THE TOMBS.

It Contains a Record of Tammany's Assessment of the Clerks and Keepers in the Prison.

In tearing down the Tombs building, the
workmen found a pile of documents in the
Warden's office, on the top of a closet that
had been built in years ago. Most of them
were old writs of no special interest, but
among them was the letter file of James E.
Coulter, who was Warden of the Tombs in
1866, 1867, and 1868. Warden O'Shea said
yesterday that the other Wardens seem
to have taken away their letter files.

Mr. Coulter's letter file is dusty and the
covers are mildewed. At that time Joshua
Phillips was Secretary of the Department
of Charities and Correction, and from a
letter on file it appears that he was also
on the Tammany Hall Finance Committee.

In a letter of Mr Phillips to Warden
Coulter, on Oct. 19, 1867, which, however,
does not bear the heading of the Depart-
ment of Charities and Correction, he says:

"Sir: On behalf of the Finance Committee
of Tammany Hall, I am authorized to re-
ceive the amounts assessed on the Demo-
cratic employes in your department, which
please collect on Nov. 1, and transmit to
me with statement. Yours respectfully,

"JOSHUA PHILLIPS."

"Clerk, \$20.

"Dy. Keepers, \$10."

Whether the Democratic employes of the
Tombs objected to the assessment does
not appear from the letter file. But their
wounded feelings were undoubtedly healed
by soothing balm administered by the Char-
ities Commissioners in the form of in-
creased salaries. For, on Nov. 8, 1867, a
few days after the employes had paid the
assessment, Joshua Phillips, as Secretary
of the Board of Charities and Correction,
sent Warden Coulter the following docu-
ment:

"DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND
CORRECTION, Nov. 8, 1867.

"Resolved, that the pay of Clerks and
Keepers of the City Prisons be increased
\$100 per annum, to take effect on 1st
November, instant. Adopted by the board.

"JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary."

Another document in Warden Coulter's
file is a copy of a letter sent to the Board
of Commissioners by A. Oakley Hall, then
District Attorney.

In the letter District Attorney Hall says:
"I beg officially to ask that you instruct
all the Keepers and Wardens not to pro-
duce persons committed at the General Ses-
sions or the Oyer and Terminer or Special
Sessions upon any writ of habeas corpus
issued by the Superior Court, Common
Pleas, or a Habeas Corpus Commissioner,
other than a Justice of the Supreme Court,
sitting at Chambers, who is the only official
so authorized to act after final conviction."

Mr. Hall gives a blank form for refusal
for Wardens.

Second Battery Goes into Camp.

The Second Battery of the National Guard
State of New York went into camp yester-
day afternoon in Van Cortlandt Park. They
will remain until to-morrow afternoon, dur-
ing which time the military regulations will
be strictly adhered to. The camp has been
named "Camp Howard Carroll."