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194 Broadway Jew York September //1289. (Private)
Ky Dear Sir:..
I beg leave to call your attention to the fol lowing brief statement explanatory of the corps of Commissionaires ( of Great Britan) ; and also to ask your. opinion, lIst, as to the practubikity practicability and advisability of attempting a similar oremaization in this Country: and and would you assist by giving your cordial support and advice in forming such an organizetion togother with secy 25 officers or exmoificers or civilians Upon obtainize c. sufficion; number of affir motive anstrexs, I mill call a private moving about Nov lite where the subject can be more sally explained and discussed 。"


The Corps of Commissionaires of London Eng is composed of honorably discharge Soldiers and Sailors (regular and volunteers ) and has for its main object the obtaining of temporary and permanent omploymont for its members.

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My dear Sir,-
It has occurred to me that some account
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