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CORRESPONDENCE.

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE & WASHINGTON

RAILROAD COMPANY.

Baltimore, June 16, 1903.

W. Cabell Bruce.
City Solicitor.
Baltimore.
My dear Sir:-

Although I am aware that your term of office does not begin until the first of July next, yet there is a matter which I desire to bring to your attention at this time; and the reason for doing so I will now explain.

By virtue of the Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore approved May 29th 1869 (and subsequently ratified by an Act of Assembly of Maryland), the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company is authorized, in the construction of its railroad within the City of Baltimore, to construct the same along or across the streets and avenues named in the Ordinance, among which is North avenue; and in constructing its railroad along or across North avenue, and certain other streets named in the Second Section of the Ordinance, it is provided that the same shall be constructed in a tunnel under the said streets and avenues. By the Seventh Section of the Ordinance, it is provided that no opening or holes for the purpose of ventilation shall be made in any of the streets or avenues of the City under which the said tunnel shall be made; but the Company shall, if any ventilation of such tunnel, additional to that afforded by the mouths, is required. supply the same by means of chimneys, shafts or flues erected at proper points on property belonging to the Company, and of such height and construction as shall ventilate the tunnel without annoyance to persons or property in proximity thereto.

Some years ago the Railroad Company finding it necessary to supply for the tunnel additional ventilation to that afforded by its mouths, acquired property near Madison street, adjacent to the line of the tunnel which runs along Wilson street, and drected thereon a high ventilating shaft, and connected the same with the tunnel by means of