CORRESPONDENCE.

File No. 458.

FIRST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL
OF BALTIMORE.

Baltimore , November 25 ,1903.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce, City Solicitor,

Dear Sir:-

696 The First Branch, by resolution adopted Nov. 24, desires you to inform them as to how far the authority of the Board of Estimates extends in the matter of granting "Minor Privileges".

You are asked to define the rights of the Board of Estimates in the matter as distinguished from the Mayor and City Council. Is there any conflict of jurisdiction or is there any confusing concurrence of jurisdiction?

Yours truly,
(Signed) A. S. Goldsborough,
Chief Clerk.

OPINION.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore ,November 30 ,1903.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

697 I have carefully considered the question submitted to you by a resolution of the First Branch City Council, referred to in Mr. Goldsborough's letter of November 25th, in which you are asked to define the right of the Board of Estimates in the matter of granting minor privileges, and I have reached the conclusion that the Board of Estimates has exclusive authority in the matter.

The purpose of the Charter Commission with reference to franchises and rights in the public streets may be gathered from the following quotation from the report of the Commission:

"The proposed Charter requires that the grant of franchises or rights in, over or under the streets or in other public property shall be made for only limited periods (twenty-five years), and also provides that in all ordinances granting such franchises or rights provision can be made for the reverting to the City at the expiration of