CORRESPONDENCE.

File No. 475.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
SUB-DEPARTMENT OF CITY ENGINEER.

Baltimore, December 2, 1903.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

722 There is a very serious trouble existing on Butchers Lane. Butchers Lane is supposed to be a public highway, extending Southward from Pennsylvania Avenue to North Avenue.

The official grade of this lane rises from the building line of North Avenue to the rate of 9% for 152 feet. The lane has never been brought physically to this official establishment. Houses are being erected on North Avenue in the construction of which, excavation was necessary. This excavation caused Butchers lane to slide in. This slide showed a private sewer in the lane, which sewer lies a considerable distance above the plane of the established grade. It was broken by the slide, and is draining foul water, mixed with blood, from the slaughter houses, into the excavation above referred to.

723 The property owners have called upon Dr. Bosley and myself for relief. They request me to require the owners of the pipe to repair the same and lay it at a proper distance below the established grade. No one appears to know under what circumstances the sewer in question was laid, and I am in doubt as to my authority to require this to be done.

I respectfully submit the case to you for advice.

Mr. Thompson, of your office, is more or less interested in this drain, and can no doubt explain any questions in connection therewith, which are unexplained in this letter.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) B. T. Fendall,
City Engineer.