structed in such highway, and such actual damages to the Water Company as shall be caused by the acquisition of its pipes and appliances by the City.

747 Under these last mentioned provisions, in order to obtain the privilege of laying its water pipes along any highway in the Annex occupied by the Water Company, the City is under no obligation to purchase the rights, privileges and franchises of the Water Company. Mr. Quick tells me, that should the City obtain entrance into the territory occupied by the Water Company, it would be in a position to defy competition and furnish the water, no matter what company had a franchise to furnish water in the same territory. Unless, therefore,
748 the Council thinks it best for the City to purchase the rights, privileges and franchises of the Water Company, all references to rights, privileges and franchises should be stricken out of the ordinance herewith returned, because, under the power to purchase "the pipes and water appliances, and all the rights, privileges and franchises" of the Water Company, I do not think that the Commission named in the ordinance would have the power to purchase simply the pipes and water appliances.

I would advise the Committee to call Mr. Quick before it, and to obtain an expression of his views in the premises.

Truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,

City Solicitor.

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