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terms, limits the power of the magistrate to paupers or habitual beggars who are not able-bodied.

I do not think, however, it would be a wise policy for the Supervisors of City Charities to raise the question, by habeas corpus, of illegal commitments. A more prudent step, in my opinion, would be to bring to the attention of the committing magistrates that they only have the right to commit to Bayview, in the cases of paupers and habitual beggars who are not able-bodied. It might be wise to get the State's Attorney to so instruct them, and I am sure that, if he should do so, there would be no further trouble.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Edgar Allan Pos,

First Assistant City Solicitor.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, December 11,1903.

Jeffrey R. Brackett, Beq.,

President of the Supervisors . of City Charities.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter to myself of the 8th inst., with reference to the commitment by magistrates to Bayview of persons not aged, seriously crippled or infirm, I beg leave to enclose herewith a report dated the 11th inst. from Mr. Poe, the First Assistant City Solicitor to myself, in which he states the conclusions at which he has arrived after an investigation of the questions presented by your favor. These conclusions meet with my approval.

Truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,.

City Solicitor.

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