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Whether they subsequently underwent amendments by the City Council, other than the amendments made by the Board of Estimates, I have no means of ascertaining.

1548 It is evident, however, that at least one amendment made by the Board of Estimates as to each of the ordinances was clumsily engrafted upon the ordinances. Section 4 of ordinance No. 80, for illustration, provides that the grantee shall pay to the City the sum of $5. per annum "within ten days after the passage of this ordinance." Section 4 of ordinance No. 81, is characterized by a similar blunder.

1549 It seems to me that Mr. Freeman might be asked to see to it that amendments proposed to franchise ordinances by the Board of Estimates are actually made by the City Council as intended, and that franchise ordinances, when passed by the City Council, are in the same forms as those in which they leave the hands of the Board of Estimates. This is certainly a matter of very great importance.

1550 I retain the ordinance relating to the grading, paving &c. of a portion of Baldwin Street for further examination. Please obtain the proper certificate of the publication of this ordinance, and forward the same to me.

Truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,

City Solicitor.

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