File No. 1149.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
SUB-DEPARTMENT, CITY COMPTROLLER,
CITY HALL.

Baltimore, May 26, 1904.

W. Cabell Bruce, Esq.,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

1560 I herewith enclose you a communication to the Fire Board relative to the bill of Dr. Edwin Geer which I refused to pay, and upon your verbal opinion, the charge for vaccination has since been eliminated and the bill paid. I state these facts that should you desire you can give us your written opinion upon the matter.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) George R. Heffner,
Comptroller.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, June 20,1904.

George R. Heffner, Esq.,
Comptroller.

Dear Sir:-

I beg leave to reply to your favor of the 26th ult. to myself as follows:

1561 Dr. Geer is the regular physician of the Fire Department. He is appointed pursuant to the general powers conferred upon the Fire Board in the matter of the appointment of employees (Code 1893, Article 20, Section 6), and his duties are prescribed in Rule 14, Sections 1 to 6, of the Rules of the Department. These duties relate to the examination of applicants; to cases of sickness and accident, and to the examination of applicants for pensions. The vaccination of firemen is not one of the prescribed duties. It is, however, well understood that the physician of the Fire Department shall perform all such duties appertaining to the Department as he may be called upon to perform by the Fire Board. He is paid no salary; but derives his compensation from