CORRESPONDENCE

FIRST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL

OF BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Egy 31, 1904.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce.

City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed resolution was ordered to be referred to you for your opinion as to its legality and propriety. Kindly return the resolution with your opinion.

I am delighted to see that you have no intention of relinquishing your position as guardian of the public's interests. Your connection with the Board of Estimates is all important at this time. I was apprehensive that you would resign. Feeling as I do, that the people intended this administration to be Democratic, I view, with dismay, the idea of your withdrawal from the Board of Estimates, thereby giving to the Republicans an overwhelming control of that body. I think the public hopes that you will stick bravely to your post-disagreeable though it may be--in order to play the important role of bellasting an otherwise politically topheavy poard.

(Signed) A. S. Goldeborough.

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Whereas the regrading as provided for in Ordinance No. 69 will entail considerable cost upon the property abutting on the streets to be regraded, and whereas this regrading is especially and almost wholly for the benefit of the entire city and not for the especial benefit of abutting property owners, and whereas the city and not the property owners asks that this improvement be made, therefore be it resolved by both Branches of the City Council of Baltimore that the Burnt District Commission be requested to hold in reserve out of the Western Maryland Sale Fund a sufficient sum to reimburse the said property owners for such costs as they may be put to in altering their properties to conform to the new grades.

Said reimbursement to be to the extent of the difference between the actual benefit and damage done to said properties.

And be it further resolved that the Burnt District Commission