CORRESPONDENCE. File No. 2556 Centinued. sanitary condition of every school, and to report to the proper authorities what repairs or improvements are necessary. The expression "the proper authorities" seems rather vague to me. If there were a hole in the wall of a school building, the report would have to be made to the Inspector of Buildings. If there were a case of infection in the schools it would be referred to the Health Officer. If the plumbing or heating, or ventilation, were affected, I think this should be referred to the School Board through its Supervisor. Yours sincerely, (Signed) 3. Howard Haman. OPINION. Tile le 2556 LAW DEPARTMENT. Baltimore, February 20, 1905. I reply to your letters of the 15th and 17th inst. By Section 89 of the City Charter, it is provided that the duties of the 2296 Inspector of Buildings in the fourth sub-department of Public Improvements and in the Department of Public Safety, shall be the superintendence of the construction and repairing of all buildings built by the City, unless otherwise provided by ordinances. The effect of this provision, in my opinion, is to impose upon the Inspector of Buildings the obligation and to confer upon him - the power to make all repairs to City buildings, including school In the case of the American Lighting Company vs. McCuen, 92 Md., Pages 702 and 709, it was held that the power conferred upon the Superintendent of Lamps and Lighting to have "under his charge and supervision", the lighting of the City, even carried with it the power, without an enabling ordinance, to contract for the lighting of the City, subject to ratification by the Board of Awards. The policy of the Charter generally is to avoid sub-division of authority relating to any particular sphere of administration, and to vest all such authority I may observe, because long settled administrative prac-Za a sincle departmental lead. to a case like the present is not without significance, that Mayor