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CORRESPONDENCE.

ELECTRICAL COMMISSION OF BALTIMORE CITY.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

Baltimore, February 25th, 1905.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce, City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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In 1900 the Municipal Lighting Commission, appointed by former Mayor Hayes, consisting of Dr. Jacob H. Hollander, Edw. S. Baetjer, and Charles E. Phelps, Jr., issued a report upon the advisability of constructing a Municipal Lighting plant, giving data and statistics on lighting in many cities of the United States. Of this report 200 copies were printed in that year and were distributed. The call since then for the report from different municipalities has been so frequent that we desire to have 200 more copies printed and accordingly I sent an order to the City Librarian for this amount. The City Librarian asked for estimates from several printers, among them the W.J.C. Dulaney Co., who are now the city Printers. The Dulany Company claimed that Mr. Coyle, the Librarian, had nothing to do with letting the order for this printing, claiming that the order should be given through the Joint Standing committee on printing of the City Council, and appealed to the City Comptroller. Both the City Librarian and the Comptroller are in doubt as to who should let the order for the re-printing of these reports and have asked me to write for your opinion to find out just what procedure would be necessary to secure 200 more copies, that is, whether the order must be let to the City printer direct without securing an estimate, but at the prices and under the conditions of Ordinance #2, approved September 11th, 1899, or whether the report being simply a re-print of one issued 4 years ago, the order may be let by the Librarian to the lowest biader on the work.

I would very much appreciate if you could set me straight in this matter.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) Chas. E. Phelps, Jr.,

Chief Engineer.

C. H. Otto