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CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

SUB-DEPARTMENT OF CITY ENGINEER.

Baltimore, March 3, 1905.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor.
Dear Sir:-

There is a drain on Marsh Market space belonging to Harris Silverman, which, owing to bad construction, is seriously injuring the City's subway and will injure abutting property if it has not already done so.

On Feb. 1st., I notified this party to put the drain in proper shape. He has paid no attention to the notice, and today I informed him that the City's forces would put the drain in good condition at his expense, claim to be collected as other city claims.

When the work is completed, I will send him the bill, which, I am quite sure, he will not pay, unless he is forced to do so.

Whether your Department will be able to collect the claim or not I am unable to say; but it appears to me that it is my duty to see that constructions of this sort do not injure City property in the street, where they are laid, nor private property abutting on the street.

If I am wrong in my conclusions, and should not make the repairs with the City's forces, as I now propose, please advise, and I
will suspend operations. I could hardly get to work before Monday
morning.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) B. T. Fendall.

City Engineer.

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