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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Baltimore. March 10,1905.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor,
Baltimore.

Dear Sir:-

In a house on Brick Hill (Mt. Vernon Cotton Mills) there have recently been five eases of typhoid fever. This Department investigated in order to ascertain the eause. The Inspector of the 13th Ward (Dr. D. S. Williams) reported that there were two pumps from which the tenants of the houses on Brick Hill formerly obtained their water supply, but now only one pump is in use; the other having been dismantled by the Water Department after condemnation of the water by this Department. The pump now in use was only placarded to warn the citizens of the dangerous character of the water, because there was no other water supply for them.

It so happens in this Brick Hill district, above referred to, that the properties are owned by the Mt. Vernon Cotton Duck Trust, formerly the Mt. Vernon Company. It seems to me that, owing to the condition of the well water, they should be compelled to extend the city water supply which they now have in their mills. Is there any legal reason why we should not force them to do so? I understand that these mills were supplied with city water after the city had taken (1858) Jones' Falls for its own use.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) James Bosley, M. D.

Commissioner of Health.

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