File No. 2668 Continued.

OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore. March 14, 1905.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce, City Solicitor.

Dear Sir: -

I am in receipt of your letter of March 13th and the enclosure from the Commissioner of Health, in reference to the extension of the City Water Supply from the Mt. Vernon Cotton Duck Mills to a house on Brick Hill.

No reason presents itself to me why the Mt. Vernon Cotton Duck
Mills should be compelled to make this extension. Unless specially
imposed by its Charter, no obligation would exist requiring the Gotton
Duck Company to make this connection, and I presume no such duty is
imposed by the Charter.

Section 25 of Article 54 of the Baltimore City Code confers full authority and power upon the Water Board to convey water under and along any of the streets, lanes and alleys of the City of Baltimore, and, if the public health requires that the City Water Supply should be extended, the duty should be imposed upon the City and the City alone.

Very truly,

(Signed) Sylvan Hayes Lauchheimer.
Assistant City Solicitor.

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Dear Sir:-

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, March 15, 1905.

James Besley, M. D., Commissioner of Health.

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I reply to your favor of the 10th inst., with reference to a house on Brick Hill, near the Mt. Vernon Cotton Mills, which has recently been afflicted with five cases of typhoid fever. You have no power to compel the Cotton Duck Trust to extend the City water supply,

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