File No. 4926.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SUB-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Baltimore, June 18, 1906.

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

Dear Sir:-

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In our efforts to obtain the abatement of certain nuisances it is unfortunately necessary to swear out warrants against citizens who have neglected or refused to obey our notices. Last Friday, June 15th, Dr. J. William France, Inspector of the 8th ward, prosecuted M. Greenberg, #143 N. Gay St., before Justice Friedel of the Northeastern Police District. The case was dismissed, and the Justice instructed Dr. France to say to me that he (the Justice) will impose no penalty upon any citizen if we cannot prove personal serving of notices. As you are probably aware, our notices are delivered by the members of the Police Department, and the return stub is received by this department signed by the officer who delivered the notice. It is practically impossible to serve these notices personally in every case, and it is especially difficult with those citizens who are chronic offenders, and who are taking advantage of every point to defeat us before the magistrate.

This open declaration having been made by the magistrate it is necessary to receive instructions from you how to proceed.

By doing so you will greatly oblige,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) James Bosley, M. D.,

Commissioner of Health.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, July 14, 1906.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sire

As requested by your favor of June 18th, I have examined the