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CORRESPONDENCE.

ELECTRICAL COMMISSION OF BALTIMORE CITY OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

Baltimore. September 6,1906.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,

City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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For a considerable period we have suffered damage in our conduit
line on Payette Street, from Howard to Liberty, from the bad condition
of a drain pipe, the property of Mr. St. John Shaefer, Payette Street
near Park Avenue. This drain has been discharging sewage into our manhole at Howard and Payette Streets, and has been discharging ateam into the
service boxes between Howard and Liberty Streets, and the manhole at
Liberty Street. We have made many efforts with the owner to have the
conditions corrected, but thus far have failed to get any results. The
situation brought about by the discharge of steam in the line is such
as to make it imperative that the condition be corrected without delay.
The steam makes the manhole untenable for workmen and in case of any
repairs being necessary on cables in this hole, it would be practically
impossible to make them.

Has this Commission the necessary authority to serve notice upon the owner and those connecting with this drain, that unless the conditions are remedied that this Commission will proceed with the work of repairs and endeavor to collect the cost from the owner?

I have heretofore endeavored to secure a correction of this trouble, through both the City Engineer's and Health Department, but absolutely nothing has been done which would tend to relieve the situation.

Respectfully.

(Signed) Chas. B.Phelps, Jr., Chief Engineer.