

File No. 5332.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
SUB-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Baltimore, September 20, 1906.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

3842 I enclose a statement by Mr. William H. Mitchell, Inspector of Plumbing. The house that he desires to enter is occupied by the owner. It is stated that no one can get into the house during the daytime, although the occupants can be seen from the street when officials are ringing the door-bell. Even registered letters cannot be delivered. How shall I proceed to obtain entrance legally?

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) James Bosley, M. D.,  
Commissioner of Health.File No. 5332.

OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, September 26, 1906.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

3843 As requested by your favor of September 21st, I have considered Dr. Bosley's letter of September 20th.

It seems that water is collecting in the cellar of No. 2825 St. Paul street, and the Health Department thinks that the nuisance originates in No. 2825 St. Paul street, but they have not been able to gain access to No. 2825 St. Paul street in order to inspect it, as the occupants of that house refuse admission to the premises.

3844 If the nuisance in question has its origin in No. 2825 St. Paul street, then I am of opinion that the health officers of the city will be justified in breaking into that house, in order to take the proper steps for its abatement; the city has ample powers to abate nuisances.