

File No. 5357 Continued.

OPINION.

said ordinance. Independently of this, the right of the companies to consolidate involves, of course, a construction of their charters, etc., and other questions with which the City of Baltimore is not concerned.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Albert C. Ritchie,
Assistant City Solicitor.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, October 9, 1906.

Nicholas P. Bond, Esq.,
Attorney for the Maryland
Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Dear Sir:-

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After very thoroughly considering the question, I am of the opinion that the proposed consolidation of the Maryland Telephone and Telegraph Company with the Baltimore Electric Power Company would not violate the condition with reference to consolidation contained in Ordinance No. 76, approved May 11, 1904. I deem it unnecessary to pursue the train of reasoning or to cite the authorities which have brought me to this conclusion.

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Whether the two companies have the power to consolidate under the law independently of the condition against consolidation in the ordinance just referred to is a question in which the City is not interested. I return herewith the record which you loaned me.

Truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor.