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wherever it can be obtained and to charge the company the difference between the cost and its contract price, but I found on writing to the other foundries that I could do no better, and none would promise deliveries earlier than November.

Over seven hundred and fifty properties on new streets have been waiting for extensions in order to obtain water supplies; some of the houses are completed and are idle on the owners hands, because they cannot be rented or sold until water has been introduced into them; and others will soon be completed and be otherwise in a condition to rent. Of course, all this means loss to the owners of properties affected and has been the subject of much harsh criticism of the department.

At the suggestion of the Water Board I have stated these facts and request that you will advise us whether the department or the Mayor and City Council has any redress or ground for claim against the United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Company for the condition which exists due to the failure of that company to promptly deliver six-inch pipe on orders placed with it.

Kindly return the accompanying agreement and bond with your reply.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Alfred M. Quick,
Water Engineer.

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CITY OF BALTIMORE
WATER DEPARTMENT,

Baltimore, September 29, 1906.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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Referring again to the subject of the Water Department's contract with the United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Company in regard to which I wrote you yesterday, I would like to state that after having several times threatened this company that I would obtain pipe wherever