

File No. 5722 Continued.

OPINION.

## LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, January 25, 1907.

B. T. Fendall, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Dear Sir:-

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Further replying to your letter of the 7th inst., asking me to advise you whether the City can compel the Railway Company to concrete under its ties or use the Philadelphia method of construction, I enclose herewith a report dated the 25th inst., from Mr. Albert C. Ritchie, Assistant City Solicitor, to myself, with reference thereto.

I concur in the conclusions reached by Mr. Ritchie.

Truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,  
City Solicitor.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS FOR OPENING STREETS.

Baltimore, April 22, 1907.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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We have had several conferences with the United Railways & Electric Company officials in regard to better construction underneath their tracks on several of the streets in the Annex, which we are now paving. Twenty-fifth street was paved last year, and the tracks have already settled below the surface of the paving. We paved a portion of Roland avenue last fall, and the tracks there are in even worse condition than are those on Twenty-fifth street.

Our conferences with the Railway officials have been without results, although they acknowledge that their construction is not satisfactory. We have asked them to put concrete beneath their ties, but they have not given us any definite understanding.