

File No. 5768 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

year 1907 having arrived, we are meeting with some little difficulty in adjusting the same. In view of the action of the Board of Estimates and the City Council, we are holding them to the salaries as fixed and tabulated in the appropriation book for this year. The following departments desire to increase the salaries of the positions enumerated below:

Inspector of Buildings.

Chief Clerk-----\$1400 to \$1680.

Commissioners for Opening Streets.

Clerk and Real Estate Man-\$1500 to \$1800.

Supervisors of City Charities.

Visitor-in-chief-----\$1200 to \$1500.

Topographical Survey.

Assistant Engineer-----\$1200 to \$1500,
Draughtsman----- 900 to \$1020.

holding that under their powers they can adjust the salaries at their pleasure as long as they do not exceed the aggregate appropriations for salaries.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) George R. Heffner,

City Comptroller.

P.S. Please let us know your decision at once as we are holding up the pay-rolls and do not want to withhold the salaries from the employees any longer than possible.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, January 17, 1907.

George R. Heffner, Esq.,

City Comptroller.

Dear Sir:-

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I reply to your letter of the 17th instant. In my opinion the Inspector of Buildings, the Commissioners for Opening Streets, the Supervisors of City Charities and the Topographical Survey have the power to increase the respective salaries mentioned by you, as is proposed by.