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No. 78 of the year 1886, which was merely a special ordinance regulating the manner in which all the houses in Baltimore City should be renumbered upon the decimal system by J. Vernon Campbell, the contractor, authorized by that ordinance to do the work of renumbering at that time as a single piece of contract work. In doing the work, the Contractor evidently considered the distance between Baltimore and German streets too short to be treated as a square, and distributed one hundred numbers, not between Baltimore and German streets, but between Baltimore and Lombard streets. As this was a reasonable exercise of judgment at the time, and the work of the contractor was accepted by the City, and has long been acquiesced in by the public, it cannot, in my judgment, be undone except by an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. The power given to the Inspector of Buildings by Sec. 120 of Article 3 of the City Code (Pielert's Revision) to correct errors or irregularities in the numbering of houses, or other buildings, is in my opinion not a power to reverse any conclusion reached and acted upon by Mr. Campbell in executing his contract with the City, and long acquiesced in by the City and the public, but a power merely to correct any numbering that is inconsistent with the plan of numbering that Mr. Campbell actually carried into effect.

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I see no reason therefore, why the existing condition of the house numbers in the territory mentioned in Mr. Preston's letter should be disturbed.

Truly yours,

(Signed) J. P. ...

City Solicitor.

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