

File No. 6644 Continued.

OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, August 6, 1907.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith report as follows upon the legal status of the temporary Court-House erected on the property of the United States government, at the southwest corner of Holliday and Lexington Streets:

His Honor, the Mayor, under date of July 29th 1907, received a letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Department, requesting that the City promptly cause the removal of the building, in accordance with the terms of the contract entered into between the City and the United States on April 10th 1895.

By referring to said contract I find, that the City obligated itself to entirely tear down the building and remove the materials, and restore the lot to its former condition, within three months after the expiration of the five years from the time the building was begun. Of course that time has long since expired.

I have endeavored to ascertain whether or not any subsequent agreements were entered into in connection with the building, and with that object in view called up the Collector of Customs and the Mayor's office; neither office has apparently any record of such subsequent agreement. It is also noted that the City, upon the request now made to it by the Treasury Department, to promptly remove the temporary Court-House building and to restore the lot to a proper condition.

I should think the best course to pursue would be to ask for bids in accordance with Sections 14 and 15 of the City Charter.

I call your attention to the fact that the Treasury Department is anxious to know when the building will be probably removed as it needs the information to enable it to proceed with the letting of a contract for the extension of the Post-Office.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Edgar Allan Poe,
Deputy City Solicitor.