

File No. 6644 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-INSPECTION DIV.
SUB-DEPARTMENT OFFICE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS.
CITY HALL.

Baltimore, August 1, 1907.

Hon. J. Barry Mahool,
Mayor of Baltimore City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 31st at hand, together with the letter of the Assistant Secretary U. S. Treasury Department, referring to removal of the so-called Old U. S. Court-House and the old temporary Court-House used by the U. S. Custom House, and report as follows:

The question of Mr. Wachter's request, I presume, will be taken up by Mr. Bruce; but as to the City bidding for this structure to be taken down and re-built in another location, I do not think advisable for the following reasons:

1st - In tearing down this house there naturally will be a great quantity of the stone broken, and nothing would remain to be re-used but a portion of the stone, a part of the bricks and some of the iron beams and, therefore, a great amount of new material would be required to erect it in another place. This being the case, together with the fact that all the old stone would have to be re-cut to make it conform to what new stone would be supplied, and the probability of its being unsuited for the uses of any City Department, would, I think, make it unjustifiable for the City to offer a bid on it.

As to the temporary Court-House building, I think it best to advertise it for sale and the purchaser to remove it in a specified time; this would require the Assistant Secretary to say what time it would be vacated and when they would want to commence.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) Edward D. Preston,
Inspector of Buildings.