

File No. 6663.

CORRESPONDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
SUB-DEPARTMENT CITY COMPTROLLER,
CITY HALL.

Baltimore, August 5, 1907.

W. Cabell Bruce, Esq.,
City Solicitor,
Baltimore.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission appointed by the present City Council to investigate as to the condition of the Lexington Market, and to make such report and recommendations, as regards improvements to be made when the City Council convenes after their summer recess.

We are in receipt of a report from Mr. Edward T. Preston, the Inspector of Buildings, and also a member of this Commission, and who recommends that two of the present markets be demolished, and that new ones be constructed, owing to their physical condition.

Now there has been a question mooted for some time, as to the legal status of the stall owners in our markets, and this Commission would like to have an opinion from you stating just exactly what relation the City has to the stall owners and also the stall owners to the City, for the reason that if the Commission decides to carry out Mr. Preston's recommendations, it will be necessary to move these stall owners to some place else, pending the reconstruction of the new markets.

Appreciating an early reply, I am,

(Signed) Harry F. Hooper,
Comptroller.

OPINION.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, August 7, 1907.

Harry F. Hooper, Esq.,
Comptroller.

Dear Sir:-

I reply to your letter of the 6th instant, touching the