

File No. 7333 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

of Buildings asking me whether the City or the U. S. Government should repair a rain spout on the North Street side of the temporary Court House Building. Please let me have a report.

Truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,

City Solicitor.

OPINION.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, January 17, 1908.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,

City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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I am in receipt of your letter of January 15, with reference to the inquiry of the Inspector of Buildings as to whether the City or the Federal Government should repair the rain spout on the North Street side of the temporary Court House Building. This building was erected by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore with the consent of the Federal Government, on land belonging to the Federal Government, upon the condition that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore should demolish it upon the order of the Federal Government. Until torn down however, the City remains charged with the duty of keeping it in a safe condition.

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As the City intends to tear this building down in the near future, it would seem senseless to make any repairs to it, unless such repairs are required for the protection of the public. I have spoken to Mr. Preston about the existing condition, and he is of the opinion that it would be dangerous not to make the repairs; he states also that he cannot tell when the building will be torn down. Under these circumstances, the City should make the repairs, which I understand, will not be very expensive.

In order to prevent any conflict, it would seem advisable to notify the Custodian of the Federal Buildings, of the intention of