

File No. 7948 Continued.

OPINION.

unable to report to me in time to enable me to give you an opinion as to the course to pursue in reference to the payment of taxes due by the corporations named in the letter sent you by the State Tax Commissioner.

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In order, however, to enable the corporations to receive the benefit of a discount, I suggest that you permit them to make a payment on account of the amount which would be due, should they be entitled to the deduction allowable under the terms of the "Gans Bill".

I enclose a receipt which I have prepared to cover these cases and which you should give to all the corporations which desire to avail themselves of the April discount and to make a payment on account of the taxes due by them.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,  
City Solicitor.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

APPEAL TAX COURT,  
CITY HALL.

Baltimore, June 23rd, 1908.

W. Cabell Bruce, Esq.,  
City Solicitor.

My dear Sir:-

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You have probably observed that the news honored my request to omit publication of statement in which I explained the exact situation with respect to the Gans Act matter. I preferred to be held up to the community in a wrong light rather than to give further color to the general opinion that there had been a clash between us. I realize that the Sun's story was not inspired by you and that you are not responsible for the general tone of criticism which pervades it.

While I do not consider that it would have been a crime for me to ask for an opinion in a matter which by deftly drawn legisla-