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CORRESPONDENCE.

sions on the "Gans Bill". I will, therefore, postpone any action on my part until we have the result of Mr. Lauchheimer's investigation.

Hoping that we may be able to determine this matter definitely in the very near future and relieve the anxiety of these corporations who are pressing us daily for some action, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Frank Brown,
Collector.

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OFFICE OF
BALTIMORE CITY TAX COLLECTOR.

Baltimore, December 22nd, 1908.

Edgar Allan Poe, Esq.,
City Solicitor,
Baltimore.

Dear Sir:-

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Last April, promptly after the adjournment of the General Assembly which enacted a law known as the "Gans Bill" providing for certain exemptions of City stock held by certain banking institutions, etc., I submitted the measure to Mr. Bruce, then City Solicitor, asking if he had any suggestions to make in connection with this measure, as the law provided that the Tax Collector was to make this adjustment, etc.

Acting under Mr. Bruce's instructions in reply to my communication, I issued a temporary receipt without prejudice to either party. Since then the matter has been held in abeyance. I take it for granted that the office has no suggestions to offer and the year having about expired, it is my duty to extend the entries on the ledgers and issue a formal receipt to these various institutions who have paid taxes under this law during the year unless I have some communication from you suggesting or directing that I should do otherwise.

Please let me have a reply in some form as I must take some action before the first of January to keep the books in this office in proper form. Naturally these institutions who hold these temporary