

File No. 7958 Continued.

OPINION.

Ritchie, Assistant City Solicitor, to me, dated the 4th instant, on the subject. I approve the conclusion reached by this report, having myself reached the same conclusion by an independent train of inquiry.

Truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,  
City Solicitor.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, May 4th, 1908.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

As requested by your favor of May 1st, I have considered Mr. Hendrick's inquiry of May 1st.

T. J. O'Connell submitted bids for sections 1 and 2 of the East Low Level Interceptor. In his bid on Section 2, page 97, Section 15, O'Connell's bid for eight inch underdrain reads "Fifty dollars" per linear-foot. The word "dollars" being printed and the word "fifty" being written in ink before it. If this bid were fifty cents instead of fifty dollars O'Connell would be the lowest bidder. I think it perfectly clear that the bid was really intended to be fifty cents and that the failure to write the word "cents" after the word "fifty" was a mere clerical oversight. The numerals \$.50 appear in brackets immediately after the words "fifty dollars" and this of itself shows what O'Connell intended. Moreover, for ten inch underdrain he bids, in Section 14, sixty cents per linear foot and in view of this, a bid of fifty dollars for eight inch underdrain would be manifestly absurd. In bidding for eight inch underdrain, on Section 1 of the Interceptor his bid is correctly given on page 97 as fifty cents. Both bids must have been intended to be the same. It could not be that in two bids made at the same time and for the same thing, one was fifty cents and the other fifty dollars.