

File No. 8730 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

fully request an opinion as to whether it is possible to dispose of houses abandoned by the Department and use the proceeds for the purpose of erecting new buildings?

Very respectfully,

(Signed) P. W. Wilkinson,  
Secretary.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, September 19, 1908.

Board of Fire Commissioners,  
City.

Gentlemen:-

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Replying to your communication of September 17th, in which you ask "whether it is possible to dispose of houses abandoned by your Department, and use the proceeds for the purpose of erecting new buildings", I beg to call your attention to Section 13 of the City Charter, as fully covering the subject.

I take it for granted that when you speak of disposing of the houses abandoned by the Department, you intend to include the land upon which the Houses rest. Section 13 of the Charter, referred to by me, authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to dispose of any building, or parcel of land no longer needed for public use, provided the sale is authorized by an ordinance, and be made at public auction, and receive the approval of the Finance Commissioners.

The money resulting from such a sale would go into the general treasury of the City, and could, only, be subsequently appropriated to any particular purpose by the Ordinance of Estimates.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

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