

File No. 8736.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICE OF THE
 COMMISSIONERS FOR OPENING STREETS
 CITY HALL ANNEX.
 (HOEN BUILDING).

Baltimore, September 18, 1908.

Edgar Allan Poe, Esq.,
 City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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In paving the streets in the annex we are met by numerous claims from the abutting owners, claiming that they are entitled to the old curb and cobble stones in some of the streets. We have always contended in laying new pavements and new curb that the old material becomes the property of the City, as all of the streets we are paving are public streets. We can utilize this old material in making fills and it has some market value. Others claim that when the grades of streets are changed and their property is damaged in consequence of such change, that they should be compensated for the costs in making the change when we bring the streets to the proper grades.

We would be glad if you will advise us as to whether we are right in our contention that the old material in streets become the property of the City and in bringing the streets to grade as established that the claims of the abutting property owners should be compensated for any expense they may be put to are valid in any respect. On some of the streets the property owners claim they have the right to take the old material away and use the same on other streets that are private.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) James H. Smith,

President.

By order of the Board:

(Signed) Eugene F. Rodgers,

Secretary.