

File No. 8829 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

P. S. Mr Trainor claims that Section 515 of the City Charter, gives the State Board the right to issue two degrees of qualifications. I enclose the two certificates issued by the Board.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, October 8th, 1908.

Hon. Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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I have considered the inquiries contained in the letter of the Commissioner of Health of September 30th, 1908, in reference to the issuance of permits to plumbers.

Under the Act of 1906, which is found in the Code of 1906 (Pielert's Revision) pages 68-69, the Commissioner of Health is directed to issue a permit for plumbing work, only, to persons qualified to do such work under Article 4 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland.

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Sections 509-515 (Code of 1906, Pielert's Revision) provide the conditions under which certificates of competency may be issued to plumbers; after such a certificate has been issued the holder thereof is entitled to have given to him a permit by the Commissioner of Health.

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Section 511 provides that the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing, upon being satisfied that the applicant is competent and qualified to do the work, shall grant him a certificate of competency, and register him in their books as a practical plumber, which shall operate as full authority to him to conduct and engage in the business of plumbing. This Section seems to contemplate, not a series of certificates, but one certificate, and under it there should be issued a certificate of competency only, and not one of partial competency.

I am, therefore, of opinion that when the State Board of Practical Plumbing undertakes to issue two certificates; one for a Master Plumber, and the other for a Journeyman Plumber, it is exceeding its authority, and that the only certificate which it should issue is that to a Master Plumber. viz: A person competent to do all kinds of