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CORRESPONDENCE.

statement of poles, upon which the Collector of Water Rents and Licenses is to make collections.

As I understand the situation, these old ordinances were wiped out by the Charter, and it is no longer my duty to receive or check up these lists, and certify the same as to their accuracy. As this work is expensive and troublesome, I desire to be relieved of it, if I am correct in supposing that such work is no longer a part of the work properly belonging to this Department.

I shall thank you to advise me in this connection, so that I may know just how to proceed. Judging from opinions already given by you, in line with the information I am now seeking, I have reached the conclusion that the work that I have been doing, has been done improperly and should be cut out, but before stopping such work, I prefer to have a definite ruling from the Legal Department touching the case.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) B. T. Vendall,

City Engineer.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, December 10, 1908.

Edgar Allan Poe, Esq.,

City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

I have read the letter from the City Engineer to yourself, dated December 5th 1908, in reference to the continuance of the efforts of the City Engineer's Department to locate poles of the various Public Service Corporations so that the lists may be complete.

I find that the ordinances upon which the City Engineer has been working are found in the Code of 1893, Article 50, - Section 74 to 78 inclusive, pages 1424 to 1426, and ordinance No. 31, approved March 27, 1894.

It seems to me that by the creation of the office of Collector of Water Rents and Licenses, these duties of the City Engineer have