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CORRESPONDENCE.

You will note that they have two endorsers, Mr. William H. Wills and Mr. John J. King, the first being an admitted forgery, and the second made by Mr. John J. King, who acknowledges the endorsements and the fact of having the same cashed for Mr. Cocaran. You will also note that they were paid through the Old Town Bank.

Will you kindly take steps to secure the amount of same from the parties responsible, and very much oblige,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Harry F. Hooper,

Comptroller.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, December 12th, 1908.

Harry F. Hooper, Esq.,

City Register.

Dear Sir:-

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Replying to your letter of December 11th, in which you enclosed three checks of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, drawn to the order of William H. Wills, two of them being on the National Mechanics Bank for Two hundred dollars, each dated respectively, July 7th and August 4th, 1908, and the third being drawn on the National Union Bank of Maryland, calling for \$165.20, dated June 9th, 1908, I beg to say that there is no reason why the City should take any steps at all on account of these checks. Inasmuch as the name of the payee, William H. Wills, was forged, the banks upon which the checks are drawn, have no right to charge the amounts thereof against the City, but must look to the endorsers on the check for reimbursement. All the City has to do is to notify the National Union Bank and the National Mechanics Bank that the endorsement of William H. Wills is a forgery, and that the banks cannot legally charge the amounts of the checks against the City.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

P. S. I return the checks.