

File No. 9282.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
CITY HALL.

Baltimore, December 21, 1908.

Edgar Allan Poe, Esq.,
City Solicitor,
Court House,
City.

Dear Sir:-

We herewith enclose you estimate of the Water Board, payable to C. B. Clark & Company, which was sent to this Office without the proper receipt for payment of the amount due thereon and certified to by the Water Board as correct and ready for payment.

Subsequently Mr. Clark called, and as a receipt has placed the following thereon, - "Signed subject to protest that this is not a proper estimate."

I hold that this is not a proper receipt, as all questions should be settled with the Water Department, before the matter is placed up to me for payment.

You will note in his words, that he omits the words Paid or Received Payment.

Kindly advise me, if, upon such voucher properly authenticated by the Department and afterwards receipted for in this manner, I am authorized to make payment thereon.

Your prompt opinion will be appreciated, as the parties are very much in need of the money, and of course are awaiting your decision.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Harry P. Hooper,
Comptroller.