

File No. 9283 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-IMPROVEMENTS.

CITY HALL.

SUB-DEPARTMENT OFFICE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS.

Baltimore, March 18, 1909.

To the

Sewerage Commission of Baltimore City.

Gentlemen:-

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I had hoped that with the report of the Arbitrators on the foundation of the Pumping Station that controversy would have ceased and the work of erecting the Station would proceed, but the statement made to the Arbitration Commission as to what your appeal was, only serves to complicate matters and leaves the time and method of procedure as far in doubt as ever.

The statement of your position being - That you had notified the Inspector of Buildings that you intended to rest your foundation at the:-

S. W. Corner of the Building 34 ft. below mean low tide,
N.W. Corner of the Building 23 ft. below mean low tide,
N.E. Corner of the Building 18 ft. below mean low tide,
S.E. Corner of the Building 20 ft. below mean low tide,

and the legal point raised by your Chairman that nothing more could be considered than at these immediate corners, and at the depth named. So limiting them as to prevent any knowledge whatever of other parts of foundations and preventing them from knowing anything of the character of strata one inch beyond depths named, and this it was stated was on authority of the City Solicitor, who drew up the paper. I must say that there must be some misunderstanding as I am sure that Mr. Poe contemplated an entire settlement of this foundation question. But the case being presented to the Arbitration Commission in the way it has and as they are to report only at the four immediate locations named and what is found at depths at those points, the responsibility rests only on them at those locations and depths, and all other parts and area is still with the Inspector of Buildings, and as there is a great amount of intervening foundation work under the walls of the building between the corners named, which building approximates 140'0" X 160'0" and also the interior is filled with foundation work of Boilers, Pumps and other Machinery and three