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OPINION.

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in reference to the foundations of the Pumping Station should be regarded as finally settled, and that the building of the foundations should be proceeded with, in accordance with the majority report of the Arbitrators.

I might add that inasmuch as the Inspector of Buildings has no longer the right to insist that the foundations should be carried below the depths fixed by the Arbitrators, no responsibility can attach to him for anything that might subsequently occur that can be attributed to a failure to carry the foundations to such points, as in his opinion the safety of the building required.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Edgar Allan Poe,
City Solicitor.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, March 20, 1909.

Edward D. Preston, Esq.,

Inspector of Buildings:

Dear Sir:-

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I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter of March 18th to the Sewerage Commission, in reference to the foundation of the Pumping Station. The Sewerage Commission had already sent me your original letter to them and I told them that I would write you on the subject. I merely now confirm the substance of our conversation this morning to the effect that the arbitrators should not confine their investigation merely to the character of the soil at the four corners mentioned and at the depths indicated in the letter of the 27th ultimo, from the Sewerage Commission to yourself, but that those points and the depths referred to in connection with said points, are points of reference and that it is the duty of the arbitrators, under the submission to determine upon the character of the soil throughout the entire lot and to report not only to what depths the foundations must be carried at the four corners but also to what depths the foundations should be carried at the intervening points and such other points where foundations are to be placed in order to carry, for instance, the stack and the engines. The object of the arbitration is to settle finally and conclusively the question of the character of the underlying soil at the Pumping Station and its sustaining power.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Edgar Allan Poe,
City Solicitor.