

File No. 9691.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.
SUB-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Baltimore. March 5, 1909.

Hon. Edgar Allan Poe,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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I respectfully call your attention to Section 187, Article 1, page 861, City Code of 1906, and enclose a letter from Dr. Mall of the Johns Hopkins University, dated February 19th.

A few days ago Dr. Mall was notified by a local physician that there was, at a certain house in this city, a seven month fetus, which he desired Dr. Mall to have for his scientific work. There was no objection by this Department to Dr. Mall obtaining the body, but we did object to him removing it from the said house to his laboratory without a permit from the Health Department, which, I presume, Section 187 requires. Dr. Mall, in his letter, asks "will you please inform me where to draw the line". He means by this, will he require a permit from the Health Department to transfer to his laboratory any fetus, no matter what the period of gestation might be. Does not Section 187 require that he shall obtain such a permit.

An early answer will greatly oblige.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) James Bosley, M. D.

Commissioner of Health.