

File No. 9705 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

cations can I find any indication of the intention on the part of the City to tax the plant belonging to contractors outside of the City, necessary in the prosecution of the work. Both free wharfage and free water are allowed and personal taxation should certainly come under such head, for, inasmuch as it is one of those very uncertain quantities, and not knowing what humer your tax board might be in at the time, if such a clause were inserted it would either prevent a contractor from bidding, or else he would put on a price sufficiently high to cover any amount which might be named, and as this would be considered a legitimate cost of the work, he would be entitled to add 10% or 15%, or any other sum which he was figuring on for his profit on same.

With this in view, you have given free wharfage and free water and the other certainly comes under the same head.

To invite a man to come under the circumstances and then trim him is a piece of work worthy of a green-goods artist, and while same may be admissable or commendable in governments, it would be considered damnable in a private individual. He would be entitled to goto jail.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) Bernard Rolf.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore. March 11, 1909.

Hon. Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 10th inst., inquiring as to whether the outfit of B. Rolf, a New York contractor, said outfit being at present located in this City in connection with work on new piers, is liable to city taxation, has been duly considered.