

File No. 9726.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CITY OF BALTIMORE.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore. March 12, 1909.

Hon. Edgar Allan Poe,

City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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Application has been made by the Childrens Playground Association for the use of the grounds around Hampden Reservoir. The Association proposes to put up swings and probably other things for the entertainment of children. The Water Board is not averse to granting this permission under reasonable restrictions, such as having the children properly cared for, and that no sales of candy or fruit shall be committed in the park and with the understanding that the grant shall not be restricted between the children of any particular church or other organization.

There is always, however, a possibility of accidents, and in granting the use of the grounds to the Childrens Playground Association we desire to protect the city from all claims from any accident or suits for damages, arising out of the use of the grounds in the way suggested. We are not clear as to how we should require the Childrens Playground Association to indemnify the City against suits or claims, resulting from any accident; and we write to ask you that you will advise us what is the best way to secure protection for the city. Shall we require the Childrens Playground Association to give us a bond of indemnity with some Bonding Company, as surety; or if not, by what other means may the City be insured against loss by accidents?

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Alfred M. Quick,

Water Engineer