

File No. 9739...

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
SUB-DEPARTMENT OF COLLECTOR OF WATER RENTS AND LICENSES,  
CITY HALL.

Baltimore, March 17th, 1909.

Mr. Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

2294 Mr. J. Booker Clift, Attorney, 203 Hoffman Building, called upon me in reference to a license issued by this office to his client, D. Cohen, to cover a Motion Picture Show carried on at No. 661 West Baltimore street, for which the full charge of \$50.00 for the current year was paid on January 30th, 1909.

The statement of Mr. Clift indicated that the enterprise was anything but successful, and after suffering a loss of about \$1,600, they were compelled to abandon the enterprise. He asks for a refund of ten months on the amount paid for the license and I respectfully refer this matter to you for an opinion.

We had a similar matter up with Mr. Bruce in the early part of 1904, in reference to refunding license fees on several pool tables operated on N. Gay street near Baltimore and were destroyed in the big fire of February 7th and 8th of that year. I think Mr. Bruce declined to sanction the refund of license fees and I very much regret my inability to locate the letter received from him at that time.

I shall be very glad if you will investigate this matter for me and let me hear from you.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. Spencer Clarke,  
Collector of Water Rents  
and Licenses.