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CORRESPONDENCE.

in front of this property to have same removed as they are encroaching upon their rights, they claiming the exclusive right to the waters in front of their property and between the lines produced as far as the channel.

Some of those who have placed mooring buoys at a distance of 300 or 400 feet from the shore in 16 feet of water, for the purpose of mooring their yachts or motor boats, have refused to remove same, claiming that the owners rights do not extend that far and they have appealed to me to straighten out the matter.

Will you kindly advise me.

Yours truly,

(Signed) O. F. Lackey,

Harbor Engineer.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, March 22nd, 1909.

Hon. Edgar Allan Poe,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

I write in reply to your favor of the 19th instant, relating to riparian rights attached to a piece of property located on the southwest branch of the Patapsco River, between the property of the Arundel Boat Club and that of the Nilson Ship Building Company.

So far as the matter in dispute is simply the extent of private ownership of the complainant, the matter does not appear to me to be one which ought to be disposed of by this Department. I do not understand from the letter that the Harbor Board is in doubt as to the extent of its jurisdiction over the part of the River in which the boats are moored. If there is any such doubt in the minds of the Harbor Board, I will be pleased to consider the matter, when the nature of those doubts is made clear, but from the information given in the letter sent with your communication, I do not see any question for this Depart-