

File No. 9787.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
SUB-DEPARTMENT OF CITY ENGINEER.

Baltimore, March 29th, 1909.

Edgar Allan Poe, Esq.,
City Solicitor,

Dear Sir:-

I respectfully refer herewith certain papers touching a change in the grade of Ridgely street, as I am in doubt as to how to proceed.

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The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore has granted permission to the Maryland Electric Railway Company to lay a track on Ostend street, north of the Baltimore and Ohio tracks. This cannot be done, without a change in the grade of Ridgely street, for the reason that the United Railways Company cross Ostend street, at Ridgely street, and the tracks must all be in the same plane in order to construct a crossing that can be safely used.

The law says that I may have the grade of a street changed when, in my judgment, the public interests require such a change. There is a doubt in my mind as to whether this proposed change could be considered a change in the interest of the public. As a matter of fact the Maryland Electric Railway Company cannot lay their tracks or enjoy the franchise granted them by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore under ordinance unless the change in grade is made.

Will you kindly advise if, under the circumstances, I should direct this change to be made? I shall also thank you to return the attached correspondence and plans with your reply.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) B. T. Fendall,

City Engineer.