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CORRESPONDENCE.

SEWERAGE COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE
CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE
AMERICAN BUILDING.

Baltimore, October 2nd, 1909.

Mr. Edgar Allan Poe,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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I enclose herewith copy of a letter received from the Chief Engineer of the United Railways Company, regarding the condition of certain paving on Harford Avenue, also a copy of a report made by my Division Engineer, showing how carefully we have endeavored to protect the street railway company. I also enclose copies of some letters regarding the paving on Gay Street. These two cases are illustrations of a number of others of similar nature which we are daily receiving from the United Railways Company. The Chief Engineer of the street railway company seems to be endeavoring to get his "pound of flesh", and is constantly saying that he intends to send bills to the Sewerage Commission for work which we claim we are not responsible for. In fact he has complained of places where we have taken photographs to show they they did not need repairing. In a number of cases we have shown that the paving along his tracks on both sides, and outside of our trenches, is as bad as that over the trenches.

I am really at a loss to know how to deal with the situation and would appreciate your advice as to what method we should pursue in dealing with the matter from a legal standpoint. We have even gone so far on a number of occasions to change the line of our sewer from the position we desired in order to accommodate the railway company, showing that we are trying in every way to consider their interests and treat them in as liberal a spirit as possible, at the same time protecting the City's interests.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Calvin W. Hendrick,
Chief Engineer.