

File No. 10559 Continued.

OPINION.

be followed.

Truly yours,

(Signed) Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.File No. 10559.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Baltimore, October 15th, 1909.

Mr. Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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Referring to your opinion with regard to the paving of Ostend Street, and the claim of the United Railways and Electric Company, I beg to advise that I have instructed my people to proceed with the paving of this street regardless of the claim of the Railways Company. I do this with the full knowledge that the work will be done far better by my people than I could get it done by the Railways Company.

When the work is completed I will make out a bill against these people covering the cost, which I assume they will decline to pay. I shall then put the claim in your hands and trust that you will see fit to enter suit.

The attitude of the Railways Company towards the City of Baltimore, since Mr. Hood has been their Chief Engineer, is such that it seems to me to be vitally important that the City should do something to protect itself from these people, or this Department will be compelled to surrender all jurisdiction and control over streets upon which they have any tracks. I think that one or two cases carried up to the Courts will straighten the matter out until the Railways Company happens to get another Chief Engineer. I am perfectly certain that they are very much averse to going into the Courts as against the City, but they will encroach inch by inch as long as they feel that the City will meet them in what they are pleased to call "spirit of co-operation".