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the lowest bid possible in order that they could show that this Department could not do work as cheaply as they could. The bid they made was the lowest bid, by about forty cents, which we have ever had for Vitrified Brick pavement on a six inch concrete base. The job was a job where no traffic was to be cared for, and where the contractors would have full swing, with no frequent cutting of blocks to join up with rails, as always happens in railway tracks, and nothing to interfere with them, in any way, in doing their work.

The bid they made was \$1.96 per square yard; the charge this Department had made against your Company is \$1.92,- four cents lower than the lowest bid made by the contractors. Had we charged you a price above the ruling prices in Baltimore, there might be something in your contention, but under existing circumstances, we have charged you less than the lowest prices.

The City Solicitor gave me an opinion that I had an entire right to do this work. You made no objection until after I had the material on the ground and was ready to do the work. In view of all of these facts I must decline to make any further compromise in this matter, and shall expect you to pay the bill. In the event of your declining or refusing to pay the bill, I shall ask the City Solicitor to prosecute the claim in the Courts, and collect the same as other claims of the City are collected.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) B. T. Vendall,

City Engineer.

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