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CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Baltimore, October 8th, 1909.

Mr. Edgar Allan Poe,  
 City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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I enclose herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. J. M. Hood, Jr., Chief Engineer, United Railways and Electric Company, dated October 7th, regarding settlement of tracks at Pleasant and Holliday Streets. On September 10th I received a communication from Mr. Hood in which he called attention to a number of places throughout the City where he stated that certain defects existed, and advising that at Pleasant and Holliday streets both tracks were low and out of line. I had the various matters investigated and replied to Mr. Hood on September 16th, saying with reference to Pleasant and Holliday streets:-

"The settlement of tracks at this point was over the trench dug by the Gas Company, for the purpose of removing the gas main which interfered with the storm-water work. The settlement noted, while in a sense caused by the work of installing the storm-water drains, was not over any trench dug by the Sewerage Commission direct or by its contractor. Therefore, the contractor for the Sewerage Commission cannot be held accountable for the settlement and, under the ruling of the City Solicitor, I do not see how the Sewerage Commission is accountable".

Mr. Hood's letter of the 7th, copy of which is enclosed, is his reply to my communication. Will you kindly advise me what action should be taken in this matter, with a view of safeguarding the interests of the City.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Calvin W. Hendrick,  
 Chief Engineer.