

File No. 10584 Continued.

OPINION.

payment for work done upon the Pipe Line System, I herewith enclose copy of a report to me on the subject from Mr. Wright. I am not thoroughly satisfied that Mr. Wright is correct in the conclusions that he has reached. The fact, however, that the Engineer in charge has certified to the correctness of the bill should certainly be given a great deal of weight in determining the question of the amount due.

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The City is not bound to be unnecessarily strict in the matter of payments, and in case of doubt has the right to solve the doubt in favor of the contractor, especially where there is merit in his contention.

I would suggest that out of abundant caution, the assent of the surety on the contractor's bond be obtained before the payment is made.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

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File No. 10585.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Baltimore, October 15, 1909.

Mr. Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

A question has arisen in connection with our contract for the Disposal Works which involves a legal point, and I would like your

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