

File No. 11194 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From what I can find out, regarding the matter under investigation, I think it best that this foreman, Mike Kelly, should not be employed on the Commission's work again.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Calvin W. Hendrick,  
Chief Engineer.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, April 15, 1910.

Hon. Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:

I beg to reply to your favor of the 14th inst., referring to me the correspondence and memoranda of the Chief Engineer of the Sewerage Commission, in regard to his determination not to permit M. J. Kelly, lately a foreman in the employment of David Peoples, one of the contractors for the work of the Sewerage Commission, to be employed upon the sewerage work.

The facts in this matter appear to be that, in June 1907, Mr. H. M. Knight, one of the Division Engineers, found it necessary to require the discharge of Kelly by M. A. Talbott & Company, in whose employ he was at that time. The action of Mr. Knight was due to Kelly's incompetence and insubordination, as shown by Mr. Knight's letter of June 4, 1907. It appears, however, that Kelly was permitted to return to work later, with the consent of the Chief Engineer. Recently, however, complaints were made to Mr. Hendrick, to the effect that Kelly was extorting money from men employed under him. Mr. Hendrick appears to have given careful attention to these charges, and, from his memoranda (which he has sent us), the charges seem to have been, at least in part, well-founded. Under these circumstances, Mr. Hendrick feels satisfied that Kelly is an unfit person to be employed upon this work.

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