

File No. 11245.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Baltimore, April 26, 1910.

My dear Mr. Poe:-

In accordance with our telephone conversation this morning, I enclose herewith Franchise Permit No. 1844, issued by the Inspector of Buildings. This permit is for the erection of two drop awnings at the N.W. Corner of Columbia Avenue and Emory street.

Miss Mary H. Ehlandt conducts a millinery establishment at this place and has her goods displayed in the windows. These awnings were erected for the purpose of shielding the windows from the full glare of the sun, which otherwise would ruin the hats, etc., shown in the windows. It would be impracticable, of course, to keep the window curtains down.

Miss Ehlandt informs me that the bottom of the awnings are at least eight or eight and a half feet above the sidewalk. She was notified yesterday by the officer on the beat, that the awnings would have to be raised to ten feet above the sidewalk or else removed. I am also informed that to raise the awnings to ten feet would destroy their usefulness and Miss Ehlandt desires permission from the Board of Estimates, if it is possible to secure same, to keep the awnings at their present height.

I have known Miss Ehlandt and the young lady associated with her in the conduct of the business, for some time and if her request can be granted, it would be greatly appreciated both by the young ladies and myself.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C.S. Gorman.

P.S. Mr. Preston informed me that under the Semmes Act, it was impossible to grant the request. Perhaps, though, this act only applies to the Burnt District.

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