

File No. 11317 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

8979

Mr. Irwin is a new contractor just starting on the work of constructing sewers. The condition which they have met is similar to that which has been met by the other contractors, and has been causing considerable dissatisfaction on account of what they consider excessive charges on the part of the Water Department. I fail to see why they have to pay the Water Department 66% more than they can get licensed plumbers to make the repairs for. I would therefore like you to give me a ruling as to whether the contractor has not the right to make these repairs by licensed plumbers employed by himself, rather than to pay these excessive charges.

While this case involves only a small amount, it is desirable to have it settled, as the matter is one that has caused considerable complaint from other contractors.

I enclose, for your information, a copy of the General Specifications for Sanitary Sewers, containing the paragraph referred to in the letter of Irwin Brothers.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Calvin W. Hendrick,
Chief Engineer.

File No. 11317.

IRWIN BROTHERS,
BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, May 11, 1910.

Mr. Calvin W. Hendrick, Chief Engineer,
Sewerage Commission of the City of Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

8980

If you please, we should like you to favor us with an outline of your construction of Paragraph 236, Page 80, of the General Specifications for Sanitary Sewers, relative to the repair of such water mains or service pipes as have "suffered injury". Our idea of writing you on this subject was occasioned by the excessive (as we view it) charge made by the Construction