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CORRESPONDENCE.

Department of the Water Works Company for the repair of water service pipes, they charging \$5.00 for a repair that would be (and has been) made by a plumber for not more than \$3.00.

Considering the number of these pipes we are likely to encounter during the construction of the work embraced in our two contracts, any of which may be broken or otherwise damaged, the difference in the cost, on the basis named, may be considerable.

Your prompt reply, therefore, as to whether, in the event of our breaking a pipe, we may engage a plumber to make the repair, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Irwin Brothers,

F.A. Irwin.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, May 14, 1910.

Calvin W. Hendrick, Esq.,

Chief Engineer, Sewerage Commission.

Dear Sir:-

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Your letter of May 12th, in reference to the right of contractors to make repairs to water pipes through licensed plumbers employed by themselves, rather than through the Water Department, has been referred to me.

Section 236, page 80, of the particular specifications in question, is perfectly plain, and, under the terms of that Section, the contractor has no right to make the repairs through licensed plumbers employed by himself, but the repairs are to be made exclusively by the Water Department.

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The cost of these repairs should be reasonable, which is, of course, dependent upon the amount which the Water Department is, itself, compelled to expend.