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CORRESPONDENCE.

Lockith.

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"At 748 West Lexington street, there is living a man by the name of Charles Lockith, who has been confined to his bed for more than a year, in that time having had practically no attention; in consequence of which he is in a very unsanitary condition. At present he is lying naked with very bad bed sores, the odor from which, in connection with the unsanitary and uncleanly condition of the bed, makes him, in my opinion, a menace to health. He has an income of seven dollars a week, and declines, upon my advice, to be removed to a hospital for proper care and treatment.

I respectfully submit this report for your consideration."

This man has no contagious or infectious disease. I write to ask if I can force him into a hospital, or must I proceed against the landlord of the house in which he is living.

An early reply will oblige.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) James Bosley, M. D.,

Commissioner of Health.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, August 23, 1910.

Hon. Edgar Allan Poe,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of August 22nd, requesting a report as to the rights of the Health Commissioner, and his procedure, in the case of Charles Lockith, I have to report as follows:

There is considerable doubt in my mind as to the power of the Health Department to do anything with this man. It is specific-

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