

File No. 12182 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

entrusted, met with the reply that the Act did not become effective until October 1st, 1910. The bills presented for the July and October quarters were approved by this office under the belief that the law had not yet become effective. You will recall that in an informal conference with you recently, I called your attention to the fact that the per capita annual charge under the new act for City patients in the State hospitals was reduced from \$150 to \$100 and that you then advised me in making the last quarterly payment for 1910 to consider this change as effective April 8th and deduct from the last quarterly bill due January 1st, 1911, a sufficient amount to bring the cost for patients to the City at the rate of \$100 per capita from April 8th to December 31st, 1910.

We recently notified the State Comptroller's Office to render their bills for the last quarter on this basis and received the enclosed letter from them advising us that in the opinion of Mr. Hopkins, the Chief Clerk, the old rate of \$150 per capita was effective until January 1st, 1911. I shall, of course, not pretend to discuss the legal points involved, but refer the whole matter to you for decision. I should like to call your attention to the fact that the bills will be rendered to us the last day of December, and this office is expected to take prompt action. If possible, we should like to have your opinion in the matter before this time.

While I cannot give you the exact amount involved, something slightly over \$22,000.00 will probably represent the difference at issue from April 8th to October 1st and \$34,000.00 the amount from April 8th, 1910 to January 1st, 1911.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. Hall Pleasants,  
President.