

File No. 12451 Continued.

Commission under the provision of Section 200a of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws that - "Said Commission shall investigate all plans proposed for the construction or extension of public highways in the City of Baltimore and the establishment of a civic center or other public improvements in connection therewith".

It seems to me that by Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1910, it is clearly made the duty of the Commission to investigate all plans proposed for the construction or extension of public highways in the City of Baltimore, and to report the results of such investigations to the Mayor and City Council.

I do not believe that a failure on the part of the Commission to make such investigation, or such report would invalidate the legislation providing for the construction and extension of such public highways; but it was certainly contemplated that the City should get the benefit of the thought and views of the Commission on such matters.

In my opinion, the Department having in charge the preparation of proper plans, for adoption by the Council, should first submit such plans to your Commission. The failure on the part of a Department, however, to so act would not relieve the Commission of its obligations, as above outlined by me.

I would say that the proposed extension of Calvert Street, through the grounds of the Polytechnic Institute; the proposed extension of Hoffman Street to Mt. Royal Avenue, and probably the proposed change of grade of Lafayette Avenue, - as to this latter however I am not so certain.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Edgar Allan Poe.

City Solicitor.