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> proper for the City to make refund to those affected of one-twelfth. of the annual charge.

> > Truly yours, Edgar Allan Poe. (Signed) City Solicitor.

File No. 12591

Baltimore, April 1, 1911.

B. T. Fendall, Esq.

City Engineer.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 31st, in reference to the necessity of underpinning a number of houses on Eutaw, Howard and Hamburg streets.

The proper course for you to pursue, in view of the fact that you have determined to do the work of underpinning, yourself, instead of leaving it to the individual property owner, is to notify the property owners that, on account of the character of the work and the depth of the excavation, it will be necessary to underpin their houses in order to prevent them from falling, and that you propose to do the work for them, at the City's expense, and will proceed with the work on or before a certain day.

I do not think it advisable to attempt to secure from the owner his written assent to this proposition. If any property owner objects, you can proceed under paragraphs 10, 12, 13, and 14 of Sec. 16, and paragraphs 8,9,10,11, and 12 of Sec. 20 of the Building Code.

> Truly yours, (Signed) Edgar Allan Poe,