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bound to furnish a surety satisfactory to the Mayor and the Comptroller: and, although the City would naturally prefer a local company, because it is easier for the public officials to follow more closely the financial condition of such companies, the Mayor and the Comptroller would have no legal right, under the clause in question, to refuse to approve a Bond where the surety offered had duly complied with the Maryland law and was financially responsible.

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

File No. 12620

Baltimore, April 12, 1911.

B. T. Fendall, Esq.,
 City Engineer.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 10th in reference to the Triangle on Rose Street.

If you desire to lay down a sidewalk at the present time in front of this property, I would suggest that you first notify the former owner to do the work. He will, of course, refuse and then you can with safety proceed.

If he afterwards redeems the property, you will be able to collect also the cost of the sidewalk. If the property is not redeemed, then the City will simply be paving in front of its own property.

I return Mr. Hartman's letter.

Very truly yours,
 (Signed) Edgar Allan Poe,
 City Solicitor.