

File No. 19955.

Baltimore, January 8, 1916

Hon. S. S. Field,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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In reply to yours of January 5th, enclosing certain correspondence in regard to the leases of the sub-way conduits by the City, I beg to advise you, as follows:

The question submitted is whether or not the Electrical Commission may charge the tenants of the conduits inspection fees in addition to the rentals provided in the existing agreements.

On examining the agreements and the ordinances relating to this subject, I beg to advise you that the rates of rental for conduit space is contained in Article 9, Section 13, Code 1906, and under the present law and leases the inspection charges are included in the rentals. The City, however, has the power to cancel said leases by giving six months notice, and the Electrical Commission has the authority to determine new rates, provided the new rates are submitted to and approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in an ordinance.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Alexander Preston,
Deputy City Solicitor

File No. 18422.

Baltimore, January 8, 1916

Mr. James Latane,
Assistant United States Attorney,
Post Office Building, City.

Dear Sir:-

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My view is that an act of Congress is necessary to give to the local authorities jurisdiction over Fort McHenry and I rather