

File No. 19927.

Baltimore, January 31, 1916

Mr. Charles England,
Chairman, Sewerage Commission.

Dear Sir:

As stated to you and Dr. Remsen in conversation recently, I advise you that while, under the Referendum Amendment to the Constitution recently adopted, Senate Bill No. 1 does not technically go into effect until June 1st, yet when it goes into effect it will relate back and will approve and authorize the dissolution of the Sewerage Commission on February 1st, just as fully as if it went into effect at once.

It is a well settled principle of law that whatever the Legislature could authorize beforehand it can make valid by approving afterwards, and the gentlemen of the Sewerage Commission are perfectly safe in acting upon the knowledge that the Legislature has approved their dissolution on February 1st, even though that approval does not technically go into effect until June 1st.

As I also stated to you and Dr. Remsen, the formal way in which the Commission should wind up its affairs is by sending a letter of resignation to the Mayor. I am enclosing proper form of letter to be signed by the Members of the Sewerage Commission for that purpose.

Permit me, on this last day of the existence of your Commission to express my appreciation and admiration of the splendid work which you have done for Baltimore, - a work which I believe will be an enduring monument to every member of the Commission.

With regards, I am

Yours very truly,
(Signed) S. S. Field,
City Solicitor