

File No. 24697 Continued.

"All municipal officials, officers, employes and agents, who are required by law or ordinance to give bond for the faithful performance of their respective duties, shall give bond with such security as the Mayor may approve, and in such penal sum as the Mayor may direct, except where a different provision is made for the case by law or ordinance."

City Code, Art. 1, Section 39, p. 583.

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File No. 25580

Baltimore, October 31, 1919.

Mr. Bancroft Hill,
Harbor Engineer.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 29th in which you state that a barge was sunk off Wagner's Point last May and that in its present condition is a serious menace to navigation. You also state that the ownership of the barge is in dispute and ask what legal steps should be taken before proceeding with the practical work of raising this obstruction.

Ordinance No. 293, approved April 10th, 1909, bears upon this question and provides in Section 28, as follows:

"The owner or owners of sunken vessels who refuse or neglect to remove the same when directed to do so by the Harbor Board, shall pay a fine of \$10 per day for every day the said vessel shall remain after due notice as aforesaid, and in case the owner or agent of such sunken vessel cannot be found then the Harbor Board shall proceed to remove said vessel and draw on the Register for the sum necessary to perform that duty; said sum of money to be taken out of any money in the treasury."

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