

File No. 25577 Continued.

If this is the case in my judgment the owner should not be charged a franchise tax.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) Roland R. Marchant,
City Solicitor.

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File No. 25578

Baltimore, November 7, 1919.

Mr. Bancroft Hill,
Harbor Engineer.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have before me the correspondence with reference to repairs to the Iceboat Annapolis. My understanding of the situation is as follows:

13456 Harbor Engineer Harrison advertised for bids to be delivered to the Board of Awards on or before eleven o'clock A. M. October 27th, 1919, and he prepared specifications upon which these bids were to be made. On October 27th there were several proposals in one bid delivered by H. E. Crook & Company. There were also other bids received, but my recollection is that they were not filed in the time required by the advertisement.

It seems that the bid of H. E. Crook & Company was higher than the amount of money available for the purpose and that the Board of Awards, without taking any action in the matter, submitted the H. E. Crook & Company's proposal to you with the suggestion that you go over the matter with H. E. Crook and Company and arrive at a figure for which the repairs necessary to put the boat in condition to break ice could be made.