

File No. 25617

Baltimore, November 22, 1919.

Mr. R. Keith Compton,  
Chairman of the Paving Commission.

My dear Sir:

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Pardon me for not answering sooner your letter of the 19th instant, in which you refer to the reference in the Baltimore Sun of Sunday last to the balance of \$354,000 to the credit of the Burnt District Fund, and inquire of me as to whether or not this money is available for use in the improvement of certain streets in the burnt district area.

The fund to which the article refers arises out of the enabling act Chapter 247 of the Acts of 1908 and Ordinance No. 391 of 1909. The enabling act and ordinance provide that "the money shall be used for supplying additional material means for the construction and completion of the docks and piers planned by the Burnt District Commission created by Chapter 87 of the Acts of 1904."

It is apparent from the above language that this balance can only be used for docks within the burnt district area. I regret that it is not available for the purpose for which you desire it.

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

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