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1918." It also contains the statement "that the approximate estimate of quantities is two hundred and fifty thousand blocks" and that the "approximate quantities are only given as a guide to the bidders but in no way bind or limit the City as to the amount which is to be ordered."

The material provisions of the two contracts are identical and there does not seem to be any distinction in principle between the two cases.

Yours Respectfully,

(Signed) A. Walter Kraus,

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File No. 25578

Baltimore, December 11, 1919.

Hon. William F. Broening,
Mayor of Baltimore.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I have your letter of the 9th instant with reference to contract for repairs to the Iceboat Annapolis and note your suggestion that this boat is jointly owned by the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore.

While this boat is owned, as you say, jointly by the City and State, Section 480 of the Charter gives the Harbor Board "full control and management thereof." In addition to that the various appropriations to cover these repairs are made to the City of Baltimore, thus recognizing the City as the prime obligor.

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