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be liable for a payment of these salaries the second time, nor would you or any other officer of the City be liable for your action in the premises.

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

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File No. 25671

Baltimore, December 16, 1919.

Hon. William F. Broening,
Mayor of Baltimore.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I have before me for approval, Ordinance F. B. No. 86.

The purpose of this ordinance, I take it, is to grant to garages and accessory dealers, within the limits of the territory recently annexed to Baltimore City, the right to place obstructions in the public highways and to continue to use, without charge, obstructions now in these highways.

I have carefully read the ordinance and conclude, first, that it is void for uncertainty. Even if it were certain, in my opinion, it would not be valid. Section 37 of the Charter provides:

"That the right to use the streets, avenues, alleys or public property, by any person or body corporate for steps, porticoes, bay windows, bow windows, show windows, signs, columns, piers or other projections or structural ornaments of any character except so far as the same may be prohibited by law, and covered vaults, covered areaways, drains, drainpipes, or any other private purpose not prohibited by laws and not

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