

File No. 36404 Continued

I do not think that Mr. Bealmear is entitled to an abatement of any portion of his bill. My information is to the effect that the final condemnation plat has not yet been filed with the Commissioners for Opening Streets, and the widening of Clifton Avenue may not be completed for sometime. In any event, it seems to me that when the damages are fixed by the Commissioners for Opening Streets, the fact that the widening will include part of the footway recently paved will be taken into consideration.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Philip B. Perlman,
City Solicitor.

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Baltimore, December 19, 1924.

To the Honorable Board of Estimates,
City Hall,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

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Your Honorable Board at its last meeting requested the City Solicitor to report on the attached letter of Andrew H. Mettee, Librarian of the Bar Library, asking for an appropriation of two hundred and ninety-one dollars and sixty-six cents (\$291.66).

This department has already ruled in similar cases that the acts of the Legislature involving appropriations are not retroactive and I, therefore, recommend that Mr. Mettee's request be denied for this reason.

In view of the fact that the library is a semi-public institution, I felt that the Board might desire, in the event that its financial affairs are in bad condition, to render assistance, but upon investigation, I find that the Library Company has a cash balance amply sufficient.