2844 the sewage of the City will be transported will not be discharged into a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay until it has been entirely freed from all ingredients which might be deleterious to fish life, it is plain that this discharge will fall wholly outside of the purview of the proviso. In other words, when the Sewerage Act is considered as a whole, and its intent is deduced from all its terms, examined in the light of the remedy which it seeks and the mischief which it is designed to obviate, it is clear, I think, that what the proviso is aimed at is the discharge of crude sewage into the Chesapeake Bay, or any of its tributaries. To suppose the contrary would fall little short of supposing that the Legislature was even unwilling that the water from the City's water supply - which is used in flushing the house drains and sewers of the City, though it had never come into contact with sewage matter in the City at all - should be discharged into the waters mentioned in the Act, for, as I understand it, the water which will be employed by the new system in transporting sewage will, when it has been purified by the filtration process contemplated by the Commission, be little, if anything, more than ordinary City water.

2845 The construction for which I contend is also strengthened, it seems to me, by the language of the proviso, "Sewage as distinguished from storm water or ground drainage". Under the terms of the proviso, it will be observed, its prohibition is not directed at all against storm water or ground drainage in the City. They, no matter how freighted with the filth of our streets and alleys, wells and cesspools, will be free, if the Commission pleases, to be still discharged as they now are into the harbor and basin, which are, of course, in direct communication with the Patapsco River and the Bay. Is it reasonable to assume that the Legislature could have intended to exempt such ground drainage, for instance, from the operation of the proviso, and yet have intended to embrace within its inhibition such a purified product as that which will issue from the filtration beds of the new sewerage system? My advice, therefore, to the Commission is to proceed with its work, as if no such question as that submitted to me had been raised, relying upon the enlarged and liberal principles of construction which belong to such an Act as the Sewerage Act, and upon the paramount con-