

File No. 7248 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

the Committee on Accounts, with the request that you kindly furnish this Department with an opinion as to the propriety of said bill being chargeable against the appropriation of \$15,000, authorized by Ordinance No. 90, approved March 8, 1906, being entitled: "An Ordinance to provide for the purchase or condemnation of a lot or a lot and building for a Parental School in the vicinity of Schools Nos. 66 and 67 on the Old Frederiek Road".

This appropriation was carried forward to 1907--less a small amount expended for the purchase of some equipment for use at the rented building occupied as the Parental School.

Owing to difficulties in acquiring the lot or lot and building contemplated by ordinance No. 90 and, because of the immediate need for a Parental School, the Ross Mansion was rented by the City and is now occupied and used for such school. The Ross Mansion being inadequate to accommodate the demands it became necessary to provide additional quarters, and the enclosed bill was incurred in connection therewith. We have charged this bill to the appropriation in question, to which exception has been taken by the Comptroller's Department.

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) John H. Roche,  
Secretary.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, December 26, 1907.

John H. Roche, Esq.,  
Secretary of Board of School  
Commissioners.

Dear Sir:-

I reply to your letter of the 26th inst. I regret to say that on further reflection, I do not think that the expenses therein mentioned, relating to the maintenance of parental schools, can be charged to the amount appropriated by ordinance No. 90, approved March 8,