

File No. 7272.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,  
SUB-DEPARTMENT OF CITY ENGINEER.

Baltimore, January 4, 1908.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,  
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:-

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The ordinances require all companies having poles erected on the streets of Baltimore, to stencil or stamp the name of the company owning the pole. (See Art. 41, Section 38, Code of 1906). My experience with this stenciling has lead me to the conclusion that it is very unsatisfactory, and that a tin tag fastened to the pole is far better.

The Con. Gas Elec. Light and Power Company submit to me a tag, which is entirely satisfactory, and which I prefer to the stencil.

Can I legally permit them to use the tag as they propose? The only reason for using either stencil or tag is to enable City officials to know to which company a certain pole belongs, and as the tag is far more prominent and far more easily read than the stenciling, it appears to me to be far better.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) B. T. Fendall,  
City Engineer.

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OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, January 7, 1908.

B. T. Fendall, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Dear Sir:-

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I have your letter of the 4th inst.  
The law says stencil or stamp; you have no power to say