

File No. 8637.

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BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, August 20, 1908.

Honorable William Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor,
Court House,
City.

Dear Sir:-

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I was appointed by the Park Board a Committee to investigate the advisability of acquiring certain additional land for Carroll Park. The addition contemplated is property bounded by the red lines as shown on the enclosed plat. You will see by the enclosed plat that this addition separates certain portions of the present property, and if the same were devoted to manufacturing purposes, it would be a serious disadvantage to the park. Unfortunately, the Park Board has not sufficient money out of the proceeds of the recent loan, which was made for the purposes of acquiring additional land, to purchase this addition. We believe that it can be acquired now at quite a reasonable figure, and it occurred to me that it might be feasible to obtain control over this property by having the owners lease such portion as we cannot now afford to buy to a third party, with the understanding that the Park Board could acquire from said third party for a nominal consideration his leasehold interest, and in this manner, by the payment of an annual ground rent out of our income, the Board could control and use the property, and in the future, when we are able to do so, redeem the ground rent thereon.

I did not know whether we could legally do this, and, at my request, I was authorized to ask for the opinion of your office on this question. It is unnecessary for me to add that I shall be very glad to talk this matter over at your office with you or any of your associates who may have charge of the same.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) George Weems Williams.