

File No. 8637 Continued.

OPINION.

years, renewable forever and redeemable, of the property desired, without payment of any consideration therefor, the rent to be the yearly value of the property, and no provision is to be made for redeeming the ground rent or for paying the yearly rent reserved out of the proceeds of the loan.

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After careful reflection, I have come to the conclusion that the provisions of the Act above quoted, authorizing the loan, cannot be fairly construed as conferring such power upon the Park Board. The powers conferred are to be limited in their exercise by the amount of money authorized to be spent, and it was never intended that the Park Board should be given the power to bind the City directly, or indirectly, to pay any sum in excess of the one million dollars.

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If it is essential that the property in question should be secured to the City by a lease, as outlined in your letter, the same result can be readily accomplished by inserting in the Ordinance of Estimates for 1909, the proper provision authorizing the Park Board to lease the property in question and providing for the payment of the rent out of the Park Tax Fund.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) EDGAR ALLAN POE,
City Solicitor.

File No. 8638.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Baltimore, August 20, 1908.

Hon. W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir,-

The attached letter from Mr. P. F. Reddington is respectfully referred. I think it most desirable to have the payment, sug-

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