

File No. 8715.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-IMPROVEMENTS.  
 SUB-DEPARTMENT OFFICE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS.  
 CITY HALL.

Baltimore, September 11, 1908.

Mr. Edgar Allan Poe,  
 City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:

6552 The Contractor (Mr. O'Connor) for the Sewer Work on Boston Street and Aliceanna Street applies for a permit for underpinning a house at the intersection of the two above named Streets.

As the disturbance of the foundation necessitates the going deeper and having learned, through Mr. J. Kemp Bartlett, (Attorney at Law) that Judge Gorter had decided that the Contractor was not responsible for damages caused by pumping that would lead to displacement of water under a building, will you kindly inform me if I shall notify the owner to proceed to secure this bad condition.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Edward D. Preston,  
 Inspector of Buildings.

OPINION.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, September 11, 1908.

Edward D. Preston, Esq.,  
 Inspector of Buildings,  
 City.

Dear Sir:-

6553 In the absence of the City Solicitor, I reply to your favor of the 11th instant, addressed to him.

The duty of the contractor, in the matter of restoring buildings which have been damaged by the construction of the sewer in the beds of Aliceanna and Boston streets, must be determined not alone by general principles of law, but also by the provisions of the