

File No. 25998 Continued.

Code. I shall be very glad to confer with you about the matter.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Roland R. Marchant,
City Solicitor.

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File No. 26052

Baltimore, February 13, 1920.

Board of Estimates,
City Hall.

Gentlemen:

In response to your inquiry of recent date as to the liability of Baltimore City to several State Institutions for the payment of the board, care and treatment of inmates thereof, committed prior to January 1st, 1919, from that territory annexed to Baltimore City by Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1918.

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Code, Article 59, Section 45, says:

"The expense for the care, board and treatment of all patients in State Institutions for the insane shall be a charge upon each county sending such patient or patients to the State Hospital for the Insane, as hereinafter provided."

The above, of course, applies only to persons unable to pay, or who have no estate out of which the cost of their care and treatment can be collected.

In the Summer of 1918, with these provisions in mind, the Supervisors of City Charities, recognizing that there were, in the various State Asylums, patients who had been committed thereto as