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The support and care of the indigent insane is a governmental function, and, in my judgment, by the express terms of the Annexation Act above referred to, the obligation of performing this function in the territory in question, after January 1st, 1919, passed from the Counties to the City. I conclude, therefore, that the City is liable for the bills rendered by the Springfield State Hospital, the Spring Grove Hospital, Mt. Hope Retreat and Crownsville State Hospital, covering the care and treatment of persons committed from the annexed territory, prior to January 1st, 1919, and now inmates of those Institutions. I do not pass upon the correctness of the bills rendered by these Institutions. This is a matter which should be submitted to Mr. Grasty, Supervisor of City Charities, for audit.

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

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File No. 26050

Baltimore, February 13, 1920.

Hon. William F. Broening, Mayor,  
City Hall.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I am returning herewith Ordinance F. B. #144. This Ordinance has been amended pursuant to the recommendations of the Board of Estimates. I notice that there is attached to the Ordinance a letter from Mr. Wiegardt in which he makes the following suggestions:

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