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the predominant language of this country, which, of course, is English.

By Section 43 of Article 1, however, of our City Code, (Pielert's Revision), it is declared that all advertisements emanating from the different departments of the city government shall be published in at least one German paper in the City. With this striking evidence of our own sense of public policy, no matter what may be the views of other States of the Union, I am not prepared to say that the advertisement mentioned by you was unlawfully published, in that it was not published in two newspapers in the English language.

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I might also call attention to the fact that by Section 43 of the City Charter, one of the two daily newspapers in which sales for taxes in this City may be advertised, is required to be in the German language. This, of course, is not an enactment of the City, but of the General Assembly of Maryland, the supreme law making authority in the State, but it tends to show that the views of the State Legislature as to the considerations of public policy involved in the matter of public advertisements does not differ from those entertained by our local legislature.

It would be hard to imagine a case that called for stronger scruples with reference to full publicity, than an advertisement of the sale of property for taxes due by the citizen.

Truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,  
City Solicitor.

File No. 5768.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
SUB-DEPARTMENT, CITY COMPTROLLER,  
CITY HALL.

Baltimore, January 17, 1907.

W. Cabell Bruce, Esq.,  
City Solicitor,  
Dear Sir:

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The time for the first semi-monthly payment of salaries for the