

File No. 15341

Baltimore, August 19, 1913.

Hon. James H. Preston,
President, Board of Awards.

Dear Sir:

10663 Referring to the question of the award to Hall Brothers of the contract for coal, would say that while I think that the City has the option of enforcing the award to Hall Brothers and holding them to the delivery of such coal as is specified and described in their bid, yet, as there is room for the contention made by Hall Brothers that the award of the contract was contingent upon the service test of giving satisfactory results, under the provisions on page 10 of the Specifications, and, inasmuch as the Board has adopted the recommendation of the Water Engineer under date of July 21st, 1913, to reject the bid of the Weston-Dodson Company because the service test was not satisfactory, I suggest that the same action be taken in regard to the Hall Brothers, and that in re-advertising the Specifications on page 10 be changed, so as to make it clear that the failure of service test will not necessarily result in a rejection of the bid, but will give the City the option either to reject the bid or to accept the bid, award the contract and insist upon the coal being furnished according to the Specifications and the bid.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) S. S. Field,
City Solicitor.

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