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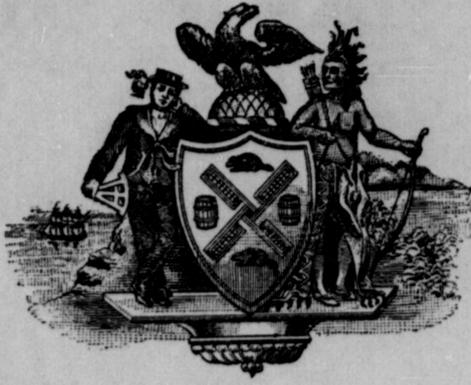
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New York, Aug. 18 10. 191

Mr. Robert Adamson, Secretary,
Office of the Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Your favor under date of August 6th, relative to a complaint from one James A. Whyte in which he complains about not being able to receive information as to Owners of tenement houses, was received this morning.

I have looked up our records and find that Mr. Whyte received the information he desired on August 8th. There is evidently a little misunderstanding in the matter, as this Department always furnishes such information as the public are permitted to have.

It is, however, not our practice to give this verbally but in letter form. This might explain the delay to which he refers.

Yours very truly,

Wm. H. Abbott, Jr.

1st Deputy & Acting Commissioner.

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New York, June 14th 1911

Hon. William J. Gaynor,
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

In regard to the bill exempting the West Building of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States from the provisions of the Tenement House Law, I beg to state that apart from any consideration as to whether evil conditions would be created on the premises in question by this exemption, the bill is so drawn as to open a very wide door for similar special legislation

Another year some other religious corporation having a building which it desired to use in a similar fashion, or which it wished to have exempted from the control of some other department, would plead this precedent and a refusal would undoubtedly lead to a charge that it was due to sectarian discrimination. The special circumstances surrounding this case would be forgotten by everyone except the parties directly interested. It is worthy of note moreover that the description of the building is in language only comprehensible to the authorities of the General Theological Seminary and is probably not so described on

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I am sincere in my belief that it ought not to have your approval.

Yours respectfully,

John J. Murphy
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