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October 10, 1927.

Dear Sir:-

Further to my letter of the 8th instant and in reply to yours of the 8th instant in which you suggested my Department should make an offer to Mr. Spencer to pay \$1,300.00 as its share of the new works proposed by Engineers Warren and Murray as against the sum of \$1,000.00 which was mentioned in the letter which I received from Ottawa on the 7th instant, I note you state that there is only a difference of \$600.00 between what we have offered and what Mr. Spencer thinks we should pay.

I can hardly see where the figure of \$600.00 comes in, for as a matter of fact the sum is a great deal larger. My suggested basis of payment of the costs was \$861.00 for the Department and \$2,794.00 for Mr. Spencer, the total being \$3,655.00. Providing my Department would put up \$1,000.00, this would increase our share by \$139.00 and decrease Mr. Spencer's share proportionately, reducing the sum to \$2,656.00. My recollection of Mr. Spencer's offer as made by Mr. Griffin was that the Department should put up \$1,655.00 and Spencer \$2,000.00.

On the merits of the question, I can not see any justification in my Department being called upon to pay any greater sum than the \$861.00 as mentioned above, but as an offer of \$1,000.00 has been tentatively made, I would be agreeable to let it stand at that and make a

recommendation

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