

EX 44/2738-1
(10 Congress Street)

April 8, 1949

Mr. Edwin H. Abbott, Jr.
37 Kirkland Street—Apt. 401
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Mr. Leal Dow & First Portland National Bank, Trs.
c/o Fred M. Dow
12 Monument Square—Room 6

Gentlemen:

Since W. T. Grant Company was so evidently the party in control of this building during its original construction, during its occupancy and during the recent changes, it had not been deemed necessary to keep you as owners fully advised as to all of the negotiations and detailed transactions relating to the building permit and compliance with the Building Code, so perhaps you had not heard before of this situation in conflict with the Building Code at the Grant Store. The matter involved concerns the provision of such fastenings or locks or bolts on the exterior doors of the store that in case of emergency or panic the full width of all of the doorways would be available instantly for exit.

The enclosed letter, representing formal notification of violation of the Building Code and order to make good, is sent to you to prepare for any legal measures which may be found necessary.

Please be assured that this formal step has only been taken after ample notification and unsuccessful negotiations with the representatives of the Construction Department of the W. T. Grant Company—both before the building permit was issued, a number of times during construction work and since the enlarged store was opened.

Very truly yours,

WKEB/C

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Barnett I. Shur
Corporation Counsel

BP 47/2333-1
(510 Congress Street)
5/10/49/M
Registered Mail

April 8, 1949

W. T. Grant Company
Attn: Mr. P. A. Cunniff
Construction Department
1441 Broadway
New York 18, New York
Dr. Neal Dow & First Portland National Bank, Trs.
c/w Fred E. Low
12 Monument Square—Room 6
Mr. Edwin H. Abbott, Jr.
37 Kirkland Street—Apt. 401
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Subject: Notification of and
order to make good violations
of the Building Ordinance of
this city in building occupied
by W. T. Grant Company at 510-
516 Congress Street running through
to 81-83 Free Street in Portland,
Maine, as per Section 109 of the
Ordinance (copy enclosed)

Gentlemen:

Violations of the Building Ordinance of the City of Portland (known as the Building Code) are found to exist, as outlined below, in the building occupied by W. T. Grant Company as a retail store at 510-516 Congress Street running through to 81-83 Free Street in Portland. This letter is an order, requiring by Section 109 of the Building Ordinance, to make good these violations before May 10, 1949.

This building, occupied as a retail store by W. T. Grant Company was altered and enlarged, commencing in 1947 and continuing into 1948, in such a way as to substantially increase the capacity of the store in persons accommodated, and despite notification of the requirements before the building permit was issued and despite a number of notices before and after completion of the project, the exterior doors on both Congress Street and Free Street fronts were not equipped with such locks or latches, and only such, that all fastenings which would keep the door from opening would be instantly released, without special knowledge or ability, merely by turning the customary knob or by pressure on a plate or lever, as required by Section 212-a-2,5 of the Ordinance.

Violation of the Building Ordinance also exists in that the building has been and is now being used, occupied and maintained contrary to the provisions of the Building Ordinance as to fastenings on these doors; and in that the owner or party in control of the building has been and is allowing its use, occupancy and maintenance contrary to the provisions of the Building Ordinance as to fastenings on these doors.

Very truly yours,

WMD/G

Inspector of Buildings

Enclosure: Copy of Section 109 of the Building Ordinance to each addressee

CC: Barnett I. Shur
Corporation Counsel
Mr. M. J. McNaboe, Manager
W. T. Grant Store
510 Congress Street

W. T. Frank Co. 510 Congress St.

9/13/47 Letter sent with parent

10/6/47 Letter to C. A. Currier & Son, 200 N. 1st St. about
had been about. But, stating about a few
hardware items consisting of tools.

11/2/47 Letter from Mr. Currier asking you to
reconsider alternate price for the tools for operating
machine.

11/6/47 Letter to Mr. Currier asking them to
notify you immediately about tools & hardware
on list since done.

11/23/47 Copy of letter to Mr. Currier, mgr. from
Mr. Currier about the tools & hardware
they asked me about & the amount type
of hardware they want.

11/24/47 Letter to Mr. Currier asking for a conclusive
answer to your letter.

12/4/47 Letter from Mr. Currier stating he was
trying to get hardware, was contacting
Henderson & Walker Co.

12/12/47 Letter from you to Mr. Currier saying you
agreed to his quote to get the tools & hardware
the letter you said you talked with Mr. Craig of
Edwards & Walker Co. about the same. But
Mr. Currier said for papers & he should
be placed at once.

W. T. GRANT COMPANY

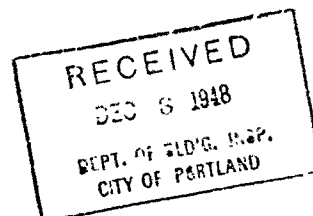
1441 BROADWAY • NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

December 6, 1948

Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Subject: Portland, Me.
Reference: Your letter 11/29/48



It is unfortunate that the letter you addressed to me and the letter I wrote to John Howard Stevens, Architect, crossed. My reason in writing to him was because I found myself unable to find suitable hardware to take care of your demands as well as those required in operating a store of this nature. Mr. Stevens' reply suggested using anti-panic bar with bolts top and bottom on one leaf which can be locked in open position during the day. We have had a representative from one of the largest hardware firms in New York in the office and he was of the opinion that this would be somewhat unsatisfactory as well as hazardous. He calls to our attention that should the panic bolt be used on the door when not locked in open position it would be impossible for it, even though it has the necessary door checks, to get back to its original position as the latches being straight surfaced on the back side could not pass either the transom or the door sill. Consequently, anyone pushing the door while in this position from the outside would either hurt themselves or cause damage to the bolts.

If you have any suggestions to offer, I would be glad to hear further from you. In the meantime, Mr. Stevens recommended Mr. Ezra Craig of the Edwards & Walker Co. in your city and I am writing him for information.

In the meantime I think you will agree the instructions I have written our store manager will definitely alleviate the hazard in question.

Very truly yours,

W. T. GRANT COMPANY

P. A. Cunnius
P. A. Cunnius
Construction Department

PAC:RD

PP
47/2338-I (510 Congress St.)

December 13, 1948

Mr. P. A. Cunnius
Construction Department
W. T. Grant Company
1441 Broadway
New York 18, New York

Subject: Hardware for Free Street and Congress
Street doors of the W. T. Grant Store at
510 Congress Street in Portland

Dear Mr. Cunnius:

Your efforts to get this matter cleared up, as expressed in your letter of December 6, are appreciated.

After a talk with Mr. Craig of Edwards & Walker Company, I find that it is feasible to satisfy the requirements of the Building Code, and at the same time give reasonable security for the owner, by installing anti-panic bolts with operating bar clear across the door on the so-called "standing door", this being the door on which you have the top and bottom bolts now. Then install a cylinder lock with dead bolt on the other door (I believe that is the arrangement on the other door now), but the "strike" on the standing door would be cut out at the inside face. At the top of the working door would be applied a device which would be set only at night or any other time when people from the outside were not wanted on the inside. Thus when the doors were locked the anti-panic bolts would keep the standing door from being opened from the outside, the "strike" and the dead bolt would keep the working door from being opened outwards and the auxiliary device at the top of the working door would keep the working door from opening inward. As to the objection raised by the New York hardware man, the answer is evidently one of careful maintenance of the store. Failure of your personnel to lock the bolts in the open position would be precisely the kind of failure which we are afraid of with the present top and bottom bolts except that after the anti-panic hardware has been provided on the one door, such a failure would still leave free egress for the full width of the opening on the part of persons in the store.

While I appreciate that it may take a little time to procure this hardware and have it installed, the matter of placing an urgent order for the proper hardware and of issuing instructions for its installation should be done at once.

Your request upon Mr. McNaboe, store manager, that all entrance doors both on Free Street and Congress Street be so fixed that they will swing either in or out during all store hours regardless of weather, is much appreciated. My attention has been called to the fact, however, that there is something more than the bad weather problem involved. Apparently it has been the practice in some large stores, when the normal closing time is reached at night and the store is full of customers and more trying to get in, to lock or bolt the standing doors, thus leaving less "policing" necessary to keep the customers from coming in. Thus should emergency occur in the admittedly short time when these standing doors are fastened, the customers who had not left the store as well as the employees would not have the full required exit width.

May I have your assurance shortly that both the proper hardware and the installation of it has been ordered.

Very truly yours,

WTCB/C

CC: Mr. M. J. McNaboe, store manager
W. T. Grant Company, 510 Congress Street

Inspector of Buildings

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C.C. McDonald
City of Portland
November 26, 1948

November 26, 1948

Mr. M. J. McNaboe, Mgr.
#10 - Portland, Me.

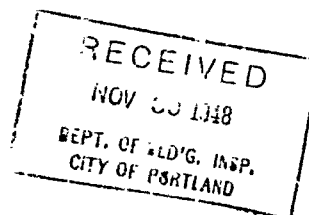
Subject: Front Entrance Doors

The matter of proper hardware for the front entrance doors has again been called to my attention by Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings. The reason for this added hardware is because during severe cold weather store operations make one leaf of the door fast by means of the top and bottom bolt. Consequently, this reduces the width of the openings which would be needed in the event of an emergency.

I have today written Mr. John Howard Stevens, an architect in your city, asking him if he could recommend the type hardware for this purpose and I would ask that until this hardware is installed you see to it that all entrance doors on both Congress and Free St. are left so they can be swung either in or out during all store hours regardless of weather.

PAC:RD
CC Mr. Warren McDonald

P. A. CURRIUS
Construction Department



BP
47/2338-1

12/10/48/4

November 29, 1948

Mr. P. Cunniss
Chief of Construction
W. T. Grant Company
1441 Broadway
New York 18, New York

Subject: Hardware and locks on the entrance
doors of Grant Store at 510 Congress Street
in Portland

Dear Mr. Cunniss:

May I have a conclusive answer to my letter of November 6 on the
above subject, immediately.

Trying to apply the Building Code regulations as to type of locks
and hardware on entrance and exit doors of mercantile establishments that
are now being constructed or enlarged, when builders and prospective owners
keep pointing to your enlarged store and one other large store in this City,
as not conforming with the requirements we are trying to apply to all, is
becoming an intolerable situation.

If I do not hear from you conclusively very soon, it will be my
duty to turn the matter over to our legal department in an effort to compel
compliance. This I very much dislike to do.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

15-47735-1

November 6, 1948

Mr. P. A. Cunniff
Chief of Construction
W. I. Grant Company
1441 Broadway
New York 18, New York

Subject: Hardware and locks on the entrance doors
of Grant Store at 510 Congress Street, Portland

Dear Mr. Cunniff:

Please notify me immediately as to when you expect to be able to make the locks and hardware on the entrance doors, both on the Congress Street and on the Free Street fronts, comply with the Building Code. Bad weather is not far away, and it seems as though there has been time enough to procure the new hardware, even under present conditions.

I am somewhat concerned about this matter because of conflict of statements from Mr. Timmons, contractor superintendent, and your Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Several weeks before the job was completed our inspector went especially to Mr. Timmons to make sure that everything was in order as to getting this anti-panic hardware for the entrance doors under way and installed. He was assured by Mr. Timmons that the hardware is on order and would be installed as soon as secured. Time went on and the enlarged store was opened to the public and still no hardware.

A few weeks after the store was opened and before Mr. Fitzpatrick had left, I asked him to come down to the office with relation to the openings in your east wall as affected by the new building next door, and in the course of the conversation asked him about the entrance door hardware. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he knew nothing about it and as far as he knew no change in the hardware from that which was on the doors at that time, was intended.

I trust that the truth is that Mr. Fitzpatrick was only lacking in information, and that you do have the hardware on the way to satisfy the requirements of the Building Code as to the enlarged number to use these doors as means of egress and with your own verbal statement made to me here in the office.

To refresh your memory, this question of hardware was brought to your attention in my letter of August 26, 1947, and one of your several trips to the office and our conferences about the job, we talked over the matter and you said that, while you did not like to put the hardware on these doors, you would take care of it. This was at our same conference where we talked over the matter of fire protection of the escalator well at second floor, you having commented upon the heavy cost of the special fire shutter after I asked you to explain the detail on the plan. Thereupon I told you that the protection is not required by our Building Code and that you can save this expense as far as building regulations are concerned. We then went into the matter of hardware, and I was explicit that the Code requires anti-panic hardware or its equivalent as used in a purely mercantile establishment, and you said that it would be provided.

This is an important matter not only because the omission of the proper hardware is in conflict with the Building Code in view of the fact that the capacity of your store has been greatly increased, but the present hardware is not safe in that you have top and bottom bolts on the so-called "standing door".

I have to bear responsibility for this situation until I have exercised every effort to get the proper hardware installed, and the situation is particularly acute because the

Mr. P. A. Cunnius-----2.

November 6, 1948

Christmas season is not far away.

Will you be kind enough to reassure me about the proposition so that I may take what position I must take.

Very truly yours,

WJH/C

Inspector of Buildings

P. S. There are a few less important matters, especially relating to making the means of egress that I have not found time to take up with you, but these matters will be drawn to your attention in another letter. These matters were talked over with Mr. Fitzpatrick by our Inspector, and as I understand it he had no authority to take care of them.

CC: J. L. Bishop Company
109 Foster Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

Mr. W. J. McNaboe, Manager
W. T. Grant Company
510 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

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Worcester, Mass. 10/23/38
 W. T. Martin, 512 Congress St.
 First Church, W. Mass. St. 10/23/38
 G. W. Bishop & Co. Contr. 109 Foster St. Worcester, Mass. 011
 Permit 41/2338

This is acknowledgment in letter of Sept. 13/38 as it with
 issuance of the permit, and check list of Aug. 26/38.

Permit plans filed Sept. 24/38 consists of sheets 1 to 6
 inclusive, 8, 16, 17, 18, 33 and 34.

Sheets 33 and 34 show anchorage details in answer
 to part of Sept. 13/38 letter. I find not size specified for
 anchors for steel joist construction. Anchors shown on
 plan are not enlarged for heavy timber construction.
 In talking with Mr. Timmer, construction foreman,
 about the construction, he says that anchors are shipped
 along with the steel joists which would seem to
 indicate a more or less accepted standard practice type
 of joint.

Letter Aug. 26/38

Part 1-2 No hardware specified or pit signs, on plan
 shown.

Part 4 - Foundation not shown ^{as such} type specified

Part 5 - Plain floor window not noted as required in
 case of fire. See 40.3.05 - window of 12' x 12' 6"

— Over —

The following is a list of the birds seen at the
Huntington, Mass. Station
on the 1st of August 1914.

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seen was a pair of Robins at 8 a.m. They were singing
as they flew about a in front of the house at 8 a.m.
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AP 510 Congress Street-I

September 13, 1947

Mr. A. A. Gurnham
- Chief of Construction
T. Grant Company
1141 Broadway
New York 13, N. Y.
J. W. Bishop Company
c/o T. Grant Company
510 Congress Street

Subject: Building permit for enlargement of
T. Grant Company store at 510 Congress
Street

Gentlemen:

Building permit for the above work has been issued and mailed to the contractor,
J. W. Bishop Company, c/o of the local T. Grant Store, subject to the following:

1. The question of thickness and adequacy of the existing brick walls and the
proposed brick walls has been disposed of by the analysis and design of Seelye, Stevenson
& Value, Inc Consulting Engineers for the job, received here September 12, 1947,
and by specific details for anchorage of third floor slab and joists and roof construction
to all four brick walls to be indicated in the structural plans and revised prints
furnished.

2. The matter of thickness of masonry walls in my letter of Aug.
12 and the numerous features mentioned in my letter of Aug. 26, as outlined with Mr.
Gurnham on his last trip to Portland, to be cleared up on the plans as far as possible
and compliance otherwise confirmed by letter as soon as possible. That the contractor
may be fully advised as to these many details, I am sending a copy of my letter of Aug.
26 to the contractor's local superintendent in charge, along with the permit.

3. I suppose the contractor's superintendent is aware of the requirements of the
Building Code that notice of readiness for closing-in inspection is required for all
parts of the work to be concealed, and that no part is to be covered from view until
inspection has been made, everything found in order and our green tag left at the job.
Obviously there will have to be considerable cooperation on our part and that of the
superintendent in this complex job of working here and there and keeping the store open
for business with due regard to full safety for patrons and employees all the while.

4. Please note that separate permits from this department are required to cover
extension and adjustment of sprinkler system, to cover installation of new boiler, oil
burners and oil burning equipment, new or hot water heaters, mechanical ventilation
units, installation of elevator, ^{escalator} and dumb waiters, installation of incinerator, installa-
tion of bake ovens and other cooking equipment and installation of mechanical refrigera-
tion, all of these to be applied for by the party actually performing the installation
and permits being issuable only to installer. Plans of the extended sprinkler system
to be filed with the application for that permit require the stamp of approval of the
New England Fire Insurance Rating Bureau or equivalent authority.

Very truly yours,

Red/S

Inspector of Buildings

Enclosure to local construction superintendent: building permit, copy of application
and copy of Building Inspector's letter of August 26, 1947
CC: Seelye, Stevenson & Value, 1141 Park Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

W. T. GRANT COMPANY

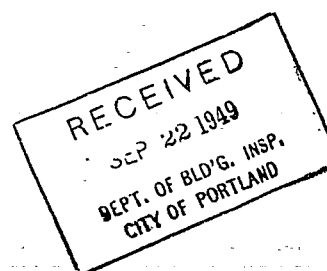
1441 BROADWAY • NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

September 21, 1949

Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Bldgs.
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Subject: Hardware on doors of the
Grant Store at 510 Congress
Street, Portland
Your letter 9/9/49



The first paragraph in your letter is correct, one leaf of a pair of doors is to have a fixed bar across it without any type of locking device; this leaf will merely have a dead bolt for the purpose of entering or leaving the store by means of lock and key.

In order to assure us of your complete satisfaction, I am asking our maintenance man to get in touch with you during the installation of this hardware.

Very truly yours,

W. T. GRANT COMPANY


P. A. Cunnius
Construction Department

PAC:TK

510 Congress Street
W. T. GRANT COMPANY -

1441 BROADWAY • NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

September 7, 1949

Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Subject: Hardware on doors of the Grant
Store at 510 Congress Street
Your letter dated 9/1/49

All store entrance doors will have crash bars of the type referred to in my previous letter, one, however, will be fixed and is being installed for looks only in order to have a uniform appearance across the entrance. This does not, in my opinion, present a hazard as it will not have a top and bottom catch. The only time the door can be locked or made unusable is when it will be locked by the store manager or another member of the store crew. This is the door which is to be used for locking up at night or entering in the morning and I feel certain this should raise no objection, as we must have some way of entering the store and I know of no other way.

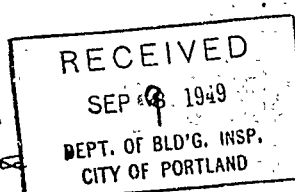
I have requested our Maintenance Department to proceed along these lines.

Very truly yours,

W. T. GRANT COMPANY

P. A. Cunnius
P. A. Cunnius
Construction Department

PAC:TK
C. C. - Mr. J. R. Leete



DT. 47/2338-1
(510 Congress Street)

September 9, 1949

Mr. P. A. Cummins
Construction Department
W. T. Grant Company
1441 Broadway
New York 18, New York

Subject: Hardware on doors of the Grant Store
at 510 Congress Street in Portland

Dear Mr. Cummins:

As I understand your letter of September 7 the single leaf of the one pair of doors which is to have a fixed bar across it, instead of a bar which will operate the locking device, is to have merely a dead bolt only by way of lock without top and bottom bolts or any other fastenings, the dead bolt to project, when in the locked position, into a mortise in the "strike" of the other door of the pair, this other door to have operating crash bar and bolts.

Thus, if my understanding is correct, in case of panic in the store and this particular door with the rigid bar had the dead bolt thrown to the locked position, the operation of the crash bar on the other door of that pair would open both doors without fail, even though damage was done to the dead bolt or the "strike" of the other door. It has been found that the strike can have the mortise enlarged or cut out in some manner so that the crash bar will open both doors without damage to either and at the same time afford security when the doors are locked against the outside.

This detail seems important because the aggregate width of all of your entrance doors from Congress Street and Free Street does not work out very well to meet the requirements of exit, taking into account the greatly increased capacity of the enlarged store in persons.

If the above understanding is not correct, it runs in my mind that probably a lockset which would give access to the store from the outside for the manager or any other authorized person could be installed in the exit door from stair tower to Free Street. This, I believe, is a single door and single-acting which would avoid all of the troubles usually encountered with double-acting doors. If that were done, it appears that all of the doors for entrance of the public both from Congress Street and from Free Street could be made uniform as to hardware.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMCD/G

CC: Mr. McNaboe, Manager
W. T. Grant Company
510 Congress Street

BP 17/2339-1
(510 Congress Street)
(Grant Store)

September 1, 1949

Mr. P. A. Cunniff
Construction Department
W. T. Grant Company
1441 Broadway
New York 18, New York

Subject: Hardware on doors of the Grant
Store at 510 Congress Street in Portland

Dear Mr. Cunniff:

The anti-panic bolt indicated on the photostat by Commonwealth Lock Company, which came with your letter of August 31, is acceptable on the basis that the bolt operated by the crash bar clear across the door will be the only fastenings on the door.

If it is decided to use this arrangement on only one door of a pair, the installer will have to adjust the dead bolt in the other door of the pair and the strike so that in event both doors should be locked solid, operating the crash bar will open both doors of the pair without fail and of course without damaging the dead bolt or the strike.

We have heard some criticism of the Gremon bolt arrangement because the bolts are so slender, but that is a matter of judgment and nothing for us to worry about as they will have to be kept in good operating condition anyway.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMcd/G
CC: Mr. McNaboe, Manager
W. T. Grant Company
510 Congress Street

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W. T. GRANT COMPANY
1441 BROADWAY . NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

August 23, 1949

Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings
Department of Building Inspection
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Subject: Door Fastenings at
W. T. Grant Company Store

In answer to your complimentary letter, I have not forgotten the matter as we do have some minor maintenance and other alteration work going on shortly; it is my intention to take care of this matter at the same time.

The specifications covering the hardware have been forwarded to our Maintenance Department and I feel certain will be completed in a reasonably short time.

Very truly yours,

W. T. GRANT COMPANY

P. A. Cunnius
P. A. Cunnius
Construction Department

PAC:TK
C. C. - Mr. J. R. Leete
Mr. M. J. McNaboe

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DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

BP 510 Congress Street-I

August 25, 1949

Mr. P. A. Cunnius
Construction Department
W. T. Grant Company
1441 Broadway
New York 18, New York

Subject: Hardware on doors of the
Grant Store at 510 Congress Street
in Portland.

Dear Mr. Cunnius:

Thanks for your prompt answer to my letter on the above subject.

In view of the fact that hardware men outside of the city have had some difficulty in supplying satisfactory hardware because they did not trouble to find out what kind would meet the requirements of our Code, I recommend strongly that you send to us or have your Maintenance Department send to us a diagram of the hardware proposed for the doors so that we may check up in advance and be sure that after it gets here and is installed there will be no further debate.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMC/G

CC: Mr. M. J. McNaboe, Manager
W. T. Grant Store
510 Congress Street

BP 27/ 2238 I
(510 Congress Street)

August 10, 1949

Mr. P. A. Cunnius
Construction Department
W. T. Grant Co.,
1441 Broadway
New York 18, New York

Subject: Ventilation system of escalator
machine room at Grant Store, 510
Congress Street, Portland, Me.,

Att: Mr. F. D. Blackstone

Dear Mr. Cunnius,

In reply to your letter by Mr. Blackstone July 26 relating to the ventilating system of the escalator room in your Portland store, I can find no requirement anywhere that the ventilation system is required in the machinery room.

Under these circumstances there is no objection on the part of this department or under the Building Code to removing the entire system if desired.

Very truly yours,

CC: The Felt Company
42 Union Street
Portland, Me.,
Att: Mr. Leland

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings.

WMCD/B

BF 47/2335 I
(510 Congress St.,)
R/9/2/M

August 10, 1949

Subject: Door fastenings at W. T. Grant
store, 510 Congress Street in Portland.

Mr. P. A. Cummins
Construction Dept.,
1441 Broadway
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Cummins,

On June 22 our Corporation Counsel, Barnett I. Shur, received notice from
your Mr. E. J. McNaboe, Manager of the Grant store in Portland, that your depart-
ment had ordered the hardware on the entrance doors to satisfy Building Code re-
quirements.

Will you be good enough to advise me as soon as possible that date you
hope to get the hardware all installed so that all of the doors in connec-
tion with your excellent store may be cleared up in the records of this department?

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings.

WMD/s

CC: Mr. E. J. McNaboe
Manager W. T. Grant Co.,
512 Congress St.,

Barnett I. Shur
Corporation Counsel

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June 7, 1949

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Mr. Maurice J. McNaboe
General Manager
W. T. Grant Company
110 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

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DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

Dear Mac:

I have before me a communication from Warren McDonald, our Inspector of Buildings, bringing to my attention the matter of the violation of our Building Code with relation to exterior door fastenings at the W. T. Grant store.

The provisions of the Building Code require this office to take action upon complaint of the Building Inspector. However, before doing so, I should like to advise you of this pending action, so that your company may, if it desires, avoid all of this legal difficulty by compliance with our Building Code.

Very truly yours,

Barnett I. Shur
Corporation Counsel

BIS:M

cc: Building Inspector

①
Iterations - Store - 510 Congress St. (local address)

W. T. Grant Co. 1441 Broadway, N. Y. 18111.

P. A. Cummings, Chief of Const. Same.

J. W. Bishop Co. 109 Foster St. Worcester, Mass.

Inspection Record

After

PERMITS	
Iterations 48/2338	✓ Elev. Escalators & Dumb Waiter 48/294
Mech. Vent. 48/123	✓ Sprinkler 48/715
✓ Steam Boiler 48/296	✓ Oil Burner 48/839 (includes oil tank)

We had no interest in the building. We did not see it. We did not see it. We did not see it.

Welder's certificate O.K. 3-23-48

7-23-47. Laying up brick wall, west side. Erection of steel started. All work at this time is at the new second floor, original of level.

7/29/47. Erection of steel progressing. Brickwork east and west walls, progressing.

11/24/47. Several inspections have been made since last noted above. 11/24/47. Called Mr. Simmons' attention to certification of welders requirement. On the date (11/24/47) side walls are up brick temporarily braced as per W.D. memo of Nov. 10, 47. Steel in place and setting of steel beams for 4th floor started. Mr. Simmons said (11/24/47) that several changes were planned, and revised prints would be forthcoming shortly.

12/3/47. Bar joist construction, 4th floor, well along. Changes governed by Mr. Cummings and Mr. McQuill, Jr. Changes in office 2nd & 3rd floor, we have not received plans or amendment as yet.

12/5/47. Bar joist construction 4th floor completed. Mr. Cummings with Mr. revised plans or amendment as yet.

12/23/47. Some concrete work plans laid.

1/2/48. Concrete work plans on, wire lathing bar joists. Mr. Cummings with Mr. revised plans or amendment as yet.

1/15/48. Some concrete 4th floor, and progress in general construction. Saw Mr. Simmons and recommended that we do not have either plans or amendment as yet.

— O.V.F. —

9-22-48

Third floor storage area, floor is badly cracked
throughout cracks appearing to be widespread and
many new cracks developed. Called Mr. Fitzpatrick
admission to fact that down at first level of floor
space (combined with apt light) had parking on
the 8th side.

1. Attention - 512 Congress St. - W. T. Grant Co.

7/14/16. At time of this inspection, third floor not started with
steep, and a signal to proceed with work.

7/14/16. Mr. McDonald and I went to see the several
crack enclosures regarding sprinkling. At this time
a noticeable crack in 3rd floor floor was observed
attention, as it was asked me to investigate.

7/14/16. I went over cracks with Mr. Timmons, he said
they were caused by them and had had an
engineer from the water system down the previous
week. His final judgment was the fault of local
aggregates. Mr. Timmons said test showed all concrete
below the required 3000, as high as 4700. One
test slip down was 1-2000. Yet they got 4390 - 3260 and
marked for work.

There were several bad cracks at the base of the
the main floor. The floor is separated into sections
constituted of Mr. Timmons. In this section cracks
were in the three inch floor concrete and in some cases
to the

7/15/16. Work progressing rapidly, as per Mr.
Timmons reports cracks and spalling mended
before it was completed, after which I was told that all
the work mentioned in Aug 26th letter. He said
this was authorized and planned but electrical
work was slow.

7/15/16. Saw Mr. Timmons regarding repairs in area
called for in letter Aug 26th. He said this is all authorized
but waiting delivery.

7/26/16. Church work almost completed, although some of
spiky features would be harder to complete.

Inspection report
W. J. Grant Jr. 400 Congress St. Boston
General Conditions on this date.

④
8-26-46
DB.

From a structural division, we are studying and
third floor to offer an alternative.

Mr. Timmerman has told me that all hardware, as
required, has been authorized, and is on order. On
this basis it is assumed that the following is true that
when a hardware is concerned it will be satisfactory
and that all other locks and fasteners, the primary
equipment, are to be removed.

Exterior - There is of course no direct means to the
outside air from this level. There is a small sign to
the left of the first floor entrance, for that reason
there is a small like like sign to the first floor.

Exterior wall hardware is not to be extended about 18" to
the exterior wall.

Exterior door to the corner does not provide the
required 36" clear air.

There is a small sign to the left of the first floor
entrance, and a small sign to the right of the first floor
entrance.

First floor - There is a small sign to the left of the first floor
entrance, and a small sign to the right of the first floor
entrance.

There is a small sign to the left of the first floor
entrance, and a small sign to the right of the first floor
entrance.

7-22-48

⑥
Third floor storage area, floor is badly cracked
throughout cracks are in part, in deep and
many new cracks developed. Called Mr. Tully about
addition to fact that during first fire
apart (and had with apt light) had pan lock on
fire exit side.

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

*A. J. [unclear]
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[unclear] 1/29*

June 24, 1949

Mr. M. J. McEuboe
Manager
F. T. Grant Company
512 Congress Street
Portland 3, Maine

Dear Mac:

Thank you for your letter of June 23. I certainly
am pleased to know that Mr. Gunnus has ordered the
installation of the panic-proof hardware. I had a
feeling all the time that if I could bring it to
your attention, the matter might be resolved without
any serious difficulty.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Barnett I. Skur
Corporation Counsel

BIS:M

cc: Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

ZONE G

FIRE DIST. 1

Verbal
By Telephone

Date 2/5/47

LOCATION 517-519 Congress OWNER W. F. O'Connell

MADE BY P. G. Kaempfe TEL.

ADDRESS Road to Mr. Cummings of 517

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING Store

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION H. C.

REMARKS: NO. OF STORIES 2

INQUIRY: How will 13 lbs rods apply to construction
2 additional stories on base of
existing structure - a building
erected from base of to present
2-story part - especially use of
steel joints and reinforcing of
steel beams?

ANSWER: Since this contains not so
much as to add that sheets approach
Heavy timber bond a couple - there
is steel and concrete masonry wall
reaches for footing
will be built through foot 20 ft
212 beams and 12 special attention
was called to 16 ft - 12 ft to 12 ft

DATE OF REPLY 2/5/47 REPLY BY W. F. O'Connell

STATEMENT OF ELEVATOR TESTS

PORTLAND, MAINE, April 23, 1942

I, LeBert E. Colpitts
as an employee of Otis Elevator Co., have personally supervised the
installation of alterations to the elevator, hatchways and enclosures at W. M. Grant Co. as permitted
under Building Permit 42138, and have personally supervised tests of loading capacity and of all brakes, inter-
locking and all other safety devices, and I do here state that, according to my best knowledge and belief, the elevator will
safely carry the maximum rated loading and all brakes, interlocking and other safety devices are in satisfactory condition.

LeBert E. Colpitts
(Signature)

PORTLAND, MAINE, _____

STATE OF MAINE

CUMBERLAND, SS:

Personally appeared the above named LeBert E. Colpitts and made oath the statements by him
subscribed are true.

Charles H. Jones
Notary Public Justice of the Peace

APPLICANT'S COPY

See 411109
Ward 4 Permit No. 42138 P
Location 510-516 Congress St
Owner W. T. Grant Co
Date of permit 2/7/42
Elev. Cont.
Statement of tests rec'd 4/24/42.
Final Notif.
Final Inspection NOT COMPLETED
Certificate issued

NOTES

3/31/42 - No statement of
tests received. No permit
in con. It is possible that
the permit was changed & shown on the
4/1/42 - Over 200
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DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS
CITY OF PORTLAND

Portland, Maine
April 25, 1942

Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Pardon me for the delay in answering your letter dated April 16th, but I had immediately forwarded to our New York office and also to The J. M. & C. J. Buckley Company a copy of your letter. But, at this writing have had no replies but am following it up in this week's report. No doubt the permits requested from the plumber and ventilation contractor have been secured.

Appreciate very much your remarks at the bottom of your letter and even though it was a very tough job and we were very lucky to come through before the government regulations took effect, I do want to express my sincere thanks to yourself and your efficient organization for their cooperation.

As regulations have cut our construction program practically to nothing I am planning to leave here for a short vacation and possibly return if some opportunity should present itself for a construction superintendent or in an executive capacity.

Yours very truly,



W. H. Lee



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PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 0412

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine April 21, 1942

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 510-516 Congress Street Use of Building Store No. Stories 1 New Building

Name and address of owner of appliance The Felt Co., 510-516 Congress Street

Installer's name and address The Felt Co., 12 Union St. Telephone 2-1039

General Description of Work

To install ventilation system as shown on plans 1/1/169

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? If not, which story Kind of Fuel

Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind)

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace,

from top of smoke pipe from front of appliance from sides or back of appliance

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

IF OIL BURNER

and type of burner Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories?

or be always in attendance? Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure)

No. and capacity of tanks

than seven feet from any flame? How many tanks fireproofed?

Cost? \$1.00 (\$1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same time.) The Felt Co.

COPY Signature of Installer By Charles H. Nelson

See 41:11169
Permit No. 42/442
Location 510-516 Congress St.
Owner W. T. Grant Co.
Date of Permit 4/23/42
Post Card sent
Notif. for insp.
Approval Tag issued 4/28/42
Oil Burner Check List (date)

1. Kind of heat
2. Label
3. Anti-siphon
4. Oil storage
5. Tank distance
6. Vent Pipe
7. Fill Pipe
8. Gauge
9. Rigidity
10. Feed safety
11. Pipe sizes and material
12. Control valve
13. Ash pit vent
14. Temp. or pressure safety
15. Instruction card
- 16.

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PERMIT ISSUED
0438

Permit No. _____
APR 15 1934

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, March 10, 1934

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 519-516 Congress St. Use of Building Store No. Stories 2 New Building Existing

Name and address of owner of appliance W. T. Grant Co., 519-516 Congress St.

Installer's name and address Holter & Brothers, Inc., 37-41 Exchange Telephone
Rochester, N. Y.

General Description of Work

To install gas stove, steam table, hot plate,

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? no If not, which story 1st Kind of Fuel gas

Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) concrete

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace, 6"

from top of smoke pipe 1' from front of appliance 1' from sides or back of appliance woodwork

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

Hood to be provided IF OIL BURNER
Vented to outside air Enclosed burners produce not more than 24,000 BTU

Name and type of burner Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories?

Will operator be always in attendance? Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure)

Location oil storage No. and capacity of tanks

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? How many tanks fireproofed?

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 (\$1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)
Holter & Brothers, Inc.

Signature of Installer John J. Holter

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Permit No. 42/408
 Location 510-516 Congress St
 Owner W.T. Grant Co.
 Date of Permit 4/15/42
 Post Card sent _____
 Notif. for insp. _____
 Approval Tag issued 4/28/42
 Oil Burner Check List (date) _____
 1. Kind of heat _____
 2. Label _____
 3. Anti-siphon _____
 4. Oil storage _____
 5. Tank distance _____
 6. Vent Pipe _____
 7. Fill Pipe _____
 8. Gauge _____
 9. Rigidity _____
 10. Feed safety _____
 11. Pipe sizes and material _____
 12. Control valve _____
 13. Ash pit vent _____
 14. Temp. or pressure safety _____
 15. Instruction card _____
 16. _____

NOTES

3/27/42 This application covers
 everything in connection
 with the restaurant's

deep fat fryer
 installation in
 is O.K. The steam table
 plate (which we call grille)
 and deep fat fryer are in
 the open against the
 wall, these have the
 questionable hood condition
 (the steam table would not be
 included regarding the hood)
 The said Gould-Farm
 installed the refrigeration
 and Fels Co. the ventilation
 therefore does not feel responsible
 for these installations. He
 would like to have you write
 him regarding the hood
 requirements. I believe he
 wants to write the main
 office as the particular
 metal is not obtainable
 now. C.D.



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PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0426

APR 17 1942

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, April 17, 1942

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 510-515 Congress Street Use of Building Store No. Stories 2 New Building Existing
Name and address of owner of appliance W. T. Grant Co., 510-515 Congress St.
Installer's name and address F. E. Cunningham Co., 343 Commercial Ave. Telephone 2-9671

General Description of Work

Burkey
To install gas fired water heater - Burner has device for automatically shutting off gas supply in case automatic heat control demands heat and the supply of gas fails to ignite.

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? yes If not, which story _____ Kind of Fuel gas

Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) concrete

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of fireproof heater room

from top of smoke p. _____ from front of appliance _____ from sides or back of appliance no woodwork

Size of chimney flue 21x21 Other connections to same flue steam heating boiler

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner _____ Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? _____

Will operator be always in attendance? _____ Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) _____

Location oil storage _____ No. and capacity of tanks _____

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? _____ How many tanks fireproofed? _____

Amount of fee enclosed? 1.00 (\$1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of Installer F. E. Cunningham Co.

Wilson A. Trapp 4/17/42

See 4/11/67
Permit No. 42/426
Location 510-516 Congress St.
Owner W. T. Grant Co
Date of Permit 4/17/42.

Post Card sent

Notif. for insp.

Approval Tag issued 4/28/42

Oil Burner Check List (date)

1. Kind of heat
2. Label
3. Anti-siphon
4. Oil storage
5. Tank distance
6. Vent Pipe
7. Fill Pipe
8. Gauge
9. Rigidity
10. Feed safety
11. Pipe sizes and material
12. Control valve
13. Ash pit vent
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- 16.

NOTES

4/17/42.

Went over automatic gas shutoff
with Mr. Lipp. There is a small
button near a gadget on the
outside that is pressed to light
gas. A tube inside expands with
the heat while burner is going
if gas goes out and tube cools
it contracts and closes supply.

OK.

O.K. to pass on to N.D.

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J. M. AND C. J. BUCKLEY COMPANY
General Contractors

45 MILK STREET, BOSTON

November 10, 1941

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DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS
CITY OF PORTLAND

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings
Department of Building Inspection
City of Portland
Portland, Maine

Re: New Building for W. T. Grant Co.
510-518 Congress Street, Portland
File - P. 41/1169-I

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, please note that the matter of the omission of the knobs on the egress doors from #2 stairway enclosure at the Free Street level has long ago been taken up with the hardware subcontractor. I am again reminding him that the hardware on these doors should be as requested in your letter.

In reference to the windows in the men's toilet, first story, east wall, please note that we have ordered these windows to be standard kalamein sash and frames with wire glass. We understand through our superintendent that such sash will be satisfactory to you. If not, will you kindly advise us at once as these sash are now in the process of fabrication.

Very truly yours,

J. M. and C. J. Buckley Co.

By: A. C. Hart
Engineer

ACH:D

Fifty-Five Years



Original Permit No. 43,1168
EXEMPTED FROM
Amendment No. 1

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, October 2, 1941

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 43,1169 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Location: 510-516 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address: W. T. Grant Co. Hancock 4470
Contractor's name and address: Automatic Sprinkler Corp. of America 89 Broad St. Boston
Plans filed as part of this Amendment: yes No. of Sheets: 1
Is any plumbing work involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?
Increased cost of work: 9.076 Additional fee: 5.00
Framing Lumber: Kind? Dressed or Full Size?

Description of Proposed Work

To install wet pipe sprinkler system in entire building, as per plans

Permit No. 43,1169
Issued from Fire Dept. 10/3/41

Approved:

Chief of Fire Department

Commissioner of Public Works

ORIGINAL

W. T. Grant Co.
By Automatic Sprinkler Corp. of America
Signature of Owner By: [Signature]

Approved: 10/28/41 [Signature]

Inspector of Buildings

Rpt. 35150-I

September 5, 1941

J. M. & C. J. Buckley Co.,
45 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of September 3rd relating to the floor loads of the proposed W. T. Grant building in this city, I have an original letter from Elwyn E. Seelye (a registered engineer in the State of New York), addressed to W. T. Grant Company which certifies that the proposed building has been designed for the following live loads:

First floor	100 pounds per square foot
Mezzanine	100 " " "
Second floor offices	100 " " "
Future second floor	120 " " "
Future roof	40 " " "
Present roof over office space	40 " " "

Very truly yours,

W McD/H

Inspector of Buildings

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J. M. AND C. J. BUCKLEY COMPANY

General Contractors

45 MILK STREET, BOSTON

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DEPT. OF BLDG. DEV.
CITY OF PORTLAND

September 3, 1941

Mr. Warren I. McDonald
Building Inspector
City of Portland
Portland, Maine

Re: W. T. Grant Store #10
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

In relation to your letter which accompanied the permit for the above subject building, will you kindly inform us whether or not the W. T. Grant Company Engineers, being the Seelye Company, have satisfied you with relation to the floor slabs meeting your code requirements.

Thanking you for your attention to this request, we are

Very truly yours,

J. M. & C. J. BUCKLEY COMPANY

By: John F. Buckley
Vice-President *J.F.*

JFB:B

Fifty-Five Years

ELWYN E. SEELYE, CHIEF ENGINEER
A. L. STEVENSON, SUPERVISING ENGINEER
H. C. LAMB, SUPERVISING ENGINEER

ELWYN E. SEELYE & CO.
CONSULTING ENGINEERS
STRUCTURAL STEEL - REINFORCED CONCRETE
WELDING - FOUNDATIONS
101 PARK AVENUE - NEW YORK
ASHLAND 4-3133-6-7

ENGINEERS IN CHARGE
V. J. PACELLO
C. M. THROOP
R. SAHLBERG
N. S. COLLYER
DIMENSIONS
C. H. HAMILTON
STEEL AND WELDING
INSPECTOR
L. A. COOK

August 29, 1941

W. T. Grant Co.
1441 Broadway
New York, New York

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DEPT. OF BLD'G. INF.
CITY OF PORTLAND

Re: Portland, Me. Store

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the floors of the store building in Portland, Me. were designed by us to carry live loads as follow:

First Floor..... 100#/sq. ft.
Mezzanine..... 100#/sq. ft.
Second Floor Offices..... 100#/sq. ft.
Future Second Floor..... 120#/sq. ft.
Future Roof..... 40#/sq. ft.
Present Roof over Office Space... 40#/sq. ft.

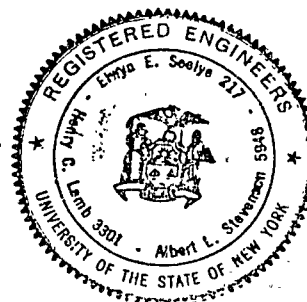
This information was requested by Mr. Sumner of your office. You have a letter from us dated, April 7, 1941 explaining this design in greater detail.

Very truly yours,

Elwyn E. Seelye
Elwyn E. Seelye.

NOTARY PUBLIC
Brown County Clerk's No. 60
Cert. Exp. in N. Y. State No. 248
Commission expires March 30, 1942

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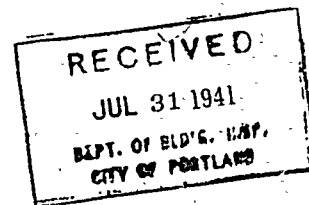
Elwyn E. Seelye
8/29/41

J. M. AND C. J. BUCKLEY COMPANY

General Contractors

45 MILK STREET, BOSTON

July 30, 1941



Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine

Re: W. T. Grant Store #10,
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

Confirming a telephone conversation of our superintendent with your office yesterday, we wish to inform you that we do not believe that the wall adjoining our property, owned by the Markson Realty Company, is being properly shored and braced by the contractors who are removing the wall.

We are enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which we are today forwarding the Markson Realty Company relative to this matter.

We do not wish to be held responsible for anything which might occur at Portland, Maine due to a lack of proper shoring and bracing.

Very truly yours,

J. M. and C. J. Buckley Co.

JFB:D
Encl.

By: 
Vice-President

Fifty-Four Years

July 29, 1941

Markson Realty Company
c/o A. Murray Ginsberg, Attorney
333 Washington Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir: Re: Grant Premises, Portland, Me.

Our superintendent at Portland, Maine has today reported to us by telephone that your contractor at Portland has removed the rear wall of the frame building adjoining the Grant property without properly bracing and shoring this building.

Because of the fact that we are excavating and blasting in the adjoining lot, as you have known for sometime, we are concerned over this condition.

We are advising you now that we will not be responsible for any damage which might occur to your building as a result of the lack of proper bracing and shoring.

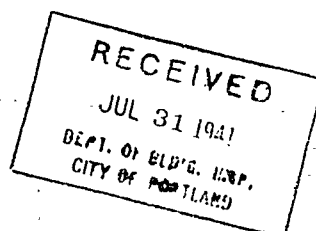
Very truly yours,

J. M. and C. J. Buckley Co.

JFB:D

c.c. W. T. Grant

By: Don F. Buckley
Vice-President



Rept. 35180-I

July 12, 1941

Mr. A. Murray Ginsberg,
c/o Markson Realty Corp
338 Washington Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of June 18, 1941 addressed to the Markson Realty Corp. and in connection with the construction of a new building for the W. T. Grant Company at 544 Congress Street, nearly a month has elapsed and I have heard nothing definite from Markson Realty Corp. as to approval or disapproval of the method proposed by the Grant Company of underpinning the wall of the Markson building on Congress Street.

Neither have I heard anything definite about the disposition to be made of the so-called "free-standing" wall which stands in the rear of the Markson building having frontage at about 10 Brown Street, the condition of the latter wall having been covered from the standpoint of this department by my letter to you of July 3rd requiring that the wall be permanently repaired, strengthened or rebuilt so as to be undoubtedly safe and sound according to building Code standards not later than July 15, 1941.

I am at a loss to understand why these matters have not been fully adjusted long before this time. As a public officer I have been trying to see that the interests of all property owners involved are reasonably taken care of, but I have no mandate from the law which I am sworn to enforce to withhold the building permit for the Grant foundation pending any adjustment between the Markson Corp. and them of common problems.

Accordingly I propose to issue the permit covering the part of the Grant foundation involving the Markson interests on July 15, 1941 with due injunctions to the Grant Company and their contractor as to safety of the free-standing wall, if you have not by that time fully taken care of its safety.

All of this is without regard for any controversy that may have to be adjusted on civil grounds between the two companies.

Very truly yours,

WTCB/H

Inspector of Buildings

CC: J. M. & C. J. Buckley Co.
45 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.

H. T. Williams, Supt. of Construction
W. T. Grant Co.
1441 Broadway, N. Y.

Mr. Lee, Supervisor Construction
W. T. Grant Co., 544 Congress Street

S. S. KRESGE COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

July 3, 1941

City of Portland

Portland, Maine

Attn: Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings

Re: Store #2250, Portland

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of June 18th, we have since checked in-
to the scheme proposed by the J. M. and C. J. Buckley Company
for underpinning our easterly wall in conjunction with the new
building which they are constructing for W. T. Grant Company,
adjoining.

We approve of the method to be employed, as shown on Buckley's
drawing G10-1, dated 6-23-41, and have so advised Mr. John F.
Buckley.

Yours very truly,

F. M. Freeman
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION
T. B. Murphey - Supervisor

F. M. Freeman/m
7-10-41

cc: J. M. and C. J. Buckley Company
Supt. E. P. Gray

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Rept. 3812C-1

July 8, 1911

W. T. Grant Company,
1441 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Attention P. A. Gannett

Gentlemen:

I regret the delay in answering your letter of June 24th relating to the pediment design for the W. T. Grant store in this city.

While I am sympathetic with your efforts toward an attractive design for this front, I am powerless to approve the design of the pediment as shown on your sheet No. 4 forwarded with your letter because it is specifically contrary to our Building Code as it relates to construction within the limits of Fire District No. 1.

There is no objection to the elimination of the brick masonry, but the wooden frame and the combustible insulating material (such as Celotex or Pransol-wood) would have to be eliminated before the design can comply with Building Code requirements.

After talking the matter over with the Chief of the Fire Department, we have concluded to accept the wooden shutters on the Congress Street front, but that is as far as we can go. It is more of an allowance than we have ever made before in my recollection within the high value part of our main fire district.

Very truly yours,

WCB/H

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W. T. GRANT COMPANY
DEPARTMENT STORES
FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

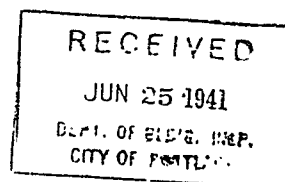
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO P. A. Cunnius

Re: W. T. Grant Store
Portland, Me.

June 24, 1941

Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
City of Portland, Maine



Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 7 addressed to J. M. & C. J. Buckley Co. relative to the revised plan for pediment design has been forwarded to me. I am somewhat disappointed, but I wish to assure you that the change in design is not made solely because we did not like the construction of the brick wall which was tentatively approved by you but also for the following reasons:

After making a more thorough investigation of the brick pediment wall and also after having additional steel installed in the necessary beams and columns to carry this added load, we found that no cement manufacturer would guarantee the stuccoing of this wall as a permanent facing because of the weather temperature in your city which changes rapidly thus affecting the stucco facing, causing it to crack and chip off in a very short time. Therefore, we were forced to change the design as shown on attached sheet #4 and we again would ask your kind consideration of this pediment detail. You will note that the amount of wood used as backing has been kept to a minimum and if necessary, we can substitute some other material such as "Celotex" or "Presdboard" or some other type board which is processed during its manufacture and made practically fireproof.

Very truly yours,

W. T. GRANT COMPANY

P. A. Cunnius
Construction Division

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att.

cc - H. T. Williams

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June 20, 1941

W. T. Williams, Supt. of Construction,
W. T. Grant Co., 1441 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Lee of your Company, we are enclosing a copy of the letter sent by this Office to the Markson Realty Corp. on June 16th, 1941.

Very truly yours,

BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

A. MURRAY GINZBERG
ATTORNEY AT LAW
185 DEVONSHIRE STREET
LIBERTY 1760

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

June 19, 1941.

Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings,
City of Portland,
Maine.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., addressed to the Markson Realty Corp.

I have asked Mr. Sumner Schein, an engineer in Boston, to go to Portland at his earliest convenience.

At the present time Mr. Schein is in North Carolina but he is expected back on Monday, and I shall ask him to go to Portland as soon thereafter as possible and discuss the matter with you and Mr. Lee, representing the Grant Company, and after receiving your judgment in the matter I am sure we can work something out.

Thanking you for the courtesy of your communication,
I am

Yours very truly,

A. Murray Ginzberg

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June 18, 1941

S. S. Kresge Company,
532 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

In connection with the construction of the proposed new store for W. T. Grant Company on Congress Street in this city, it is found necessary to underpin the easterly wall of the building which you are reported to own and in which one of your stores is located on the adjoining lot.

We have certain plans of how the underpinning is proposed to be done, and I presume that either the Grant Company or the Grant contractors have already taken up with you the matter to secure your approval for the underpinning of your wall.

We have not been able to issue the building permit to cover construction of the foundation for the Grant building yet, and before doing so I desire to have a written statement from you that your engineers have approved the proposed underpinning of your wall.

As soon as you have approved the proposed method of underpinning, will you be kind enough to give me a statement to that effect in writing, so that we may be in a position to help out the construction of the Grant job as rapidly as possible.

Very truly yours,

WMD/H

Inspector of Buildings

June 18, 1941

Markson Realty Corp.
c/o Mr. A. Murray Ginsberg,
333 Washington Street,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the construction of the new store for W. T. Grant Company in this city it is found necessary to underpin a certain portion of the westerly wall of the building which you are reported to own on Congress Street just east of the Grant site.

I understand your company has also recently acquired a certain lot with buildings on it fronting on Brown Street which backs up to the Grant site. It appears that there is a certain "free-standing" brick wall which is in bad condition and must be taken care of before the Grant operations proceed. This wall apparently is for the most part upon your property, although an inch or two of it may lie within the Grant boundaries.

I have not yet been able to issue the permit covering the construction of the foundation of the Grant building and do not wish to do so until I have written assurances from you that their proposed method of underpinning your wall of the Congress Street building has been approved by your engineers and that the question of taking care of the "free-standing" wall has been fully adjusted to the satisfaction of all.

All of this is, of course, for your protection. Will you be kind enough to notify me in writing when you have approved the underpinning of the Congress Street wall and also what adjustment has been made and who is to take care of free-standing wall? An early reply will be appreciated as we are anxious to help out that the construction work may proceed rapidly.

Very truly yours,

FWC/b/r

Inspector of Buildings

June 17, 1941

E. T. Williams, Supt.
of Construction
c/o W. T. Grant Co.
1441 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have the Seelye plan of revised foundations for your Portland store, Sheet No. S-1R and a request from your Mr. Lee that we look over these plans and see if they can be approved.

There is no basis on which we can check these drawings in any way for the very obvious reason that we have none of the information which Seelye & Company found as to bearing conditions of the soil. I have no doubt that the plans are all right, but since the changes are solely on account of the soil conditions found, you could hardly expect me to give any approval until there is in my possession a record of the findings as to the soil conditions. Will you furnish them?

In the section of underpinning represented in Section C-C on this plan there should be introduced anchorage between the upper stem of the underpinning wall and the footer, and the same applies to the underpinning under the easterly wall as shown on Section A-A.

The reason for the relocation of column footing No. 14 and for the four foot deep reinforced concrete beam as a part of the foundations between columns 8 and 9 are apparent. Presumably the reinforced concrete beam is to spread the load on the soil. If, however, either of these changes reflect changes in the superstructure, of which we do not have a record, we should be advised of the changes.

Just as soon as we have this information about the soil conditions, and as soon as we have written assurances from Kresge and Markson that they have approved respectively the underpinning of their wall, we shall be ready to issue an extended preliminary permit to cover the entire foundation, if by that time we are not ready for the final permit.

I am writing to both the Kresge people and the Markson people today to see if they can give assurances about their satisfaction with the proposed method of underpinning their walls. I understand that there is considerable discrepancy between the Kresge foundation wall as between that shown on their original plans and that actually uncovered when your building was demolished. Perhaps that will occasion some further delay. We shall try to clear all of these permits just as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

W. T. Grant

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Mr. Lee, Supervisor Construction, c/o W. T. Grant Co., 544 Cong. St.
J. M. & C. J. Buckley Co., 45 Milk Street, Boston, Mass.

Rept. 95160-I

June 7, 1941

J. M. S. C. J. Buckley Co.,
45 Milk Street,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the plan for job at 510-518 Congress Street this city, I am unable to approve the plan called alternate design for pediment (1) which your Mr. McCloud filed here a few days ago because, as explained to Mr. Curran of the Grant Company a long time ago, our Building Code will not allow such a large amount of wooden exposure in our fire district, even though covered with metal as would be represented in the wooden sheathing and the celotex insulation indicated on this plan.

If the pediment and the horizontal parapet on either side is to be made of solid brick as indicated on plan received from Mr. Curran, April 9, 1941 and later approved in a general way as to material and cornice over the telephone April 16th, and as indicated with the general plans filed with the application for the permit, and if I am interpreting these plans correctly it appears that you would have at the peak of the pediment a 12 inch thick brick wall about 15 feet in unsupported height and at the parapet portions a 10 inch brick wall about six feet in height without lateral support. I judge this must be an oversight as our ordinance provides that masonry parapet walls shall not be more than their times their thickness in height unless adequately supported laterally.

Mr. McCloud has sought my opinion concerning a section of so-called "free-standing" wall at a point in the Grant easterly property line. This wall is in bad condition being very much out of plumb on the southerly end of it, and I cannot approve building new construction around it and leaving the wall standing there. There is some question as to who owns the wall, but regardless of that the only thing that appears to be reasonable to do is to remove it and perhaps rebuild it into the new construction work in a manner agreeable to the Grant Company and the abutting property owner.

Very truly yours,

WCB/H

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Mr. McCloud, Supt.

Construction

W. T. Grant Co., 544 Congress Street

Mr. Lee, Supervisor of Construction

W. T. Grant Co., 544 Congress Street

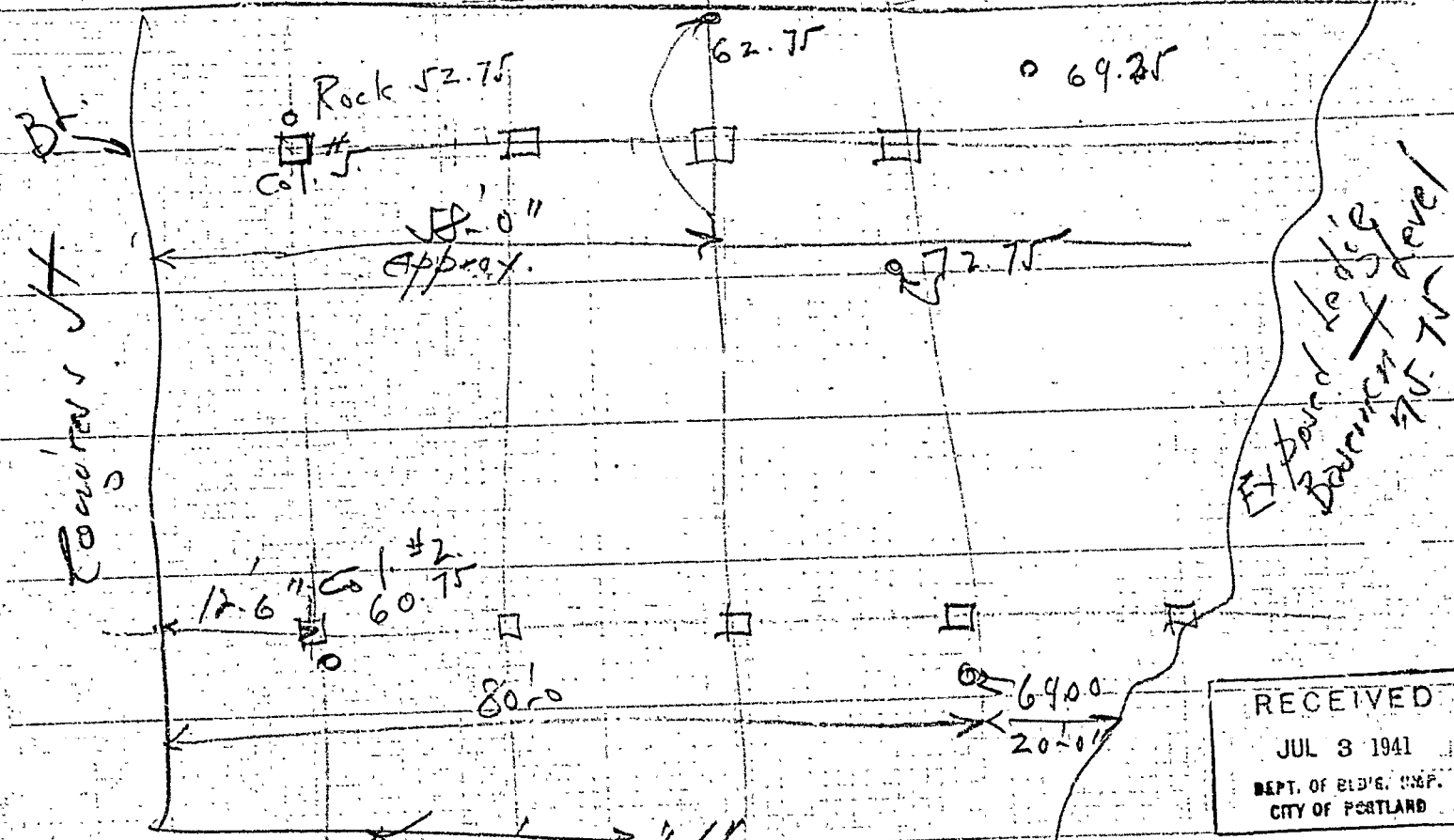
H. T. Williams, Chief of Construction

W. T. Grant Co.

1441 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Mr. McDonald

For your information B.T. Smith Co. Boston Mass
shows rock at these elevations. (will be mailed for)



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CITY OF PORTLAND

George Bldg.
W.T. Grant Co.

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April 23, 1942

Mr. H. T. Williams:

Re: Portland, Me.

In answer to Mr. Lee's letter of April 17, attached to which is a letter dated April 16, from Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings, entitled "Subject: Details to be taken care of so that final certificate of occupancy for the new Grant building may be issued."

It apparently is Mr. Lee's wishes that we endeavor to answer items 1 & 2, and I have the following to offer:

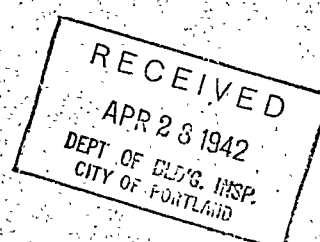
No. 1: If at all possible, I suggest that Mr. Lee try to have this request waived as such a requirement would be almost impossible as in doing so you will leave this door unlocked at all times, thus making it an easy means of ingress for those desiring or having burglarizing ideas. I feel that the existing condition is not overly hazardous as the occupancy of the second floor is very low and that the building is entirely fire-proofed throughout as well as sprinklered. The condition as it now exists is undoubtedly much safer than in the average wooden building. Also the roof which is accessible to the second floor occupants is a large area and in the event of an emergency is easily accessible from Free Street through fire department facilities.

No. 2: Here again I see no reason why the wood supports for filter frames are objectionable as the amount of wood involved is very small. Also that there are sprinkler heads above and below the area in question. I suggest that Mr. Lee do all he can to endeavor to have Mr. McDonald waive these requirements.

Would you please request Mr. Lee to have new photographs made of the store front, examining the proofs before additional copies are made as the photograph in our possession is a very poor one and if necessary, I suggest that he contact another commercial photographer. If the photographs are suitable we would like about four copies.

F. A. CUNNIUS

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P. 41/1169-I

April 10, 1942

Mr. Lee, Supervisor of Construction
W. T. Grant Company
510-518 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine

Subject: Details to be taken care
of so that final certificate of occupancy
for the new Grant building may be issued

Dear Sir:

The matters listed below remain to be taken care of before I am able to issue the final certificate of occupancy covering the legal use of the Grant building at 510-518 Congress Street. If you in your capacity for the Grant Company are not able to take care of any or all of these matters, will you be kind enough to notify me in writing at once so that I may take them up with whoever does have such authority.

1. The door leading from the open roof to stair tower No. 2 has a lockset such that the door can be locked against persons on the roof entering the stair tower to use new stairs as a means of egress. This door from roof to stair tower was to serve as the emergency means of egress for the employees using the second floor in the front of the building, and the lockset was to be such that any person could enter the stair tower from the roof at any time without the use of a key or any special knowledge. I realize this enters a question of theft, but it was recognized at the time of our agreement that this was a matter to be taken care of and in some way solved by the owner.

2. On March 31st there was in the plenum space over the show windows on Congress Street a sort of platform constructed of wood with wire mesh laid over joists and end toward main fan chamber was sheathed up with wooden sheathing. This is at the level of the access door on landing of stair tower No. 1. There was to be no combustible material in these chambers. Perhaps this is temporary only but if so should be removed.

3. Referring to paragraph 7-f of my letter of August 16th, your attention is called to the fact that the gas hot water heater has been installed without first securing a permit from this department as required. Please see to it that the permit is applied for and secured now. It must be issued to the actual installer. Since this heater is connected to the flue for the building heater, it is required to be equipped with such a safety device that should the pilot light be extinguished accidentally the entire gas supply to the heater would be automatically shut off, thus preventing the aquastat calling for heat and a large volume of gas be discharged into the live flue serving the heater with disastrous results. If the heater has this device it should be indicated so on the application for the permit over the installers signature. If it does not have such a device one will have to be provided.

4. No application has ever been made and therefore no permit issued for either the ventilation system or the refrigeration system, these being required to be filed by the actual installer. In paragraph 1-g of Mr. Cummins' letter of September 3rd in answer to mine of August 16th (both 1941) said: "Our specifications specify that all permits required shall be obtained by the various contractors to whom the work has been awarded and they should comply with all State and Local rules and regulations concerning their work." Apparently the matter of securing the permits for those jobs is a part of the fulfillment of your contract, and I hope you will see to it that the installers both comply with the building law and satisfy their contract agreements by filing a belated application for the permits in question.