

REPORT

OFFICE OF
THE POLICE COMMISSIONER

BALTIMORE, MD., January 2, 1929

*To His Excellency,
Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland.*

SIR:

I am respectfully submitting my report for year ending December 31, 1928.

The tables hereto appended give the strength, the distribution of the members and the expenses of the Department and set forth in detail with respect to the operation of the Department, in general, during the past year.

The Roll of Honor decoration was bestowed in one case where the officer lost his life in the courageous discharge of police duty; eight members of the Department were highly commended for special meritorious service, and one hundred and thirty-four members of the Department received commendation for outstanding police work. In seventy-one cases it was found necessary to try members of the Department for violation of Rules and Regulations.

The total arrests for all offenses for 1928 were greater than in 1927 but the increase is accounted for in the apprehensions for violations of Automobile Laws and Traffic Regulations. In this connection your attention is directed to the fact that during the twelve months seventeen thousand six hundred and fifty-six arrests were made for automobile violations such as reckless driving, exceeding the speed limit and other charges having to do particularly with the safety of the general public. In addition to these arrests nearly five thousand operators of motor vehicles have been warned as to the fact that their lights were faulty, or not in accord with the requirements.

You will find comparative statements of arrests showing where the decrease and increase occurred.

The crime reports for the year show very conclusively the situation that confronted the Department during the year 1928