

REPORT

OFFICE OF
THE POLICE COMMISSIONER.

BALTIMORE, MD., January 1, 1930.

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

SIR :

Pursuant to Section 751A, Article 4, of the Public Local Laws, I am respectfully submitting my report for the year ended December 31st, 1929, showing in the statements annexed, the strength and distribution of the Force and the expense of operating the Police Department, the changes occurring therein and a resumé of its work for that period.

Six members of the Department were highly commended for specially meritorious service, and one hundred and fifty-seven members received commendation for outstanding police work. In sixty cases it was found necessary to try members for violation of the Rules and Regulations.

Comparison of offenses of a serious character reported in 1929 with the number reported in the previous year shows decreases as follows:

In the case of

Aggravated Assault.	31.5%
Rape.	25.5%
Manslaughter.	14%
Larceny (not including automobiles)	13.1%
False Pretenses.	13.4%
Embezzlement.	22.5%
Burglary.	22.6%

In the case of robbery, however, an increase of 26.3% is disclosed and the number of murders was 30.4% greater in 1929. The total of complaints of serious offenses dropped 14.3%. The number of complaints cleared by arrest was 44.7%—greater by a little over 5% than in the preceding year.