

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Court - House.

Baltimore, Md., Thursday, September 14, 1911.

Board met; present, Commissioner Tome.

The minutes of the previous meeting, Monday, September 11, 1911,
were read, approved and adopted.

Sundays.

A. Division men relieved on, to Attend
Church. Com. from John A. O'Connor.

In the matter of the communication from John A. O'Connor, suggesting that members of the force be relieved early Sunday evenings for the purpose of attending church, as referred to in the proceedings of September 11th., 1911, a report, as follows, was received from the Marshal and the recommendation, as therein made, was approved with the understanding that if it should be found after trial that the privilege suggested by the Marshal is abused or interferes with the proper discharge of police duty, a further report in the premises be made by the Marshal:

"Baltimore, Md., September 14th., 1911.

To The Honorable,

The Board of Police Commissioners.

Gentlemen:-

In connection with the attached communication from Mr. John A. O'Connor suggesting an early relief of officers from duty on Sunday evenings in order that they may have an opportunity to attend Church services, I beg to say that I interviewed the various Captains upon the subject and their individual views are expressed in the attached reports.

In my judgment no general rule should be established to allow all members the privilege of going off duty earlier on Sunday evenings, but should any individual desire to attend Church service he will make the fact known to his Captain and that the Captain be given the power to grant his request, in other words, let it be discretionary with the Captain.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS F. FARNAN, Marshal."

(See Exhibit No. 3548.)