

Gentlemen:-

I beg, respectfully, to submit, herewith, several statements as to Captain Charles M. Cole, Southern District, assaulting and arresting one Alverta Bell, colored, on the morning of September 5th., 1911.

After carefully going over these statements, and taking into consideration the character of this Bell woman, I cannot see wherein Captain Cole over-stepped his authority in handling her the way he did.

Immediately after receipt of the complaint as to Captain Cole assaulting this woman while arresting her, I had the head of this woman examined and the report I received was to the effect that not even a scratch was noticeable on her head.

The neighborhood from which the Bell woman was arrested is quite a disorderly one and the officers experience much difficulty from time to time in subduing disorderly negroes.

I would respectfully recommend that the complaint against Captain Cole be filed without further action.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS F. FARNAN, Marshal."

(See Exhibit No. 3554.)

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Trees, - Southern District.

A report, as follows, was received and the recommendation as therein made was approved:-

"Baltimore, Md., September 18th., 1911.

Thomas F. Farnan, Marshal of Police.

Sir:-

In connection with the attached report of Captain Charles M. Cole, Southern District, relative to trees being in close proximity to the station-house building, beg to say that the trees are inside of the railing almost against the wall of the station-house - in fact the branches are lying against the wall which discolors the wall, darkens the station and permits caterpillars to crawl in the station-house.

The trees are ill-looking and I would therefore respectfully recommend their removal.

Very respectfully,

JAMES MANNING, Deputy Marshal.