

The Petition of Sergeant Frank J. Plum respectively shows to your Honorable Board that at the trial

FIRST. That at the time of trial of Captain Ward before your Honorable Board charges preferred by Sergeant Hurley a large part of the defence of Captain Ward consisted of insinuations and accusations against your petitioner, Frank J. Plum.

SECOND. That acting upon accusations made in the trial of Captain Ward an accusation was drawn up and presented to this Board on January 15th., 1910 making certain grave charges against your petitioner.

THIRD. That your petitioner was placed upon trial on said charges on the 25th. day of January, 1910, drawn on the same day January 25th., 1910, before he had an opportunity of presenting all of the testimony in his behalf and which he had in the Board Room for that purpose this Board dismissed the charges and found your petitioner "Not guilty".

FOURTH. That the said charges involved the character of your petitioner as well as his integrity and honesty as a member of the Police Force of Baltimore City.

FIFTH. That on account of the gravity of the situation and to save his position as a member of the Police Force and to establish his innocence of the charges against him your petitioner was compelled to engage counsel and did engage Mr. Luther E. Mackall and Mr. S. S. Fields and to these gentlemen he was compelled to pay as counsel fee the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200.) as well as to expend the sums for detective services, witnesses, Court costs and so on, bringing his total costs up to the sum of Five Hundred and thirty-seven dollars an itemized statement of which is attached to your petition.

SIXTH. That his counsel presented a bill to this Board as counsel fees in this matter and on February 3rd., 1910 Mr. S. S. Fields was notified by Mr. Kinsey, the Secretary of the Board, that in as much as Sergeant Plum had failed to obtain previous permission of the Board for the employment of counsel in the matter of charges preferred against him that the Board would not be justified in allowing counsel fee for services in defending him.

SEVENTH. That your petitioner is since informed that it was a rule of the Board requiring him to obtain such previous permission as he desired the Board to compensate him for his