

Her physical condition is such at the present time, in the opinion of those who are in a position to know, that she is not likely to live a very long time.

I have endeavored to bring out all the facts, and present them to your Honorable Board as plain and clearly as possible.

Yours respectfully,

STEPHEN R. MASON,
Forest Park."

And to the letter, as above, answer, as follows, was sent:-

"Baltimore, Md., July 9th., 1912.

Mr. Stephen R. Mason,
Garrison near Calloway avenue,
My Dear Mr. Mason:-

I have your letter of the 8th. instant, in regard to Miss Edith McClenahan. The Board considered her case very carefully and in order to ascertain whether it had the right to appropriate any part of the Pension Fund to her, called on its counsel for an opinion, with the result that we were advised that under the law we have no right to pay her any amount of money. If she had served for sixteen years she would be entitled to one-half pay, as I understand the law.

The Act passed by the Legislature in 1912 authorized the Commissioners to make a payment not to exceed one year's salary to any worthy police officer who might have served less than sixteen years, but this law did not include the matrons in its terms.

If we are wrong in our construction of the law we should be very glad to give consideration to Miss McClenahan's application, but as we are at present advised we have no power to do so.

I think you are wrong in your suggestion that the Counsel to the Board is of the opinion that there are any circumstances by which we can pay a pension to her; since she has not served for sixteen years and is not incapacitated by reason of an injury received in the course of her official duty.

I find upon consulting the records that Mrs. Close was appointed in 1892 and retired in 1910.

Very truly yours,

MORRIS A. SOPER, President.

(See Survey File and Exhibit No. 4004.)

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer submitted to the Board, as required by law, his report of the receipts and disbursements of the General and Special Funds, as follows, for the six months ended June 30th, 1912:

General Fund.

Receipts.

Mayor and City Council:		
Acct. Police Commissioners	\$611,810.29	
Acct. Police Examiners...	3,000.51	\$614,810.80

Disbursements.

For Salaries:	
Police Commissioners.....\$	3,750.00
Secretary.....	1,250.00
Assistant Secretary.....	900.00
Marshal.....	1,700.00
Deputy Marshal.....	1,400.00