

A communication, as follows, was received:-

"Baltimore, Md., July 22nd., 1912.

To The Honorable,

The Board of Police Commissioners.

Gentlemen:-

In connection with the attached request of Lieutenant Shockley and Round Sergeant Leverton, both of the Western District, for leave of absence - the former for fourteen days, commencing August 3rd., and ending August 17th., and the latter, for 17 days, commencing August 2nd., and ending August 19th.

As both of these officers are doing night duty at the time they desire leave of absence, I do not approve their requests for the reason that it will weaken and cripple the executive force of the Western District during this period.

By granting leave of absence to these two officers it would necessitate the drawing of a night Squad Sergeant from the street to act as Night Lieutenant, and at the same time the Western District would be without a night Round Sergeant; furthermore, as Captain Morheiser has already applied for fifteen days leave of absence, beginning August 9th., and ending August 24th., 1912, and the same having been granted on July 19th., by Marshal Farnan, this would mean that from August 9th., to 17th., the Western District would be without the services of a Captain, Night Lieutenant and Night Round Sergeant.

As the Western District is quite an important district, I would, respectfully, recommend that the applications for leave of absence of Lieutenant Shockley and Round Sergeant Leverton be not granted for the time specified.

The Lieutenants and Round Sergeants of each district, by consulting each other, could very readily be granted a number of days leave of absence during the Summer months without conflicting with each other, and at the same time not seriously weaken the working force of the respective districts.

Very respectfully,

JAMES MANNING, Deputy Marshal."

The recommendation of the Deputy Marshal, as above, was approved. (See Exhibit No. 4036.)

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