

File No. 26041 Continued.

On January 9th, the Mayor named Isaac S. Field as School Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by A. T. Chambers, deceased. The Mayor acted under the following clause in Section 25 of the Charter:-

"All vacancies occurring in any of the offices which the Mayor is empowered to fill during the recess of the Second Branch, unless otherwise provided in this article, shall be filled by the Mayor until the next regular meeting of the Second Branch, at which meeting the Mayor shall present the name of the person for confirmation to fill said vacancy."

It appears that the Council adjourned on December 18th to meet January 12th, and it was during this recess that the appointment was made. I understand that Mr. Field has taken the oath, signed the test book and that there has been issued to him a commission of appointment.

In addition, his name was sent to the Council at its next regular meeting yesterday afternoon. Mr. Field is, therefore, a member of the Board and entitled to participate in the conduct of its affairs.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) Roland R. Marchant,
City Solicitor.

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File No. 25882

Baltimore, January 20, 1920.

Major Joseph W. Shirley,
Chief Engineer, Topographical Survey Com.,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:

Further referring to your letter of January 15th, in which