

File No. 46845

Baltimore, December 30, 1926

Mr. P. W. Wilkinson  
Secretary, Board of Fire Commissioners  
Gay and Lexington Streets  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

This morning you made inquiry of me by telephone as to whether or not under Section 51 of Article 11 of the Baltimore City Code of 1906, the Fire Department could pay the reward specified therein to policemen who complied with the provisions of the Section.

In answer to this inquiry, I beg to advise you that I can find no legal prohibition to such action. The only possible objection which occurs to me is that there may be some regulation within the Police Department itself preventing policemen from taking rewards for the apprehension of persons turning in false alarms. This latter consideration is not within my province and is a matter which should be ascertained prior to any action being taken by you in furtherance of this opinion.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) EBEN J. D. CROSS, JR.  
Deputy City Solicitor

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