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A Lady Commissioner.

Appointment of Lavinia Engle to the Board of Montgomery County Commissioners has been welcomed by the large number of Washingtonians who have followed her active career in recent years. In spite of close political affiliations with Gov. Ritchie, Miss Engle is far from being merely a politician. Her wide knowledge of sociology and economics, her sterling service as executive secretary of the Maryland League of Women Voters and her independence as a member of the State Legislature from Montgomery County, have long endeared her to all Marylanders who have the cause of good government at heart.

Coincident with Miss Engle's assumption

of office as the first woman commissioner in Montgomery County, a Rockville attorney has challenged her appointment on constitutional grounds. It is alleged that she was a member of the State Legislature when it raised the Commissioners' salaries from \$1,200 to \$1,800 a year. Consequently, it is now up to Miss Engle to show cause why she should not be removed from her new office. It is an issue which the new commissioner must confront squarely. But the idea that she could not show good cause for holding this or any other position of trust will be laughable to those who know Miss Engle.