

File No. 13855

Baltimore, January 2, 1912.

Hon. S. S. Field,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:

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I beg to reply to your letter, enclosing one from Mr. Thrift, dated December 22, 1911, in regard to the National Junior Republic.

I understand, from the correspondence, that the boys committed to the National Junior Republic, on behalf of the City, sometimes run away and remain for a greater or less period of time. The National Junior Republic desires to know whether they should charge for the time during which these boys are away.

In reply to this question I beg to advise that both the act and the contract are silent in regard to this matter. The contract simply provides that the National Republic shall support and maintain boys committed to it by the City and receive for such maintenance and support a certain specified sum of money. Inasmuch as there is no cost to the National Junior Republic when boys are absent, the Republic could not be allowed for any period of time during which the boys were away. As I understand from the correspondence, however, that the Republic is to pay more or less expense in getting the boys back, I think such cost as they may be put to for this purpose should be legitimately allowed to them under the contract.

Truly yours,

(Signed) Alexander Preston,
Deputy City Solicitor.

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