

City Service Commission (cont'd)

Your Commission is entitled to satisfactory evidence that the appointing officer, and not a subordinate, made the appointment. In the event the Commission doubts the integrity of the report in a particular case, the Commission may request further evidence that the report is genuine.

The real question involved is not so much whether the appointing officer has authority to delegate the power of appointment to a subordinate, as it is what evidence the Commission should require that the report is genuine.

Doubtless, the Head of each City Department will be glad to furnish the Commission a letter over the signature of the appointing officer, giving the names of the subordinates in the respective departments who are authorized to sign such reports on his or its behalf.

Very truly yours,

/s/ THOMAS N. BIDDISON
City Solicitor

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/s/ ALLEN A. DAVIS

File No. 86941

February 2, 1951

To the Honorable, the President and Members of
The Board of Estimates of Baltimore City
City Hall
Baltimore - 2, Maryland

Gentlemen:

Under date of January 17, 1951, the Board referred to the City Solicitor for report and recommendation, a copy of a letter dated January 16, 1951, from Mr. J. Cookman Boyd, Jr., counsel for the Lexington Market Authority. Mr. Boyd requests the Board to instruct the proper city officials to issue for the nominal sum of \$1.00 per year certain minor privilege permits required in connection with the construction of the new Lexington Market. The usual charge for these permits, according to the Minor Privilege Division, is \$721.80 per year.