

it at the request of the County Commissioners, on the ground that the bill is mandatory and unlimited as to time, and the Commissioners have the authority to provide for Mrs. Ross under their general powers.

(Chapter 437, Senate Bill 97)

This Bill directs the Board of Welfare to pay a pension of \$1,000 a year to Fred A. Diffenbauch. Mr. Diffenbauch was formerly a guard and assistant warden at the Penitentiary, but his connection with the institution was severed on September 13, 1905. I have been advised of no reason which would justify granting him a pension after the lapse of almost twenty-four years. The bill will be vetoed.

STATION HOUSE MATRONS IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(Chapter 259, House Bill 85)

This bill provides for eight additional Station House Matrons in order that they may work on an eight-hour per diem basis. No funds have been provided for these additional matrons, and there are objections to any law which specifically limits the working hours of those connected with the Police Department to any particular period of time. The Police Commissioner contemplates certain changes in the Department, which would likely have the effect of putting the matrons on an eight-hour basis without any law, and without increasing their number. I am, moreover, approving Chapter 287, House Bill 420, which increases the pay of the matrons from \$32.50 per week to \$35.00 per week.

For the above reasons, House Bill 85 will be vetoed.

NON-SUPPORT CASES.

(Chapter 233, House Bill 341)

This bill provides that the wife shall not be entitled to support if the jury finds that she has committed any act which would preclude her from securing a divorce from her husband.

This would enable the husband to raise in a non-support case every issue which he could raise if he were being sued for a divorce. The two proceedings are not similar, and the