

"for drinking while on duty", the officer was charged with "being under the influence of intoxicating liquor" and admitted that the accusation was well-founded. In writing me, Commissioner Stanton states that he has maintained a policy of dealing more drastically with officers who are intoxicated than with those who were merely charged with drinking.

It is admitted that Officer Klinge had a favorable record in the Army and has since his discharge been an active member of the Veterans' organizations. It is also stated that his record in the Police Department, other than in this particular instance, was good. The important consideration, however, seems to be that there is a regular method by which such members can seek reinstatement. To undertake by Legislative enactment the compulsory reinstatement of an officer when all the facts may not be before the General Assembly, would destroy the purpose of the requirements for reinstatement as set out in the general law.

The Police Commissioner is the legally constituted head of the Police Department and he gives it as his definite opinion that reinstatement in this manner is wrong and would be unfair to others who have been denied similar treatment.

Under the circumstances, therefore, I am acting in accordance with the Commissioner's recommendation and am vetoing the Bill.

RACING.

Chapter 783 (Senate Bill 316). This enactment covers the same subject matter as does Chapter 994 which was House Bill No. 642 and which latter Bill has received executive approval.

Both measures carry out the recommendation of the Maryland Racing Commission, pertaining to necessary regulations for the emergency.

The Racing Commission and also the Attorney-General, in requesting the approval of Chapter 994, asked that Senate Bill 316 be vetoed because of the fact that it duplicates the former, and for this reason, I am disapproving Senate Bill 316.

ROADS.

Chapter 861 (Senate Bill 475). The State Roads Commission advises that the cost would be prohibitive if executive approval is given this Bill which required the State Roads Commission to take over and maintain a road of approximately 10 miles in length to the public landing on Sinepuxent Bay in the 10th Election District of Worcester County.

Estimates of from \$150,000 to \$200,000 are given as the possible cost of this suggested improvement. Under present