

*of the mayor, provided, however, that he may be dismissed by the board of aldermen at any time for cause. He shall have full and absolute charge of all policemen under the direction of the board of aldermen. He shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be required of him from time to time by ordinance or by rules and regulations adopted by the board of aldermen.*

*(b) If any member of the police force of the City of Frederick, who is within the provisions of the Merit System of said police force, shall be appointed Chief of Police, such person shall, at the conclusion of his term or terms as Chief of Police, be entitled to reinstatement to his former position without loss of any of his rights and privileges under said Merit System, or to such higher grade or position to which the mayor and board of aldermen may appoint him, but subject to all the provisions of the laws relating to the police force of said City.*

## INVESTIGATIONS

*199. In addition to the Director of Public Safety or Chief of Police, there shall be two lieutenants, two sergeants, and two desk sergeants, all of whom shall be appointed by the mayor, as occasion may require, subject to approval of the board of aldermen, all of whom shall be under the direction and supervision of and receive their order of duties from the Director of Public Safety or Chief of Police. All promotions in the personnel of the police force shall be made by the mayor, subject to approval of the board of aldermen. All members of the force shall perform the duties now or hereafter prescribed by ordinance or rules and regulations passed in pursuance therewith. The board of aldermen may by ordinance increase or decrease the number of lieutenants, sergeants, and desk sergeants herein provided for, when in its judgment it shall be proper to do so.*

*Whenever any investigation authorized by this charter has been instituted by the police commissioners of the City of Frederick or by the board of aldermen, both boards shall have the right upon application to one of the trial magistrates of the City of Frederick to cause summons and subpoena duces tecum to be issued for witnesses, papers, and other documents, to be produced before either of said boards, at the time designated in the summons. Both boards shall have the right to administer oaths to those who appear before them as witnesses and may require all testimony to be taken under oath. Any person who shall fail or refuse to obey any such summons shall,*