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Hon. A. B. Alger.

My dear Sir;-

I trust I am not intruding in saying a word in regard to the appointment of the new police sergeants. What I am about to say I say to you absolutely of my own motion, and without the knowledge of the men whose names I propose to mention. I think you will admit that my position gives me opportunities of knowing and understanding the members of the police force of our city as well at least as any other man; at all events if you will not go as far as that with me you will admit that I have gained a considerable knowledge of the men who comprise the force. On looking over the list of names of those who had applied to take the examination for promotion I was surprised to find upon it so many whom I should consider absolutely unfit for a sergeancy; there were two men in the list who I consider to be among the best of our men: James E. Murray and Charles W. Priest. I think that if these men pass the examination, as it seems to me they must, your appointment of them would be universally approved, would be a credit to you and the men I think, would by their course after rpomotion more than justify their selection. I have always been able to put confidence in what these men say in court, they are

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gentlemanly and Murray, particularly, has an excellent knowledge and understanding of an officer's rights and duties. Priest's experience as house-man at Station 2 would stand him in good stead were he promoted. I sincerely trust that if the promotions are made you will see your way clear to give two of the positions to these officers.

Very truly yours,

Chester F. Sanger

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Judge Sanger

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