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Petition

Dept.

No.

IN THE
SUPERIOR COURT
KING COUNTY
STATE OF WASHINGTON

Plaintiff

vs.

Defendant

FRED H. PETERSON

Attorney for

OFFICE, ROOMS 1, 2 & 3, OLYMPIC BLOCK,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

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Attorney for

Petition for payment
of reward to A. L.
Hartley of reward
offered for the slayer
of one Bridwell

B. of A.

H. of D.

No

By

Date

Comm

1/28/95

Claimant

Chapman

FILED

JAN 28 1895

R. F. Stewart Clerk.
by G. K. Myrell Deputy

Common Council
Seattle

Petition of
Albert L. Hartley
for reward

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on

Claims

to whom was referred

Petition of A. L. Hartley

*asking award for information
leading to the capture of Thos. Blank
Beg leave to recommend that he
be allowed the sum of \$25.00*

J. F. Brewer
J. H. Crompton

Chairman.

Committee.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Claims to Dr Chapman
to whom was referred the petition of A. G. Hartley acting
for award for information given that
led to the capture of Thomas Blank,
beg leave to report, recommending that an
award of \$25.⁰⁰ be given young Hartley, providing
we have assurance that this full amt,
will go to A. G. Hartley if appropriated.

PASSED H. OF D.
FEB 4 1895

Date adopted _____ 189__

G. A. James CHAIRMAN.
F. P. Little
Goodhue } Committee.
Chapman

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To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of
Seattle:

Your petitioner respectfully represents, that he is 18 years of age and is engaged in running an elevator for a living; that on the morning of October 4th 1894 he learned that one Bridwell had been murdered by an unknown person at the corner of Main and South 3rd streets in Seattle in a saloon and that for the purpose of procuring information concerning the murdered and to affect the arrest of such murderer a reward had been offered by the chief of police of Seattle in the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars; that by reason of said reward petitioner made it his business to examine persons of suspicious character and particularly persons of unknown character in the Bay View House on West St.; that petitioner left his work at the elevator during October 4th 1894 for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not a certain person then at the Bay View House was the murderer of said Bridwell and that petitioner by reason of such investigation, came to the conclusion that an unknown person then staying at said Bay View House was the murderer; petitioner not being an officer of the law and not being strong physically notified and informed the officer of the city, to-wit: Dective Cudihee of all the facts then in his possession and known to him concerning said person suspected by petitioner, and said Cudihee thereupon as an officer of the city, upon the information furnished him by petitioner, immediately arrested said person pointed out by petitioner, who then gave his name as Thomas Blanc~~k~~ and said Blanc~~k~~ was thereafter convicted of the murder of said Bridwell in the Superior Court of King County and sentenced to be hanged; that petitioner has been

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advised that upon a strict technicality the city might defeat all claim for reward, and petitioner submits to this honorable body whether or not he should not in some manner be rewarded for the efforts he put forth to effect the capture of said Blanc, and therefore requests that your honorable body will allow him such portion of said reward as may be deemed just and equitable under

all the circumstances. *petitioner files herewith a petition of many tax payers and leading citizens urging that the reward be paid.*

Petitioner.

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To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of
Seattle,

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, residents and tax payers of the
City of Seattle, having learned that your honorable body have
declined to allow Albert L. Hartley any portion of the reward
offered in relation to the arrest and capture of Thomas Blanco, do
hereby respectfully petition that the common council of the City
of Seattle allow him such portion of the reward as may seem just
and proper under the circumstances.

J. P. Gleason

Edwin Ripley

A. P. Haslow

J. A. Lassborn

W. H. Humphrey

J. S. Mitchell

Frank Beach

John Cole

J. A. McKim

H. G. Johnson

C. O. James

J. A. Madigan

Louis D. Bruno

Wm. MacKinnon
A. G. Jensen

I think the
boy who gave the
information leading
to the arrest of
Blanco should
have the reward

J. P. Rowan,

Le M. Sheafe

H. Stuber

Wm. G. ...

W. H. Lettiner

Ovid A. Byers

Alfred ...

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C. E. Ross

Geo. A. Virtue

P. B. Morton

D. H. H. H. H. H.

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H. D. Schuyler

John G. Barnes

Edmund Peters

Rev. J. Kenney

C. D. Emery

C. H. Hanford

Chas. R. Jensen

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J. J. Benson

W. H. Sherman

Chamford

R. C. Oachour

Er. Alexander

J. W. Van Brocklin

O. B. Hunt

Joseph Gumbel

J. J. Hayden

Francis Blodgett

J. A. White

John A. Luce

J. R. Ballard

A. Macintosh

J. V. Spencer

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Petition of
A. L. Hartly
for reward
offered for apprehension
of the slayer of
Char Bridwell

B. of A.

H. of D.

No

By

Date

Comm

12/3/94

Claims

Rejected

Jan 21, 1895

Filed Nov 19, 1894
R. F. Stewart City Clerk
by [Signature]

Seattle, January 21, 1895.

To the House of Delegates:

Your Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of A. L. Hartley for the payment of the reward offered by Chief Rogers for the capture of Thomas Blanck, the murderer, begs leave to report:-

(1) That the reward was offered for the capture of the murderer, and not for information leading to apprehension of the said Thomas Blanck.

(2) That the capture was made by two members of the police force, viz: Detective Cudihoe and Patrolman Corbett, both of whom exhibited a great deal of courage in the performance of this duty, and that they, if any one, would be entitled to the reward offered for the capture.

(3) That Sec. 5 of Article VII of the City Charter, as amended at the last election, and as quoted in the accompanying communication of the City Comptroller, expressly provides that "No member of the police force shall receive any fees nor any compensation whatever, directly or indirectly, from the city, county or state for any service rendered or act done, while a member of such police force, other than the salary above provided for."

(4) That since the Charter prohibits the policemen who really earned the reward from receiving it, your committee is of the opinion that no reward should be paid and therefore recommends that the petition be rejected.

A. James Chairman.
G. H. Little
Frank W. Goodhue

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The City of Seattle

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Seattle, Washington January 13, 1895.

Hon. J. A. James,
Chairman Committee on Claims,
House of Delegates.


Dear Sir:

It is my opinion that there is a Charter inhibition against a member of the Police force receiving any portion of the reward proposed for the capture of Thomas Blanck. Section 5 of Article VII, as amended last March, is as follows:

Sec. 5. Each member of the police force shall receive a salary to be fixed by ordinance, which shall not be increased or diminished within one year after his appointment. No member of the police force shall receive any fees or nor any compensation whatever, directly or indirectly from the city, county or state for any services rendered or act done, while a member of such police force, other than the salary above provided for, except witness fees in the Superior Court.

It is plain that the men who made the capture cannot receive any share of the reward. The proposition of Chief Rogers was that he would give \$250 for the capture of Blanck. Now if the capturers of the murderer cannot receive the reward I can see no reason why anyone else should. However that is a matter of policy for the Council and your committee to consider. The other part of the question is not open to construction or evasion.

Yours respectfully,


City Comptroller.

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Chambers of the Board of Aldermen

Seattle, Wash. Nov. 26th 1894

Mr President -

Your Com. on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of A. L. Hatley relating to the reward offered for the capture of Blanch. believe that a proper adjustment of the matter ^{would be} an equal division among all those taking part in the capture.

Hatley Cudihy and Corbett.
We further refer you the communication of the
H. J. Compton
J. P. Sweeney
Chief of Police

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To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Seattle

Polis Gentlemen: other facts herein set forth claim to be omitted

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1894; that petitioner by reason of the offer made by the Chief of Police and the other facts herein set forth claims to be entitled to the aforesaid reward of Two hundred and fifty dollars.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that your honorable body will pay said reward and so will ever pray.

A. G. Hailley

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