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This language clearly indicates that fines imposed under this Section are to be divided equally between the City and the informer, and that the City is only entitled to one-half of the net fine imposed in any particular case.

It is, accordingly, my opinion that one-half of the fine imposed in this instance, namely, the sum of \$25.00, should be paid to the informer, Martin Priller, and that such payment should be made from the Magistrates' Fines Account, and not from the Contingent Fund of the Board of Estimates.

I am returning herewith the certificate from Magistrate O'Donnell, showing that the informer in this instance was Martin Priller.

Very truly yours,

(signed) A. WALTER KRAUS
City Solicitor.

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Encl.

Baltimore, October 15, 1929.

To the Honorable Members
of the Board of Estimates,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

According to the attached certification of Joseph P. O'Donnell, Magistrate of the Southern District, Perry Countryman, 5507 Stewart Avenue, Captain of the S.S. "William Ison", was convicted by him of unlawfully pumping and discharging refuse oils, etc., in the harbor, and a fine of \$50.00 was imposed by Judge O'Donnell on said Perry Countryman. This fine is creditable to the account in our revenue ledger entitled "Magistrates' Fines."

According to Article 15, Section 48, of the 1927 edition of the City Code, the informer is entitled to one-half of the fine imposed.