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RHODE ISLAND

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

John L. McElroy CLERK

January 30, 1984

To The Honorable Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Mayor and
The Honorable Council of the City of Providence

I hereby submit herewith the following report of the operations of the Probate Court of the city of Providence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982 and ending June 30, 1983.

During the last fiscal year the probate court received the sum of \$98,721.73.

From July 1, 1983 to December 31, 1983 we have collected \$54,701.10, which is approximately \$8000.00 more than the like period a year ago when the collections were only \$46,825.35.

Assuming that the receipts will continue as they have in the past year I would anticipate the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984 will be around \$98,000.

The number of will probated increased this year to 315 from 283 which were probated in the prior fiscal year. However, petitions for administration declined to 112 from 117 in the prior year. The resultant increase in overall new decedent cases is in contrast to the past few years when both petitions for wills and for administration showed declines. This year there were no petitions for the filing and recording of foreign wills.

Petitions for guardianship granted by the court this year were 79 against 65 petitions in the prior year. There were 8 petitions for conservatorship granted by the court this year as against 13 last year. There were no petitions for adoption granted this year.

Petitions for change of name increased slightly this year to 104 from 103 in the prior year.

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We opened 8 new registry accounts in the sum of \$52,557.96 for absentees and unknown heirs. This past year we turned over to the General Treasurer in excess of \$800,000.00 as a result of the Supreme Court decision on escheat.

In the past fiscal year the court processed 178 final accounts of executors, administrators and guardians. In addition to these final accounts there were also 161 annual accounts filed by guardians and conservators. There were 76 petitions for sale of real estate filed by guardians, executors and administrators. In addition thereto there were 126 miscellaneous petitions filed for various reasons. All of the above accounts, sales and petitions were processed by the staff of the court, advertised when necessary, and granted by the court during this period.

There were 436 inventories of various types filed by the fiduciaries of these estates and the necessary fees were collected.

There was an increase in the number of affidavits of completed administration filed in lieu of final accounts from 191 to 205.

This office is authorized only three clerks, including the Deputy Clerk and we need a minimum of four clerks to operate efficiently. Again I call your attention to the fact that as a result of this lack of personnel, microfilming and record keeping has been neglected and I am concerned about the safe keeping of some of our records. Frequently with sickness and vacations, only one person is available to conduct the business of this department.

There is presently no backlog of pending trials or decisions, and any matters pending on the docket may be disposed of at any time at the convenience of the attorneys involved.

Respectfully submitted,


John L. McElroy,
Clerk

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