

MACLAY REMOVAL LEGAL

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Mr. MacLay's letter is as follows: "NAVY YARD, NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—John R. Proctor, Civil Service Commissioner, New York, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1901. Dear Sir:—I am directed by the president of the civil service commission on the following points: 1. Has the president of the United States any authority under the civil service act to demand the resignation of a civil service employe under this commission?"

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Father Christopher Koenig. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—Rev. Father Christopher Koenig, aged 60 years, died at St. Mary's hospital, East St. Louis, today, on the thirty-third anniversary of his departure from St. Henry's church, East St. Louis, where he had been pastor since 1872. He was in the hospital about one month.