

train finally started for Washington ; attempts were made to hinder it, by placing obstructions on the track of the Rail Road, but by the interference of the police these were soon removed.

The City authorities were meanwhile informed that there had been another arrival of military, who were then at the Philadelphia Depot. The Marshal of Police hastened to that point, and as it was impossible for them at that time to be taken through the streets, without a general and bloody conflict, he protected them with a party of his Police, until they were sent back by the Rail Road Company in the cars to Havre de Grace. During the afternoon and night a large number of stragglers from some of the above detachments of troops sought the aid and protection of the Police ; they were safely cared for at the several station-houses, and were sent off in security, by the earliest opportunity to Havre de Grace or Philadelphia in the cars.

The same night the Board had a meeting, when the opinion was unanimously expressed, that it was utterly impossible from the state of the public mind, that any more forces from other States, could by any probability, then pass through the City to Washington, without a fierce and bloody conflict at every step of their progress, and that whatever might be the result, great loss of life, and imminent danger to the safety of the City, would necessarily ensue. The Board were equally unanimous in their judgment that as good citizens, it was their duty to the City, and to the State of Maryland, to adopt any measures whatsoever, that might be necessary at such a juncture, to prevent the immediate arrival in the City of further bodies of troops, from the Eastern or Northern States, though the object of the latter might be solely to pass through the City. It was suggested that the most feasible, if not the most practicable mode, of thus stopping for a time, the approach of such troops, would be to obstruct the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore and the Northern Central Rail Roads, by disabling some of the bridges on both roads. His Honor the