

It is deemed unnecessary to refer to the circumstances which induced His Excellency, the Governor, to remove the late Board. Accompanying his annual message will be found a detailed statement. The present Board, therefore, confine their report to the day on which their commission is dated—not being aware of what had transpired during the period the office was occupied by their predecessors, except the financial statement, which embraces the whole year.

At two o'clock P. M., on the same day, the new Commissioners qualified before his honor, R. N. Martin, Judge of the Superior Court, by subscribing the following oath :

‘I, James Young, do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and support the Constitution and the laws thereof, and that I will to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of Commissioner of the Board of Police of the city of Baltimore, according to the Constitution and laws of this State, and that since the adoption of the present Constitution, I have not in any manner violated the provisions thereof in relation to bribery of voters, or preventing legal or procuring illegal votes to be given. I do further swear that in any and every appointment or removal to be by me made to or from the police force created under Article (4) four of the Code of Public Local Laws, sections 806 to 822, inclusive, and the amendments thereto, I will in no case and under no pretext, appoint or remove any policeman or officer of police, or other person under them, for or on account of the political opinion of such policeman or officer or other person, or for any cause or reason than the fitness or unfitness of such person in my best judgment for the place to which he shall be appointed, or from which he shall be removed.

I do further solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign, and that I will bear true faith, allegiance and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution or law of any State Convention or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding; and further, that I do this with a full determination, pledge and purpose, without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever, so help me God.

I do further swear that I will to the best of my skill and judgment, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of Commissioner of the Board of Police of the city of Baltimore according to the Constitution and laws of the State, and that since the fourth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, I have not in any manner violated the provisions of the present or of the late Constitution in relation