

to the bribery of voters; or preventing legal voters, or procuring illegal votes to be given.

I do further swear that I will bear true allegiance to the United States, and support, protect and defend the Constitution, laws and Government thereof as the supreme law of the land, any law or ordinance of this or any other State to the contrary notwithstanding; that I have never, directly or indirectly, by word, act or deed, given any aid, comfort or encouragement to those in rebellion against the United States, or the lawful authorities thereof, but that I have been truly and loyally on the side of the United States against those in armed rebellion against the United States; and I do further swear that I will, to the best of my abilities, protect, and defend the Union of the United States, and not allow the same to be broken up and dissolved, or the Government thereof to be destroyed under any circumstances if in my power to prevent it; and that I will, at all times, discountenance and oppose all political combinations having for their object such dissolution or destruction.

Immediately after subscribing the oath, (Mr. Valiant affirming,) the Commissioners proceeded to the office of the late Board, and were informed by Deputy Marshal John Manley, that the Board had adjourned, and that no business could be transacted until the next morning.

The Commissioners then endeavored to have an interview with his honor, John Lee Chapman, Mayor, and after three unsuccessful efforts, published in the papers of the next morning the following card.

ADDRESS TO POLICE.

BOARD OF POLICE, Baltimore, November 2, 1866.

Having been appointed Police Commissioners by his Excellency, Governor Swann, vice Messrs. Samuel Hindes and Nicholas L. Wood, removed, we desire to state that in the prosecution of the duties assigned us we do not design interfering in any respect with the police as now organized, or to remove any person connected with it for his political opinions, provided he does not hereafter render himself amenable to the laws now in force for the government of the police of Baltimore.

We believe the officers and men in the department are disposed to be, what the laws require them to be, *conservators of the peace*, and it is hoped and expected that they will cheerfully aid us in preserving the quiet of the city.

We also invoke all good citizens to assist us by their counsel and example, and that they will use their best endeavors to prevent any undue excitement, and that they will also advise all disposed to act otherwise, to quietly and peaceably ac-