

laws. They then proceeded to the office occupied by the Police Commissioners, but failed to find them or to gain admittance. They also failed to gain admittance to the Mayor's office. The next morning the visit was repeated, with the same result—the place being guarded by policemen—and a personal interview refused; whereupon they established an office, and addressed to Messrs. Hindes and Wood the following communication :

*To Samuel Hindes and Nicholas L. Wood, late*

*Commissioners of the Board of Police of Baltimore City :*

GENTLEMEN : We called yesterday, at about three o'clock P. M., at the office occupied by you, to exhibit to you our commissions as Commissioners of the Board of Police of Baltimore city, and the evidence of our due qualifications as such, but were informed by your Secretary that you had adjourned over until this morning. Our object was to take possession of the office, which we supposed that you would promptly surrender. Upon calling this morning at the office, and after communicating to you, through your Secretary, our desire to see you personally, we were distinctly informed by him that you declined to admit us to a personal interview, and that you desired that any communication to you should be in writing.

This unexpected resistance on your part to the laws has surprised us, and we regret it; but, unwilling to make any difficulty in regard to the mode of communication, and being, moreover, unwilling to assume the responsibility of the possible result of the course of action which you have thought proper to adopt, we now require and demand the prompt surrender and delivery to us of the office, office furniture, and other things appertaining thereto, the use of the fire alarm and police telegraph of the city, all station houses, watch boxes, arms, accoutrements and other accommodations and things provided by the Mayor and City Council for the use and service of the police thereof.

We further require that you surcease forthwith from exercising any of the functions or duties appertaining to the office of Police Commissioners, and that you utterly and entirely abstain from assuming any authority or control over the existing police of said city; and we warn you that we are now acting as Commissioners of Police, and that if you act contrary to your duty in the premises, or interfere with us in the execution of our office, you will do so at your peril.

JAMES YOUNG,  
WM. THOS. VALIANT.