

the Marshal, was important, and the necessity for its being granted must be evident. Upon this single point the efficiency of the new Board depended. Not to have granted the delay would inevitably have caused great confusion. The Commissioners at once saw the dilemma in which they were placed, and accordingly taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case, and in the expectation that at the expiration of the time for deliberation, asked for by the Marshal, he would see the inutility of opposition, the Commissioners agreed to wait to hear from him as requested. The result proved the propriety of the action on the part of the Commissioners.

At the appointed time the Marshal appeared and signified his willingness to report to the Commissioners the next morning, and to them only, and to recognize their authority and none other in the future.

The object so anxiously aimed at was now attained—the possession of the station houses and all the property appertaining to the Police Department was thus put in their possession—the Commissioners prepared to enter efficiently upon the duties of the office; and the late Board was left powerless, with the occupancy only of the office in which it had held its meetings and the books used for recording the proceedings of its ordinary business.

Shortly after the Marshal had retired, Deputy Marshal John S. Manly, accompanied by Capt. W. H. Cassel, reported to the Commissioners, when an order was immediately issued to have the roll of the entire force, officers and men, called at six o'clock the next morning—the earliest practicable time—and he was directed to report to the Commissioners promptly at nine o'clock, those who might refuse or fail to act under this order.

At half-past ten the Commissioners adjourned until nine o'clock the next morning.

BALTIMORE, November 14, 1866.

The Board met at 9 o'clock. Present—James Young, President, Wm. Thos. Valiant.

Immediately after the meeting of the Commissioners, the Deputy Marshal reported that in obedience to the order issued at 10½ o'clock last night, the roll at the several station houses had been called at 6 o'clock this morning, and that the Captains were in waiting to report the result in person. They were introduced, and stated that the entire force, both night and day, except three, had answered.

The Commissioners know they have been censured for not dismissing all of the officers and men immediately after obtaining possession of the office, because they had failed to report when first ordered on the 3d November. Under the circumstances the Commissioners could not have done otherwise than as they did. The law was plain. No man or offi-