

BALTIMORE, November 15, 1866.

The Board met. Present—JAMES YOUNG, President; WM. THOS. VALIANT.

Promptly at the time named by Messrs. Hindes and Wood in their note of yesterday evening, the Commissioners proceeded to the office occupied by the late Board, on Holliday street, and were cordially received by those gentlemen and the Mayor, who, after some time spent in consultation in regard to the matters connected with the office, placed in possession of the Commissioners the funds and assets on hand, amounting to \$11,974 48, as per accompanying receipt, after which Messrs. Hindes and Wood retired.

### RECEIPT.

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Received from Samuel Hindes and Nicholas L. Wood. Police Commissioners, eleven thousand nine hundred and seventy-four dollars and forty-eight cents—four thousand and four dollars and forty-eight cents belonging to the general fund, and three hundred and seventy dollars belonging to the fund for disabled policemen, and seven thousand six hundred dollars in United States bonds, belonging to the same special fund.

JAMES YOUNG,  
WM. THOS. VALIANT.

Commissioners Board of Police.

Prior to Messrs. Hindes and Wood retiring, they stated that they were unable at this time to give the Commissioners a complete list of the articles in the several station-houses, but would do so at the earliest possible time.

The number of removals from office since the present Commissioners have entered upon their duties has been 62. Of these, not one has been removed except in accordance with the provisions of the acts of Assembly, requiring regular charges to be preferred, and a trial to be had in each case but those who had been appointed after the date of their commissions, as by the decision of Judge Bartol such appointments were illegal.

Recognizing the fact that, among other grounds of complaint against the late Board, was a violation of the law in this respect, in the removal of members of the force for political motives, it would have ill become the Commissioners to fall into the same error. The power vested in the Board of Police is great. It has regard to the peace of the community, without regard to party. The principles of parties change; the principles of good government are unchangeable. It was the intention of the Legislature, it is to the true interests of the community, that the action of the Police Board should, as