

brought his force to the court house ; did not know Messrs. Valiant and Young were arrested at the time ; Mr. Hides told witness to take a force to the court house ; over a hundred policemen had been stationed on Baltimore street ; the regular force is about 358, in addition to which there were 700 special officers summoned by order of Messrs. Hides and Wood ; can't tell whether the specials had been summoned before Gov. Swann had removed the old board ; they were summoned before Saturday. Some were summoned on Friday and some on the Thursday preceding ; on Thursday witness thinks the first written order was given for special officers ; the magistrates of the stations swore in the specials—Justice Whalen, Showacre, Spicer, Hebden and Johnson swore them in ; can't tell how long it would take to summon 700 men ; the board gives the order to the marshal and he to the captains, and thence through the officers those summoned are brought in ; the crowd in the Criminal Court room on Saturday was not as large as the crowd present now.

Mr. Stirling read from the Baltimore American of the 2d, a communication from Messrs. Young and Valiant, relating to their plan of action in regard to the men of the force, &c., which was offered as testimony.

Archibald Stirling sworn.—Witness was in the Criminal Court on Saturday, at the time of the issue of the warrants for the new commissioners and sheriff ; at 4 o'clock there was an immense crowd in front of the court house ; went to the window and saw three or four hundred men rushing in an excited manner up Lexington street towards Charles street ; the court room became emptied in consequence of the excitement and desire to see what was the matter ; a short time before witness had left the office of the Commissioners on Holliday street, in front of which an immense crowd had also gathered ; saw a large crowd in the Court House alley, among them two squads marching shoulder to shoulder up the alley into the court house ; they were rough looking men ; went back to the Criminal Court room and heard a great uproar outside, a noise of rushing to and fro ; the impression made on witness was that there was going to be a seizure of the court house ; saw a bailiff arrest a man, who struggled violently ; it was thought by several gentlemen in the court room that an attack was going to be made on the Criminal Court ; Judge Bond told witness that he had sent for a police force to protect the court house ; the noise was so great that the court could transact no business ; this occurred about half an hour before the warrants were issued, in the neighborhood of 12 or 1 o'clock ; to witness it appeared that the crowd on Holliday street were, of one stripe, and the one around the court house of another ; everything looked like a collision between these two crowds ; witness was not sworn on Saturday before Judge Bond.