

month, that he had been assaulted and cruelly beaten by James White and a man called B. Watkins, (white,) he the said Sharpe was peaceably driving his horse and cart along the streets of Annapolis city, and that he was compelled, from the violence of these men, to leave his cart and horse stand in the street and escape. I then, upon this information made on oath, issued a warrant for the arrest of the assailants, with a subpoena for Sharpe, directed to Edward Baldwin, constable for this district, to bring the parties before me, but he, the said Ed. Baldwin, has refused positively to serve the subpoena and has failed to bring the assailants before me.

(Signed,)

WM. R. THOMPSON, J. P.

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ANNAPOLIS, MD., July 20th, 1866.

*Brevet Lieutenant Colonel W. W. ROGERS,*

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COLONEL:—I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication addressed to me by W. R. Thompson, a Justice of the Peace for this county, residing in this city. Frederick Sharpe, who made the complaint, is a colored man. He was riding through the street, carrying a bag of meal which he had been sent for by his employer, when he was set upon and badly beaten by two notorious ruffians of this city. Mr. Thompson promptly issued a warrant for the arrest of the guilty parties and placed it in the hands of Edward Baldwin, a constable of this county, with directions to bring the parties before him. Baldwin, as appears from Mr. Thompson's statement has failed to do this. Mr. Thompson also placed in Baldwin's hands a summons to Sharpe to appear at Mr. Thompson's office to testify in the case, but Baldwin refused to take the summons or serve it.

In addition to the report made by Mr. Thompson, I would add that I am informed that Baldwin, when he first received the warrant for the arrest of White and Watkins, did arrest them, but they refused to go with him before Mr. Thompson. They then agreed to go before Mr. Taylor, another Magistrate residing in this city, but he refused to hear the case.

Baldwin made no effort to take them before Mr. Thompson, and refused to call a *posse comitatus* to enforce the law.