

Act of eighteen hundred and sixty, chapter seven, was forcibly displaced by the authority of the Government of the United States, on or about the twenty-seventh day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the entire police force under the control of the said board disbanded; *and whereas*, the Court of Appeals has determined that the "powers and rights" of the said board, "under the organization, were still preserved," notwithstanding such forcible displacement, until the twelfth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, when the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, chapter one hundred and thirty-one, was passed and took effect to the contrary; *and whereas*, the men aforesaid duly appointed and qualified, were entitled to hold their places respectively for the term of five years, "subject only to removal for cause, after hearing of the board," as appears by the sixth section of the act of eighteen hundred and sixty, chapter seven, and the officers duly chosen from among them were entitled to continue in their said offices until removed by the board; by reason of all of which the said officers and men, in the absence of any action of the board to the contrary, continued entitled to their offices and pay down to the twelfth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, under the ruling aforesaid of the Court of Appeals; now therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Edward D. Kemp be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner to receive and audit all claims and demands for arrearages of pay, which shall be presented to him on or before the first Monday of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, by or on behalf of any and all the officers and men constituting the police force of the city of Baltimore, on the twenty-seventh day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, as organized and controlled by the board of police of Baltimore, created by the Act of eighteen hundred and sixty, chapter seven.

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Sec. 2. *Be it enacted*, That each and every claim so presented shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the claimants, or his representative, if deceased, or some other person in his behalf, if he shall be absent from the State; *and* the said com-

All claims to be verified by oath.