

816\*. It shall be the duty of the sheriff of Baltimore city, whenever called on for that purpose by said board, to act under their control for the preservation of the public peace and quiet, and if ordered by them to do so, he shall summon the posse comitatus for that purpose, and hold and employ such posse subject to their direction; in case the board shall deem it necessary, they shall call out such of the military force lawfully organized or existing in the said city as they may see fit, to aid them in preventing threatened disorder, or opposition to the laws, or in suppressing insurrection, riot or disorder on election days and at all other times, and it shall be the duty of said military force so called out to obey such directions as may be given them by the said board; whenever the exigency or circumstances may in their judgment, warrant it, the said board shall have the power to assume the control and command of all conservators of the peace in the city of Baltimore, whether sheriff, constables, police, or others, and they shall act under the orders of said board and not otherwise; and in case of the refusal of the said sheriff, or of any policeman, constable or other peace officer or persons to obey any lawful command of said board, under the provisions of this section, they shall respectively be liable to the penalties following, that is to say: the said sheriff, to a penalty of five thousand dollars; any other peace officer, to a penalty of five hundred dollars; and any private citizen, to a penalty of one hundred and fifty dollars; said penalties to be recoverable by said board by civil action, in the name of the State; and any officer of any military force in the city of Baltimore, organized or existing under the laws of this State, who, upon being called on by said board as aforesaid, shall refuse or wilfully fail to call out the force under his command, or to obey the directions of said board, or to enforce by all lawful means the performance of the duties to said force assigned, shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars; and any inferior officer or private of such force who shall refuse or wilfully fail to obey the summons or order of his proper superior in such behalf issued, shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred and fifty dollars, such penalties to be recoverable as aforesaid.

817\*. So soon as the board created by this article shall hold their first meeting, it shall be their duty to inform the Marshal or Deputy Marshal of Police in the city of Baltimore, (or chief or second officer thereof, by whatever titles designated,) or both, that they require his or their attendance upon them and obedience to their orders, which attendance and obedience the