

existing in 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 orders as may be given them by 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 sheriffs, constables, police or others, and they shall act under the orders of the said board, and not otherwise; and in case of the refusal of the said sheriff, or 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 guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable as in such cases made and provided; and any officer of any military force in the city of Baltimore, organized under any law now existing, or which may hereafter be enacted by the general assembly of this State, who, upon being called on by the said board as aforesaid, shall refuse or wilfully fail to call out the force under his command, or to obey the orders of the said board, or to enforce by all lawful means the performance of the duties to said force assigned, and any inferior officer or private who shall refuse or wilfully fail to obey the orders of his superior officer in such behalf, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable as in such cases made and provided.

1867, ch. 367.

730. Whenever a vacancy shall take place in any grade of officers, (except the marshal and deputy-marshal,) it shall be filled from the next lowest grade, if competent men can be found therein; the board of police commissioners are authorized to make all such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this sub-title of this article, as they may judge necessary for the appointment and employment, uniforming, discipline, trial and government of the police and detectives, and for the relief and compensation of the members of the police injured in person and property in the discharge of their duty, and the families of men or officers killed while in its performance; provided, that the allowance in any one instance shall not exceed twelve months'