

19th ward, 4 p., Eugene P. Mercer, Clerk, Record Office.

19th ward, 3 p., Samuel A. Hart, Clerk, Cattle Scales.

19th ward, 3 p., V. B. Heins, Clerk, Water Department.

20th ward, 3 p., Jas. Kirk, Market-Master.

20th ward, 3 p., B. H. Hobbs, Bailiff Superior Court.

20th ward, 3 p., George V. Metzell, Magistrate.

Another charge made against the Board of Police Commissioners, was that they violated the law in not supplying boxes for rejected ballots to the different polling places, and also improperly administering the oaths of office to the Judges of Election, in consequence whereof, the late elections held in the City of Baltimore, became null and void through their misconduct. Section 216, of the Public Local Laws, title "Baltimore City," and the duties of the police generally, in regard to the custody and distribution of the ballot boxes, made it clearly the office of the Board to see that boxes for rejected ballots were supplied to all of the precincts. That this duty was neglected in very many cases the testimony of the Judges and Clerks of Election in the contested election cases, shows beyond a doubt, and the evidence of the Commissioners themselves, shows an inattention to the subject in the highest degree reprehensible, to say the least.

As to the oaths administered to the Judges of Election, the Act of 1868, chapter 377, makes the provisions of the General Law of elections, (Code, Article 35,) applicable to the City of Baltimore, in this, and many other respects, and declares, furthermore, that no election to be held in that city, whether Federal, State or Municipal, shall be valid, unless held under and in conformity with the provisions thereof.— This enactment took the power of administering the said oaths of office out of the hands of the Police Commissioners and their clerks, and vested it where the general election law had lodged it, i. e. in the hands of Justices of the Peace and of the judges themselves, (see Code of Public General Laws, Article 35, Section 11, as amended by Act of 1867, chapter 374.) The same Section provides that a certificate of such oath, signed by the person administering the same, respectively, shall be annexed to the poll books; the full form of the oath also is given in Section 9, of the last mentioned amendatory Act, and the proper oath, the proper administration of it, and the proper certification of it, are each made, as before stated, prerequisites to a valid election by the Act of 1878, chapter 377. This being the law, the evidence of Mr. Boswell, Clerk of the Commissioners, and the returns themselves, show that its plain and mandatory provisions were utterly disregarded by the Board; that their clerk, acting under their instructions and with their approval, him-