

fact held at the time military possession of the city of Baltimore, at once suspended the active operation of the Police Law, and put for the time off duty all the officers and men, who could not, without violating both the letter and the spirit of the Law, recognize the authority, or be subject to the control of any other head than the Board of Police. Accordingly, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution to that effect.

On the following Monday morning, the 1st of July, about the hour of 3 o'clock, all the members of the Board, with the exception of the Mayor, were arrested in like manner by order of Gen. Banks at their respective residences, and taken to Fort McHenry. One of them, Mr. C. D. Hinks, was after a few days confinement allowed to return to his own home, on parole, upon the representations of his physicians, that owing to his state of ill-health his life would be seriously endangered by a continuance of his imprisonment. The other Commissioners, Messrs. Howard, Gatchell and Davis, constituting a majority of the whole Board, have ever since been confined in Fort McHenry; but they have been this morning officially notified that they are to be removed in the steamer Adelaide to some other place, at 6 o'clock this evening.

The undersigned, Charles Howard, William H. Gatchell, and John W. Davis, further respectfully report, that being deprived of their liberty without legal process, and the Courts of Justice as well of the United States as of the State of Maryland being prevented by the military power of the former from affording them any relief, they addressed to the Congress of the United States a memorial, asking that any charges made against them might be speedily investigated, and that the grievances of which they complain might be properly redressed. To that memorial were appended copies of the two proclamations issued by Gen. Banks in reference to the Board of Police, and of the preamble and resolutions adopted by the Board in reference to the first of said proclamations. The undersigned respectfully ask leave to submit herewith as a part of their report, copies of the above mentioned memorial to Congress, and to refer to the same, and to the documents appended thereto, for more full information in reference to their proceedings, and to the views by which they have been governed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES HOWARD,
WM. H. GATCHELL,
JOHN W. DAVIS.
GEO. WM. BROWN,

Mayor and Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Police.

FORT MCHENRY, July 29th, 1861.