

the time being, or whosoever may be lawfully acting in that capacity; the said Commissioners shall be citizens of the United States, and shall have been residents of said city for the period of twelve months next preceding their appointments; they shall, except as hereinafter specified, hold their offices for four years, and until their respective successors shall have been appointed and qualified, and shall receive each a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly; before entering on the duties of their said office, the said Commissioners and the said Mayor, shall take and subscribe before the Judge of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, or the Clerk thereof, the oath or affirmation prescribed by the fourth section of the first Article of the Constitution, and shall also take and subscribe before the same Judge or Clerk the further oath or affirmation, that in any and every appointment or removal to be by them made to or from the police force created and to be organized by them under this Article, they will in no case and under no pretext, appoint or remove any policeman, or officer of police, or other person under them, for or on account of the political opinion of such policeman, or officer, or other person, or for any other cause or reason than the fitness or unfitness of such person, in the best judgment of the said Mayor or Commissioners, for the place to which he shall be appointed, or from which he shall be removed; and shall take and subscribe before the same Judge or Clerk, the further oath or affirmation, as follows: I do solemnly swear (or affirm,) that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States, against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign, and that I will bear true faith, allegiance and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution or law of any State Convention or Legislature, to the contrary notwithstanding; and further, that I do this with a full determination, pledge and purpose, without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever, so help me God;" and the said oath (or affirmation,) shall be recorded and preserved among the records of said court.

The Register of the city of Baltimore for the time being, shall be and act as the Treasurer of the Board of Police, and his official bond given as Register of the city of Baltimore, shall stand and

Eligibility of  
Commissioners

Tenure of  
office.

Commission-  
ers required to  
take oath, &c.

Further oath  
prescribed.

Treasurer—  
his duties, &c.