

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, constable, 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.

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Penalties

SEC. 14. 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 title designated,) or both, that they require his or their attendance upon them, and obedience to their orders, which attendance and obedience the officers so notified shall be bound respectively to give, under a penalty of five hundred dollars each, to be recovered by action at law, instituted by said board, in the name of the State, for failure to attend as required, and for each and every failure to obey the lawful orders of said board then and thereafter, and from and after the first meeting aforesaid, the whole then existing police force in the city of Baltimore, both officers and men, shall pass under the exclu-

First meeting.