

stations, (all belonging to the Corporation,) and assumed the execution of all police power within the city limits. The Board being of course unable to resist the military power of the Government, had no alternative but to submit to force. They however protested, in a dignified and becoming manner, as officers of the State of Maryland, (the Mayor uniting) against the arbitrary subversion of its laws and government by the military authority of the United States, and refused to recognize the right of the officers and men of their police force to receive orders or directions from any authority but their own. Carrying out the obvious spirit, and obeying the letter, of the law which they had sworn to support, and under which, alone, the Board and its officers and men had official existence or authority, they also adopted and published the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Board, the forcible suspension of their functions suspends at the same time the active operation of the Police Law, and puts the officers and men off duty for the present, leaving them subject, however, to the rules and regulations of the service as to their personal conduct and deportment, and to the orders which this Board may see fit hereafter to issue when the present illegal suspension of their functions shall be removed.”

Having thus asserted, as was their duty, and in the only mode left to them, the supremacy of the local laws of Maryland within their legitimate locality, the Board refrained from all interference with the proceedings of the Provost Marshal, who at once commenced the appointment of individuals, at his discretion, to assume the places and discharge the functions of policemen. Not content with thus supplanting the subordinates of the Police Board, he proceeded further and removed the officers in the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph Departments, who receive their appointments by law from the Mayor and City Council, and substituted appointees of his own in their stead. Things remaining in this unnatural position, on the morning of the 1st of July the four Commissioners of Police, Messrs. Howard, Gatchell, Hinks and Davis, were arrested at their residences, two or three hours after midnight, by large bodies of troops under the orders of Gen. Banks, and were removed at once to Fort McHenry, and placed for the time under close confinement. When the morning dawned, the principal places of the city were found occupied by masses of artillery and infantry, and sentinels were posted on the lines from the various camps into the heart of the population. In the course of the forenoon a Proclamation ap-