

such persons as they may choose subsequently to associate with them :

*And whereas,* The ordinance now proposed to be confirmed by the sovereign powers of the State, was, and is, extremely repugnant to a vast majority of the people of Baltimore, on account of its provisions, the way in which it was obtained, and the manner in which it has been carried out—its provisions exacting a fare of five cents in favor of parties notoriously without the means or credit necessary to accomplish the work, when other parties of known wealth and credit were willing to pay into the city treasury a bonus of ten thousand dollars a year for the privilege of performing a better service for a fare of three cents—the said ordinance having been obtained in a way universally believed to be the most improper and corrupt, and with the full knowledge and consent, if not by the direct prompting and instigation of the said Brock and his associates; and the manner in which it has been carried out, being in direct violation of the letter and spirit of the ordinance itself, and of general law: the ordinance requiring books to be opened for subscription, on the part of citizens, to the capital stock, which the said Brock & Co. not only refused to do, but allying themselves with the most notorious desperadoes and evil doers to overawe opposition, proceeded to seize upon our public highways, and convert them to uses never contemplated by the ordinance, and without any sufficient legal authority :

*And whereas,* Even if it cannot be shown that the said Brock & Co. were parties, in advance, to the fraud and corruption practised in obtaining the ordinance subsequently assigned to them, they became accomplices after the fact, with full notice in the public press and otherwise, and proceeded to act in virtue of the said assignment, in a manner entirely in accordance with the mode in which said ordinance was procured—disreputably consummating what was disgracefully began :

*And whereas,* If the said Brock & Co. have any rights or equities under the assignment to them as aforesaid, they have no need to apply to the General Assembly of Maryland, but may enforce them in the courts of law ; and as foreigners and strangers have no claim to have their rights and interests considered in preference to those of the entire people of this city, even if it can be shown that they are in innocent and ignorant possession, instead of corrupt and wilful usurpation, of the franchise they are seeking to have confirmed, which at the most could only entitle them to recompense for what they have done ; *whereas,* as corrupt and wilful trespassers, they may and should be adjudged to have forfeited, not only their