

of the present or of the late Constitution in relation to the bribery of voters, or preventing legal voters, or procuring illegal votes to be given.

I do further swear that I will bear true allegiance to the United States, and support, protect and defend the Constitution, Laws and Government thereof as the Supreme law of the land, any law or ordinance of this or any other State to the contrary notwithstanding that I have never, directly or indirectly, by word, act or deed, given any aid, comfort or encouragement to those in rebellion against the United States, or the lawful authorities thereof, but that I have been truly and loyally on the side of the United States against those in armed rebellion against the United States; and I do further swear that I will to the best of my abilities, protect and defend the Union of the United States, and not allow the same to be broken up and dissolved, or the Government thereof to be destroyed under any circumstances if in my power to prevent it; and that I will at all times, discountenance and oppose all political combinations having for their object such dissolution or destruction.

Immediately after subscribing the Oath (Mr Valiant affirming), the Commissioners proceeded to the office of the late Board, and were informed by Deputy Marshal John S. Manly that the Board had adjourned, and that no business could be transacted until the next morning.

The Commissioners then endeavored to have an interview with his honor John Lee Chapman, Mayor, and after three unsuccessful efforts, published in the papers of the next morning the following card;

Address to Police.

Board of Police, Baltimore, November 2, 1866
Having been appointed Police Commissioners by his Excellency, Governor Swann, vice Messrs Samuel Hines and Nicholas S. Woods, removed, we desire to state that in the prosecution of the duties assigned us