

Baltimore November 3<sup>d</sup> 1866.

The Board met.

Present. — James Young, William Thos. Valiant.

At ten minutes past ten o'clock the Commissioners presented themselves at the office of the late Board, and upon making known their business to George W. Taylor, the Clerk who appeared at the door on behalf of the late Board, were informed "that any communication that was to be made must be in writing." They retired, and repaired to the office of William Schley, Esq. who sent for Messrs D. H. B. Patrolae and John M. Frazier, their counsel, when the following paper was prepared by these gentlemen, and the Commissioners again presented themselves at the office of the late Board, and handed the communication, sealed, to Mr Taylor, who stated that "he was instructed to say an answer would be immediately returned".

Copy of Communication —

To Samuel Steinas and Nicholas J. Wood,  
late Commissioners of the Board of Police of  
Baltimore City.

Gentlemen:

We called yesterday, at about 3.0 clock P.M. at the office occupied by you, to exhibit to you our commissions as Commissioners of the Board of Police of Baltimore City, and the evidence of our due qualification as such, but were informed that you had adjourned over until this morning. Our object was to take possession of the office, which we supposed that you would promptly surrender. Upon calling this morning at the office, and after communicating to you, through your secretary, our desire to see you personally, we were distinctly informed by him that you declined to admit us to a personal interview, and that you required that any communication to you should be in writing.

This unexpected resistance on your part to the laws has surprised us, and we regret it; but, unwilling to make any difficulty in regard to the mode of communication and being, moreover,