

The undersigned have now entered on the performance of their duties as Commissioners of Police, and there is no other authority which can lawfully act as a Board of Police of said city.

Persons interested are required at their peril to obey this order.

James Young.

William Thomas Valiant

Police Commissioners

Shortly afterward, in consequence of a large number of persons assembling in the neighborhood and around the office, it was deemed advisable to order the Sheriff to summons a posse Comitatus for protection, and the following order was addressed to him.

To William Thompson  
Sheriff of Baltimore

Sir: Whereas, in our judgment it becomes necessary that we should require the authority given to us by the 816 section of the 4<sup>th</sup> article of the Code of Public Local Laws, for the preservation of the public peace and quiet in the City of Baltimore:

You are therefore hereby called upon to act under our control for the preservation of the public peace and quiet aforesaid, and you are hereby ordered to summons the posse Comitatus for that purpose forthwith, to the extent of 100 men from each ward - good and true men of the said city, and hold and employ such posse subject to our directions, and this shall be your warrant therefore.

Witness our hand this third day of November 1866.

James Young.

William Thomas Valiant

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Office of the Board of  
Police of the City of Baltimore

\* This order was subsequently modified, and the number required to be summoned was reduced to one hundred men in all.