

In answer, the following reply was immediately sent:

Office Board of Police, No 1 North Street
Baltimore, November 13th 1860.

Dear Sir: John S. Chapman, Mayor:

Your note of this date is received. We have an official engagement at the hour named by you, but will be pleased to meet you at our office, No 1 North Street, at any time it may best suit your convenience, prior to eight o'clock this P. M.

Respectfully,

James Young, President

The Marshal, on being served with the order to report to the Commissioners, intimated that he would attend, and at the appointed time he reported to them. He was officially informed that hereafter both he and the officers and men under him would be required to report to the Board, and to obey all orders issued by it.

The Marshall asked for an hour's time to deliberate.

The accomplishment of the object of the Board was an important one. The station houses and property of the Police Commissioners was under control of the Marshall. The decision of Judge Baytol declared the undersigned to be the Police Commissioners but did not give them possession of the property. To have attempted to conduct the business pertaining to the Police Department in the city of Baltimore without station houses or the necessary property would have been very difficult.

The late Board could have held possession, until determined by writ of Mandamus. This would have embarrassed the Commissioners to a very great extent, for the trial of the writ of Mandamus might be delayed, and, by a resort to the Court of Appeals even for weeks, perhaps months. Houses adapted to the purpose could not be rented, and the peace and quiet of the City and safety of property would have been jeopardized. Thus it will be seen