

Baltimore, Monday, October 21st 1867
Board met.

Present Mr. Janette Pres.
Mr. Carr
Mr. Furbelbaugh

The District Reports were received and Examined.

The following letter was received by the Board this morning and ordered to be placed on the ^{Records} ~~files~~ of the Office:

Major & Quarter Dep't. Washington
Washington D.C. Oct. 19th 1867

Before Janette Esq.

Pres. B.D. of Police Commissioners
Baltimore Md. Sir;

The attention of the Board Major Genl. Comd'g. the Department has been called to an Order issued by the Board of which you are President, dated Oct. 18. 1867 and couched in the following terms: "All parades, processions or assemblages of armed men within the limits of the City of Baltimore, other than the regularly organized militia of the State, under their proper officers, properly and legally authorized are hereby prohibited whether the same be had by day or night. All parades, or processions of bodies of men through the public streets at night, except of the militia as aforesaid, are likewise forbidden, whether the persons engaged therein are armed or unarmed. All persons other than members of the militia organization aforesaid appearing armed in the streets at night whether singly or together will be arrested. The Officers and men of the police force are hereby enjoined to arrest all persons ^{who shall be found} in the streets in contravention of this Order." A literal construction of this order by the Officers or persons appointed to carry it into Effect would necessitate the arrest of, or interference with, troops of the United States Army passing singly, in squads, or small detachments through your City. It is not presumed that such was the intention of the Board, but that there may be a clear understanding on the subject by