

such outrage whenever they may be attempted, and to arrest the offenders; *Provided, however,* that if any crime be actually committed by such persons, the offenders shall be delivered to the proper jurisdiction, for trial and punishment; any person charged with the commission of crime in the city of Baltimore, and against whom criminal process shall have issued, may be arrested upon the same in any part of this State by the police force created by this article, under such rules and regulations as the Board of Police may adopt; and the said board shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations, in the premises, to any persons appearing or called before them, and shall also have the power of administering oaths or affirmations, and summoning witnesses before them, whenever it may be necessary for the more effectual discharge of their duties.

809*. To enable the said board to perform the duties imposed on them, they are hereby authorized and required, as speedily as may be, to appoint, enroll and employ a permanent police force for the city of Baltimore, which they shall equip and arm as they shall judge necessary; the number of policemen to be so appointed and employed, exclusively of officers, shall, at the first organization, be three hundred and fifty, with power, however, to reduce that number or increase it to not more than four hundred and fifty, as experience may warrant; *Provided, however,* that for extraordinary emergencies, the board may raise such additional force as the exigency may, in their judgment, demand; no person shall be appointed or employed either as policeman or officer of police, who shall have been convicted of, or against whom any indictment may be pending for, any offence, the punishment of which may be confinement in the penitentiary; and among the necessary qualifications for such appointment and employment, shall be citizenship of the United States, ability to read and write, good character, and physical strength and courage; *Provided, also,* that no Black Republican, or endorser or supporter of the Helper Book, shall be appointed to any office under said board. The policemen shall be employed to serve for five years, and be subject to removal only for cause, after a hearing by the board, who are hereby invested with exclusive jurisdiction in the premises; any policeman whose term of service shall expire, and who, during his employment, shall have faithfully performed his duty, shall, if otherwise qualified, be preferred by the board in making their new appointments.