

tificate of appointment as aforesaid, and shall also take and subscribe before the said Judge of the Superior Court, or the Clerk thereof, the oath or affirmation prescribed by the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution, and the further oath or affirmation that in every appointment or removal to be by them made to or from the police force, created and to be organized by them under this act, they will in no case, and under no pretext, appoint or remove any policeman or officer of police, or detective, or any other person under them for, or on account of the political opinions of such policeman, officer, detective, or other person, or for any other cause, or reason than the fitness, or unfitness of such person, in the best judgment of said Commissioners for the place to which he shall be appointed, or from which he shall be moved, and the said oath or affirmation shall be recorded and preserved among the records of said court.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of expiration of the terms for which the present Board of Police have been elected.

Approved February 3, 1874.

CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT to limit the hours of labor in this State for all minors under sixteen years of age.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That ten hours a day shall constitute a legal day's work in all cases where labor or service is performed for another by children under sixteen years of age.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all persons, and bodies corporate, who shall compel any child under sixteen years of age to labor or work more than ten hours a day, or in any manner violate the provisions