

# REPORT.

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OFFICE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS,  
BALTIMORE, December 31st, 1864.

*To the Honorable*

*The General Assembly of Maryland:*

GENTLEMEN:

The Board of Police of the City of Baltimore, ordained under the provisions of the forty-second section of the fourth article of the Code of Public Local Laws, have the honor, in obedience to the forty-eighth article, to make this their third Annual Report:

Have to say that the duties of a Policeman are many, varied, trying, and not unfrequently perilous; sometimes very monotonous, then suddenly changing into the exciting and critical, requiring sound judgment, with a quick perception to see the right and a strong purpose to do.

They are exposed to all weather, storm or calm, summer's sun and winter's long dreary nights. When all else may be housed and comfortable in the stillness of night, it is his duty to watch for eleven hours by night and thirteen hours by day.

In March, it became the duty of the Board to make some important changes in the higher offices of the department. Thos. H. Carmichael was appointed Chief Marshal, John S. Manly, was appointed Deputy Marshal.

The peace and order of the city during the first six months of the year was all that could be expected in a great city like ours.

Great excitement existed in our midst from the 8th to the 15th of July. With the first announcement of the battle of Monocacy, came the many varied reports, which produced intense excitement and the suspension of all business. It became the duty of this Board to continue their sessions both day and night, that they might leave nothing undone to be ready for any emergency, and thereby to preserve the quiet of the city, which we think is not saying too much, when we say the allaying of the excitement was in a great measure