

that none of the polls were in any manner obstructed, and that not a single complaint was either then, or has subsequently, been made, that any person desiring to vote was, at either election, impeded or hindered in presenting himself before the judges and voting with perfect freedom for whomsoever he thought proper, if the judges found him to be a legal voter.

The Board continued from the date of their above report to exercise their regular functions until Friday the 19th April. On that day a large detachment of, it is understood about 1800 men of the Massachusetts and Pennsylvania Militia arrived in the forenoon in the City, via the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. No member of the Board of Police had any information that these troops were expected on that day, until from half an hour to one hour of the time at which they were to arrive. The Marshal of Police was immediately notified, and called out at once a large portion of his force to preserve order during their transit through the City. When they arrived, there were manifestations of a disposition to interfere with their passage, and after some had been transported by cars through the streets to the Washington Depot, obstructions were placed on the track in the City, which stopped the progress of the remainder, these alighted, to march to the Depot, and to prevent any difficulty the Mayor placed himself at their head, and they thus proceeded on their route. Missiles were notwithstanding thrown at the troops, and some of them were injured, their assailants were fired upon, and in some instances, with fatal effect. An intense and irrepressible feeling appeared to be at once aroused, and repeated conflicts between parties of citizens and the Massachusetts troops took place, several being killed on both sides. The Marshal who had been on active duty at the Camden Street Depot, and did not know that these troops were on their route or expected, hearing of this, hastened to meet them with a force of the Police, and under their escort they reached the Washington Depot, and after some delay, the