

THE NEW POLICE FORCE.

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THE NEW POLICE FORCE. -Mayor Wentworth has laid the axe at the root of the tree, or rather has laid the tree alongside the axe, and starts fair with a newly organized police force. The following is the instrument of excision received by the policemen yesterday, a highly characteristic document. It was promulgated among the police on Saturday, and their connection with the municipal affairs of the city ended summarily and totally. This leaves the police force to be made up anew, which does not mean, however, with *new men*, since the city will hardly be called upon to spare the tried and experienced services of members of the former corps. This is the card of dismissal:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, 30th March, 1860.

SIR:—You and all other men, if now in the employ of the City in the Police Department, are discharged from and after Monday morning next, the 2d of April. The Comptroller will settle with you when you present your badge to him, and he will pay you out of the amount appropriated for Police purposes, by the last administration. If that amount is not sufficient to pay you, it will not be my fault.

I shall begin my administration on that day with an empty Treasury, and I do not know when or where I can get the money to pay the few Police I may have from and after that date.

As I have over three hundred applications for the office of Policemen, and as the financial affairs of the City need my whole attention, you must excuse me from personal interviews. I have no time to spare.

I have discharged all of you at once, so that no one of you will have any occasion to ask me if any one has made any complaint against any one of you, which I am pleased to say has not been the case. This is an *honorable* discharge to each and all.

The same financial depression that oppresses each and every one of us individually, also oppresses us collectively in the shape of high taxes.

The people are calling aloud for reform, and the only way to bring about a satisfactory reform is to curtail expenses everywhere.

Deeply regretting the present embarrassment of our tax-payers, and wishing you success in getting a better situation elsewhere, I am

Your Obedient Servant,

J. WENTWORTH, Mayor.