

sub-committee to proceed to Baltimore and make the investigation.

Mr. Gill said:

The order proposes that an investigation shall be made, not as has been by some supposed, into the mode and manner by which the present mayor and members of the city council were elected. These matters are understood by all our people. A small minority of persons in Baltimore, taking advantage of the condition of things which existed at the time of the election, in defiance of the wishes of the people and in fraud of their rights, elected the present mayor and members of the city council.

The order presented demands an investigation into the conduct of the mayor and members of the city council since their election. An appropriation of a large amount of money was made to secure the places of the present mayor and members of the city council to the individuals now holding these offices against an anticipated attempt on the part of the Legislature to remove them. The money thus appropriated was withdrawn from the city treasury by the mayor, a part of which was subsequently returned, but what was done with the money not returned is unknown, and will be one of the subjects of investigation. The money of the people of Baltimore has thus been used for individual purposes and to secure to individuals the continued enjoyment of their offices. This is a great wrong to the people of Baltimore.

The Governor of this State decreed, after a full and patient hearing, that the police commissioners of Baltimore had failed to perform their duties in compliance with law, and adjudged that they should be removed. It was determined that the authority of the Governor should be resisted, and a large number of special police were unlawfully enrolled for the purpose of resisting the mandate of the Governor. The mayor and members of the city council of Baltimore appropriated a considerable sum of money to pay this special police. This has been done in violation of law, and is a great wrong to the people of Baltimore. This demands an investigation.

These matters, grave and important as they are, sink into insignificance when we consider the conduct pursued