

APPENDIX.

BARNUM'S HOTEL,

Baltimore, Oct. 27, 1857.

HON. THOMAS SWANN,

Mayor of Baltimore.

SIR:—Representations from a large number of respectable citizens, of the condition of things in this city, added to my own convictions of my constitutional duty, imposed upon me the obligation respectfully to consult you, as the Mayor of the city, as to what provision should be made by you to guarantee personal security, and the free exercise of suffrage by the legal voters at the approaching election.

The events of October, 1856, both at the municipal and Presidential elections, and the violence at the recent municipal election, which practically disfranchised many thousands of the qualified native and naturalized voters of this city, conclusively established the inadequacy of the existing city police to secure the elective rights, and the personal safety of the voters. The citizen has a right to good government. He surrenders his individual power of defence and pays his property dues in consideration of the pledge made that he shall enjoy it; and I am resolute in the determination to exert any constitutional power to fulfill the guarantee.

Subordinately you are like myself sworn in your sphere to put forth your powers in this behalf, and I have come to this city to confer with you, and ascertain what provisions of an extraordinary character you propose to make to meet apprehended disorders of a character like those which have heretofore successfully defied the ordinary police force of the city. I shall be most happy if you can assure me of any detailed preparation on your part which will allay my solicitude, and certify me that the citizens may not have the occasion to reproach us as derelict in duty.

It will never do for a great commercial metropolis like this to be dishonored by this unchecked violence of mobs, and it is necessary that the civil power should at once bring under subjection those evil minded citizens whose acts are tarnishing the honor of