

Clothed with the authority to see that the laws are executed throughout the entire State, I cannot comprehend how the city of Baltimore or its Mayor recognizes no subordination to the State Executive. His power is created by the Constitution, that organic instrument also defines his duties. Has the Mayor of Baltimore any co-ordinate position in that charter, or are not his authority and that of his city the mere endowments of ordinary legislation?

I am mortified and pained to notice that spirit in a municipal agent of government, which if generally adopted, would subvert the whole theory of our institutions, and end in jealous rivalries among the chain of officials.

Under your view, it would seem that any officer of a municipality elected by the people became by that circumstance subordinate to no one, and only accountable to them for the manner in which "he" discharged "his trust."

I will not now indulge in any protracted repetition of an error which must rather be the growth of official sensibility than of mistaken conceptions of constitutional position. The natural sequel of such an error is the further implication that my powers and duties are to be initiated into activity by the discretion of municipal subordinates. Do you thus await the application of your subordinates? If not, why? Simply because you are sworn to see the laws executed, and whilst in general you confide in the fulfilment of their duties, you still hold in reserve those powers of supervision, which are made necessary by the fact that these subordinates may not recognise their own defaults, and their serious bearing on the general welfare.

Is not the city filled with clubs of lawless and violent partisans, whose very appellatives brandish defiance at order, and make the peaceable prefer to surrender rights rather than claim them at the risk of life. Sir: is there no law and no authority somewhere to curb the one class and shield the other? If the ordinary civil power of the city is insufficient, what is the inevitable deduction? Is it not better that you should admit its inadequacy, and be cordially grateful that the constitution has supplied other powers, and permitted for your aid that executive to interfere who has not been at all complicated in past animosities.

You mention in your communication that one of your policemen was "murdered" at the recent election. What guarantee is there that a similar occurrence may not happen again at the approaching election, unless more adequate arrangements are prepared for the suppression of lawlessness. I have not come here to empower assaults upon your police, but to protect them; and invigorate every arm that will be sincerely extended in behalf of individual security and constitutional liberty. And I feel that it is a circumstance of just mortification, that a State Executive who has repaired to a city in which the press has not hesitated to de-