

clare that the recent election was a "mockery" from the intimidation to voters, should be asked by its municipal head to furnish him with "any reliable evidence upon which I can legally act, of a combination on the part of any of our citizens to obstruct the laws at the coming election."

Is there no such thing as a fact? Does the spirit of party blind municipal officers to that condition of things which all fair minded citizens recognize? Are there not daily and nightly murders?

It is to be deeply regretted that we should be at all separated in the performance of our duties for ensuring to the citizen his legal rights which violence has thus overawed, and that you decline to "recognize any joint administration of the affairs of this city," when I tender you the executive co-operation. This fearful responsibility you have taken. I believe that a just minded community will severely censure this false independency as not consistent with our relative official positions or consonant with that spirit of union which should unite all good men against the bad and lawless. But however this may be, I announce to you respectfully, that I shall nevertheless see that the laws are "faithfully executed," by every constitutional power.

I feel assured that this community and the State will see in this conduct a spirit of no intrusive interference, but rather that imperative duty which they have a right to expect.

Entertaining none but the most friendly feelings to yourself, personally, and desiring that successful administration by you of your civic duties which will redound to the credit of the city and State, I again renew my solicitation for your cheerful co-operation with the executive, and hope that on a revision of your opinion, you will not see any derogatory subordination which will prevent you, as the municipal head of this city, from uniting in a harmonious effort to assert the supremacy of the laws.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

T. WATKINS LIGON.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

Baltimore, Oct. 29, 1857.

To His Excellency,

T. Watkins Ligon,

Governor of Maryland.

SIR:—I have had the honor to receive your letter of yesterday's date, by the hands of your secretary.

I feel no disposition to discuss the relative powers of your office and mine, or the other points referred to in your letter.