

fulfil their manifest and sworn obligations, and to maintain the dignity and assert the authority of the laws of Maryland which were entrusted to their hands for execution, but which they were precluded by force from executing. They solemnly declare, that if they had been permitted to continue in the exercise of their functions, after the arrest and imprisonment of the Marshal of Police, on the 27th of June, they would have continued to discharge their duties, as they had discharged them, theretofore, in all respects faithfully, impartially, and to the best of their ability, in obedience to the laws and the constitution, and they asseverate, and will maintain, that the imputation of any other intention or purpose on their part is wholly destitute of foundation in fact. The statement in regard to the "concealed arsenal" at the Marshal's Office, they do not deem it necessary to allude to, further than to say, that it is perfectly notorious and has been fully shown by the Message of the Mayor to the City Council of Baltimore, that the arms in question were the lawful property of the city; that they were insignificant in quantity, constituting but little more than the customary armament of the force, for its public duties, and were lawfully concealed, to prevent unlawful seizure. Your memorialists therefore respectfully represent that the grounds set up by General Banks in his proclamation give to their arrest and imprisonment no color of justification or necessity.

And as to the proclamation of General Banks issued on the 27th of June, announcing the arrest of the Marshal of Police and declaring his official authority to have been superseded, these memorialists respectfully say, that the charges against that officer, contained therein, are equally without foundation, so far as they believe or have any reason to suspect. They have personal knowledge of the fact, which is equally well known to all impartial citizens of Baltimore, that the official duties of Col. Kane have been discharged, throughout, with singular ability, integrity and courage, and never more conspicuously, or in better faith, or at more imminent risk of his own life, than in the protection of the troops of the Federal Government, on the 19th of April. Of the police force, placed under his command by these memorialists, and selected wholly without reference to their political opinions (as the law and the official oath of your memorialists require) your memorialists can say, without exaggeration, that they do not believe a body of men can be found, any where, more entirely devoted to the conscientious discharge of official duty, or less justly liable to the accusation of entering into unlawful combinations themselves, or encouraging or permitting such combinations by others. Down to