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General Banks' Proclamation of June 27th.

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### PROCLAMATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.

*Headquarters Department of Annapolis,* }  
June 27th, 1861. }

By virtue of authority vested in me, and in obedience to orders, as Commanding General of the Military Department of Annapolis, I have arrested, and do now detain in custody, Mr. George P. Kane, Chief of Police of the city of Baltimore. I deem it proper at this the moment of arrest to make formal and public declaration of the motive by which I have been governed in this proceeding.

It is not my purpose, neither is it in consonance with my instructions, to interfere in any manner with the legitimate government of the people of Baltimore or Maryland. I desire to support the public authorities in all appropriate duties; in preserving peace, protecting property and the rights of persons, in obeying and upholding every municipal regulation and statute, consistent with the laws of the United States and of Maryland.

But unlawful combinations of men, organized for resistance to such laws, that provide hidden deposits of arms and ammunition, encourage contraband traffic with men at war with the government, and while enjoying its protection and privileges, stealthily wait opportunity to combine their means and forces with those in rebellion against its authority, are not among the recognized or legal rights of any class of men,