

and cannot be permitted under any form of government whatever. Such combinations are well known to exist in this department.

The mass of citizens of Baltimore and of Maryland, loyal to the Constitution and the Union, are neither parties to nor responsible for them. But the Chief of Police is not only believed to be cognizant of these facts, but in contravention of his duty, and in violation of law, he is, by direction or indirection, both witness and protector to the transactions and the parties engaged therein. Under such circumstances the government cannot regard him otherwise than at the head of an armed force, hostile to its authority and acting in concert with its avowed enemies.

For this reason, superseding his official authority and that of the Commissioners of Police, I have arrested and do now detain him in custody of the United States; and in further pursuance of my instructions, I have appointed for the time being Col. Kenly, of the first regiment of Maryland Volunteers, *Provost Marshal*, in and for the city of Baltimore, "to superintend and cause to be executed the Police Laws provided by the Legislature of Maryland," with the aid and assistance of the subordinate officers of the Police Department. And he will be respected accordingly.

Whenever a loyal citizen shall be otherwise named for the performance of this duty, who will execute these laws impartially and in good faith to the government of the United States, the military force of this department will render to him that instant and willing obedience which is due from every good citizen to his government.

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