

## General Banks' Proclamation of July 1st.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

*Headquarters Dep't., of Annapolis, }  
Fort McHenry, July 1. }*

In pursuance of orders issued from the Headquarters of the Army at Washington, for the preservation of the Public Peace in this Department, I have arrested and do now detain in custody of the United States the late Members of the Board of Police—Messrs. Charles Howard, William H. Gatchell, Charles D. Hinks and John W. Davis. The incidents of the past week afforded full justification for this order. The Headquarters, under the charge of the Board, when abandoned by the Officers, resembled in some respects a concealed Arsenal. After public recognition and protest against the “suspension of their functions,” they continued their sessions daily. Upon a forced and unwarrantable construction of my Proclamation of the 27th ultimo, they declared that the Police Law was suspended, and the police officers and men put off duty for the present, intending to leave the city without any police protection whatever. They refused to recognize the officers or men necessarily selected by the Provost Marshal for its protection, and hold subject to their orders, now and hereafter, the old Police force, a large body of armed men, for some purpose, not known to the Government, and inconsistent with its peace or security. To anticipate any intentions or orders on their part, I have placed temporarily a portion of the force under my command within the city. I disclaim on the part of the Government I represent all desire, intention and purpose to interfere in any manner whatever with the ordinary Municipal affairs of the City of Baltimore. Whenever a loyal citizen can be named