

# MEMORIAL

OF THE

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE.

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*To the Honorable*

*the Senate and House of Representatives*

*of the United States:*

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore respectfully present this their memorial :

The recent suspension of the functions of the Board of Police of this city, makes it the duty of your memorialists to call your attention to certain consequences of that action which affect every citizen in this community. The memorial of the Board of Police already presented to your Honorable Bodies, has given you full information of the nature and extent of their powers. A brief reference to certain leading features of the law of Maryland under which they hold office, and with whose execution they are charged, will enable you to appreciate the embarrassments which now affect the due administration of the Government of Baltimore. The Board of Police is, under the laws of Maryland, the sole Police authority of the city. It alone is competent to provide for the preservation of peace and order within our limits; to appoint subordinate police officers, to appoint judges of elections and provide for the execution of the laws regulating elections; to enforce all ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the preservation of health and the maintenance of peace and order. By other provisions of the laws for the Police government of this city, the organization of any permanent police force other than that organized by and acting