

period of great popular excitement, is a monument to the zeal and good faith of our police authorities. When there no longer seemed any necessity for a military array, the arms placed in the hands of the people were recalled, and the city resumed its ordinary condition of quiet. So Baltimore remained until May 14th, when it being ascertained that the people were disarmed, and that the movement could be made without serious danger, the General then in command in this department occupied a portion of the city with certain troops under his command. His arrival was announced by proclamation, and in the afternoon of May 14th he sent a detachment of troops into the city, who seized and carried off arms belonging to and in the custody of the authorities of the city of Baltimore. No resistance was offered or permitted by the authorities of the city. Two of our citizens, one of them a member of the Legislature of Maryland, were by the orders of the same military officer summarily arrested, and after an imprisonment of a few days, were released because their existence no sufficient cause for either arrest or detention.

Since the middle of May, many thousand United States soldiers have passed through this city. There has been no single instance of opposition to their progress; nor any failure on the part of the city authorities to take proper precautions for their protection as well as for preserving the peace of the city. The Courts of the United States are and have been unimpeded in the performance of their duties, save when in a memorable instance, the Marshal of the U. States was not permitted to enter Fort McHenry, or to serve process issued by the highest judicial officer of the United States. The order of the city has been preserved. No resistance of any kind has been made, even to illegal and unconstitutional acts of military officers. No arrest that has been made by mere military authority, but that could have been made by civil officers. Thus without the existence is of a single fact to justify an appeal to a supposed authority growing out of military necessity, citizens have been seized and imprisoned, their homes invaded and searched without warrant, or complaint, on oath, as required by law. The protection afforded by constitutional guarantees of the liberty of the citizen and constitutional restraints imposed on the power of the executive, has been denied.— Obedience to the Courts is refused when they interfere for the protection of the citizen. Arms belonging to the city of Baltimore and rightfully in the custody of its authorities have been taken. The buildings of the city have been given into the custody of officers not known to its laws.—