

city were called out. On the 20th of April, your honorable body by a unanimous vote, placed at my disposal the sum of \$500,000 for the defence of the city, and the banks, with great patriotism and unanimity, voluntarily offered to advance the money through a committee of their Presidents, consisting of Messrs. Columbus O'Donnel, Johns Hopkins, and John Clark, who notified me, in person, of the fact on the morning of the 20th of April at the Mayor's office. A number of citizens, in all the wards, volunteered for the purpose of defence, and were enrolled under the direction of the Board of Police; and for their use arms were partially provided. The Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the United States, with the approbation of the President, in view of the condition of affairs then existing in the city, on the earnest application of the Governor of the State, of prominent citizens and myself, ordered that thereafter the troops should not be brought through Baltimore, and they were accordingly transported to Washington by way of Annapolis.

But great danger existed to Baltimore from large bodies of unauthorized men at the North, who threatened to cut their way through the city, and visit upon it terrible vengeance for the acts of the 19th of April.

As soon as this danger had passed away, and the excitement among our own citizens had sufficiently subsided, the military were dismissed, and the citizens who enrolled were disbanded by order of the Board of Police. The peace of the city had been preserved, and its safety and the persons and property of men of all parties, protected under the circumstances of great peril, and the most intense excitement, and it was hoped that affairs would be allowed to return as nearly as possible to their previous condition. To this end my efforts, and those of the Board were devoted. Large bodies of troops from the North have ever since passed through the city without molestation, and every proper precaution to accomplish that object was taken by the Board of Police and carried out by the force.

But civil war had begun on the immediate border of our State. A great division of opinion in regard to it existed among the people, and the events which had occurred in the city, and their consequences, seems to have made an indelible impression on the minds of the authorities at Washington, that the police force of the city of Baltimore was prepared to engage in hostility against the General Government whenever an opportunity should occur.

The result has been very unfortunate. On the ground of military necessity, of the existence of which, and of the measures required of it, the Federal officers claim to be the