

GEO. M. GILL'S STATEMENT TO THE MAYOR.

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*Baltimore, July 12, 1861.*

TO THE HON. GEO. WM. BROWN,

*Mayor of the City of Baltimore:*

In your communication to the City Council of yesterday, which I did not see until after it was communicated to the Council, you refer to the fact that I accompanied you on Friday, April 19th, to the Camden station. There were some additional circumstances which I deem it proper to state. You desired me to accompany you, hoping that I might aid in preventing any violence on that day, or interruption to the troops then about to pass through, in case any should be attempted. Your impression was that no such attempt would be made, but nevertheless you thought every precaution should be taken, in case of any such attempt to resist it. For the sole purpose of doing this I accompanied you.

After we reached the Camden Station there were manifestations of excitement among the crowd there assembled, and the Police Commissioners (excepting Mr. Hinks then absent from the City) gave directions to Marshal Kane, in my presence, to use his whole force in keeping order and protecting the troops from being interrupted. The reply of Marshal Kane then made was, that if he and his whole force lost their lives the troops should be protected.

After the first of the troops reached Camden Station a rush of people was made at the cars in which they then were, but the Police interfered and drove them off. A cry was then raised to tear up the track outside of the Camden Station, and a rush was made to accomplish this purpose, but the Police again interfered, and prevented this from being done.

I supposed for some time that all the troops would pass in safety, and such was my anxious wish, and to the extent of my ability I united in the effort to produce this result.