

peared from Gen. Banks. It stated the arrest of the Commissioners to have been made "in pursuance of orders issued from the Headquarters of the Army at Washington, for the preservation of the public peace in this Department." By way of justification, it alleged that "the Headquarters under the charge of the Board, when abandoned by the officers, resembled in some respects a concealed arsenal;" that "after recognition and protest against the suspension of their functions," the Board had continued their sessions daily; that upon a forced and unwarrantable construction of the Proclamation of 27th June they had declared the Police law suspended and the Police officers and men off duty for the present, "intending to leave the city without any Police protection whatever;" that they had refused to recognize the officers and men appointed as policemen by Col. Kenly, and finally, held, 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 and security." It then further stated that the troops in the city had been sent there "to anticipate any intentions or orders" on the part of the Police Board, and concluded with a protestation, as in the previous Proclamation, against "all desire, intention and purpose, on the part of the Government, to interfere in any way whatever with the ordinary municipal affairs of the city of Baltimore."

The Commissioners being thus removed, by force, from their sphere of duty, and held in prison to prevent them from discharging it, the military occupation of the city was continued—the Court House and many public places and offices, which belonged to the corporation, being appropriated to the use of the troops, who thronged the streets and squares also, by night and by day. Meanwhile, being the only member of the Board who had not been deprived of liberty, the Mayor of the city, Mr. Brown, in order, if possible, to relieve his fellow-citizens from the embarrassments and perils of their situation, expressed his readiness to Gen. Banks to undertake the management of the Police, and Col. Kane, with great disinterestedness, was willing to make the sacrifice of his position, so that the Mayor might have no difficulty in consummating the arrangements he proposed. Gen. Banks, however, responded unfavorably to the proposition, after some delay, and on July 10th announced the consummation of his plans in the following proclamation: