

“TO THE PEOPLE OF BALTIMORE:—

*Headquarters, Department of Annapolis,  
July 10, 1861.*

By virtue of authority vested in me, as Commanding Officer of this Department, *I have appointed, and do hereby appoint George R. Dodge, Esq., of Baltimore, Marshal of Police*, vice Col. John R. Kenly, who, being relieved of this service at his own request, now assumes command of the First Regiment of Maryland Volunteers, on the Upper Potomac, in the State of Maryland. I have made this appointment at the suggestion and upon the advice of very many influential and honorable citizens of Baltimore, representing its different sections, parties and interests. And in order that public opinion shall have proper influence, and the civil authority due weight, in all municipal affairs, it is my desire and expectation that the Marshal shall receive suggestion, advice and direction from them and other loyal citizens, as from all the Departments of the Government of the city, and *in all respects to administer every department of the Police law* in full freedom, for the peace and prosperity of the city, and the honor and perpetuity of the United States.

N. P. BANKS, MAJOR GENERAL,  
Commanding Department of Annapolis.”

The names of the “influential and honorable citizens,” who committed the grave offense of aiding in the subversion of the civil government of the State, within the limits of Baltimore, by force of arms, have not been given officially to the public, nor has any official disclosure been made of the names of those, under whose “advice and direction” the functions of Mr. Dodge are exercised. These will of course be subjects for judicial inquiry hereafter. The appointment of Mr. Dodge was accompanied by the withdrawal of the troops from the heart of the city, and, from that time to the present, the laws of the State have been silent in Baltimore, so far as concerns its Police Department, and the lives and property of the people have been at the mercy of the organization, thus set on foot by the military power of the Federal Government. On the 21st of July a Bill was introduced in Congress, appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the payment of “the Police organization of Baltimore employed by the United States.” It was passed by the House of Representatives under the pressure of the previous question, one of the representatives from Baltimore (Mr. May) having in vain attempted to obtain the floor to discuss it, and having been