

Mayor stated to the Board, that his Excellency the Governor, with whom he had a few minutes before been in consultation in the presence of several citizens concurred in these views, they were likewise those of the Board, and instructions were given for carrying them into effect. This was accordingly done. The injury thus done on the Rail Roads amounted to but a few thousand dollars on each ; subsequently as has been stated, further and greater damage was done to other structures on the Roads by parties in the country or others, but this was without the sanction or authority of the Board, and they have no accurate information on the subject. The absolute necessity of the measures thus determined upon by the Governor, Mayor and Police Board, is fully illustrated by the fact, that early on Sunday morning, reliable information reached the City, of the presence of a large body of Pennsylvania troops amounting to about twenty-four hundred men, had reached Ashland near Cockeysville, by the way of the Northern Central Rail Road, and were stopped in their progress towards Baltimore, by the partial destruction of the Ashland Bridge. Every intelligent citizen at all acquainted with the state of feeling then existing, must be satisfied, that if these troops had attempted to march through the City, an immense loss of life would have ensued, in the conflict which would necessarily have taken place. The bitter feelings already engendered, would have been intensely increased by such a conflict ; all attempts at conciliation would have been vain, and terrible destruction would have been the consequence, if as is certain, other bodies of troops had insisted upon forcing their way through the City.

The tone of the whole of the Northern press, and of the mass of the population, was violent in the extreme. Incursions upon our City were daily threatened, not only by troops in the service of the Federal Government, but by the vilest and most reckless desperadoes, acting independently, and, as they threatened, in despite of the Government, backed by well known influential citizens, and sworn to the commission