

well legacy of his affection, has left us these warning words also :

“LET THERE BE NO CHANGE, BY USURPATION; FOR THOUGH THIS, IN ONE INSTANCE, MAY BE THE INSTRUMENT OF GOOD, IT IS THE CUSTOMARY WEAPON BY WHICH FREE GOVERNMENTS ARE DESTROYED. THE PRECEDENT MUST ALWAYS GREATLY OVERBALANCE, IN PERMANENT EVIL, EVERY PARTIAL OR TRANSIENT BENEFIT WHICH THE USE CAN AT ANY TIME YIELD.”

We shall more surely and reverently honor the memory of Washington, by following his precepts and example, than even by respecting, under “general orders,” the groves and walks around his tomb.

It is no part of the purpose of the Committee to discuss the personal and official conduct of the citizens of whose wrongs they have spoken, for their merits or demerits have but little to do with the great principles which have been violated in their persons. It is but just, however, to say, that the Message of the Mayor of Baltimore—himself fully cognizant of their official proceedings, and a witness beyond question or suspicion—confirms, in the amplest manner, the asseverations of their Memorial, which their own high character for truthfulness and honor would suffice, of itself, to establish. The Memorial of the City Councils corroborates the statements of the Mayor, and all the testimony which surrounds the case demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Committee, not only the unfounded nature of the suspicions under which the Government has acted, or assumed to act, but the entire good faith in which the Board had met, and was prepared to fulfill its obligations, under the laws of the State and the Union. It is made conspicuously evident, that in the unfortunate affair of the 19th of April, the Mayor, the Commissioners, the Marshal of Police and his men, at the imminent risk of their own lives, endeavored to suppress the riot and protect the troops assailed. Magnanimous acknowledgment of the fact was made through the public prints by Capt. Dike, a wounded officer, as soon as he arrived in Boston. The Governor of this State, (no willing witness,) on page 4 of his Message of April 25th, bore testimony to it in the following strong language: “The Mayor and Police Board gave to the Massachusetts soldiers all the protection they could afford, acting with the utmost promptness and bravery. But they were powerless to restrain the mob.” The President of the United States himself in his interview of April 21st, with the Mayor of Baltimore in Washington, did not hesitate fully to recognize, in the presence of his cabinet and of the General commanding the army, the fidelity and loyalty with which the city authorities