

J. J. Matthews Ligon, Governor of the State of Maryland,
do hereby, in my Proclamations, exhort all persons, other
than the civil and military authorities, and those
employed by them, in the maintenance of public
order, to keep away from the neighbourhood of those
disturbances. Those observing this precaution will not
only promote their own personal safety, but may
contribute in a great degree to the restoration and
preservation of public tranquillity.

The most efficient means, at the command of
the state authorities, will be promptly employed,
in bringing to summary punishment those who
may be riotously disposed, and idle or curious
spectators will do well to consider that their presence
at scenes of riot and disorder may be the means
of subjecting them to the danger of suffering
equally with the guilty.

And I do further exhort
all good and loyal citizens of the State to aid
in the maintenance of the law, and in bringing
to punishment those engaged in this open attempt
of their authority. I entreat them to be vigilant in
preserving peace, and in sustaining the civil
authorities. The discouragement by well disposed
citizens of the unbecoming proceedings which have
occurred this Proclamations may do much
towards maintaining order, and reversing the
spirit of insubordination.

And I do further exhort
all those disposed to riot and disorder to return,
at once, to their duty as quietly disposed and
order-loving citizens, and to desist from all unbecom-
ing proceedings, and thus avoid danger and the certain
punishment that will be visited upon those who
may be concerned in disturbing the peace of the
State.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto
subscribed my name this 2^d day of May A. D. 1857.

J. Matthews Ligon

By the Governor
Matthew Cox
Secretary of State.