

individual instances of complaint were to be found or not to be warranted. These are incident to all excited elections, that have heretofore taken place in our city.

My instructions to the Police were of the most absolute and impartial character, and in every instance of decided outbreak, the efficiency of this force was free and acknowledged.

At the election in November in furtherance of the object which I have never lost sight of, in addition to the complement of officers assigned to the Stations and the various election precincts, acting immediately in concert with the judges, together with the details by which they will be regulated, there will be, what may be deemed, in my judgment, a competent force to ensure that no one will be entitled to vote, the free and untrammelled exercise of their right of suffrage; and I sincerely trust that unless some unforeseen accident should take place, or an ungovernable feeling should be excited by those who are now engaged in the effort to beat down the City government that the election will proceed quietly and without interruption.

As the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, I hold my Commission directly from the People, and am accountable to them for the manner in which I discharge my trust.

The Office which I have been called upon to assume was conferred upon me without solicitation, and will be laid down whenever it shall be made to appear that I have lost the Confidence of those whom it has been my highest endeavor to serve. I can recognize "subordination" to no other power within the sphere of my duty. I deemed it due to courtesy to afford to your Excellency the amplest information in regard to the matters to which you refer in your letter, and now invite from you any reliable evidence upon which I can legally act, of a combination on the part of any of our citizens to obstruct the laws at the coming election. But while I and thus frankly in freshading my plans for the preservation of the public peace and the protection of the voter by every means at my disposal, I must be equally so in declining to recognize any joint administration of the affairs of this city. The powers of the Mayor are believed to be ample. He has his resort, in case of emergency to the Civil force, as well as to the military and which like the former is placed by the Law under his control. It will be his duty to use his best endeavors to see that every citizen is protected in his constitutional rights, and that the peace of the city is preserved by every means at his disposal. - If however, it should be attempted to introduce a power in the City of Baltimore, another of its regularly constituted authorities, or if the power should be assumed in anticipation of a state of things which may not occur, to bring the military in contact with the people on the day of election, without an official requisition on the part of the