

approaching election, unless more adequate arrangements are prepared for the support of lawless men? I have no other doubtless power, as far as your power, but to protest them, and in your very arms that will be sincerely extended in behalf of individual security and Constitutional Liberty. And it is felt that it is a circumstance of great magnitude that a State Executive has not hesitated who has repaired his city in which the Rep has not hesitated to declare that the recent election was a "mockery" and the intimidation to which should be asked by its municipal head to furnish him with any reliable evidence upon which I could legally act of a combination on the part of any of our citizens to obstruct the laws at the coming election."

Is there no such thing as a fact, does the spirit of party blind municipal officers to that condition of things which all fair minded citizens recognize? Are there no daisy and nightly murders,

It is to be deeply regretted that we should be at all separated in the performance of our duties for concerning to the citizen his legal rights which violence has thus overruled, and that you declare to "recognize any joint administration of the affairs of this city" when I tender you the Executive Cooperation. This speaks responsibility you have taken. I believe that a just minded community will severely censure this false independence, as not consistent with our relative official positions, or consistent with that spirit of union which shines unite all good men against the bad and lawless. But however this may be I am bound to you respectfully that I shall nevertheless see that the laws are "faithfully executed" by every Constitutional Power.

I feel assured that the Community and the State will second this conduct a spirit of no intrusive interference but rather that of imperative duty which they have a right to expect.

Entertaining you with the most friendly feeling and to your personal safety, and desiring that such successful administration by you of your civic duties which will redound to the credit of the City and State. I regard it as my solicitation for your Cheaper Cooperation into the Executive and hope that as a review of your opinion you will not see any derogatory submission which will prevent you as the municipal head of this City from uniting in a harmonious effort to assert the supremacy of the laws.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant

J Watkins Lyon

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To His Excellency, J Watkins Lyon

Governor of Maryland,