

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of yesterday date, by the hands of your Secretary,

I feel no disposition to discuss the relative powers of your Office and mine, or the other points referred to in your letter.

Your Excellency has thought proper to visit this city and upon representations which you have deemed sufficient to place it in habitant's hands, military permission. The responsibility is with your Excellency.

In the exercise of my functions, I stand to be governed by the authority of law, and I trust by the support of the entire Community.

With great respect I have the honor to be

Your obt. servant

(Signed) Thomas Swann

Mayor

Proclamation

By the Mayor of Baltimore

With a view to procure order at the Polls at the election to be held in this city on the 4th of November next, I deem it my duty to issue this Proclamation to the Citizens of Baltimore, in order that the position of the City Government may not be misunderstood.

The following order will be strictly observed.

The Police detailed for the various precincts will carry out all orders directed to them by any Judge or Judges of election, and see that the Polls are kept open and unobstructed.

They will arrest and promptly convey to the nearest Station all intoxicated or disorderly persons who may be found at or near the Polls.

They will seize and convey to the nearest station all fire arms which may be exhibited at the Polls or used to intimidate persons from voting.

They will arrest all Carriages passing through the streets with riotous or disorderly persons, and order them to be drawn to the Station.

On the occurrence of any serious disorder, or an attempt to obstruct the Polls by any party or parties whatsoever, the Judges of Election or either of them are respectfully requested to dispatch a messenger immediately to the Mayor's Office, in order that the same may be promptly arrested.

The Citizens generally are respectfully requested to report at once any case of delinquency on the part of the Police.

Omni-buses will be in readiness at the Central Station to convey an adequate force to any part of the city where a disturbance may take place, or an attempt is made to interfere in any manner with the free right of suffrage.

The Police are instructed to see that all drinking houses are closed on the day of the election and to report all who refuse to obey this order.

There will be 100 special policemen, in addition