

to the regular police, who may be commanded by the Mayor
to maintain order in preserving order at the polls

As Chief Magistrate of the City of Baltimore I call upon
all good and order loving citizens to cooperate with me in carrying
out the details of this Proclamation

Thos Swann Mayor

Baltimore, Nov 1 1857

His Excellency the Governor of Maryland,

Sir,

Believing that the object of your
Officers intimated in the matter of the coming election in
this city as to which you have done us the honor to consult is
now being effectually accomplished by the arrangements which
the Mayor has now made and communicated to you, we
urgently advise you to abandon your purpose of resorting to the
Military on that day. We do not and cannot doubt that these
arrangements will be carried out in good faith, and that the peace
of the City and the uninterrupted exercise of the right of suffrage
will be thereby effectually secured.

We are with very great respect

Your Obedt Servants,

J. C. Howard

Reverdy Johnson

Chas. F. Meyer

J. W. Smith

Charles Howard

John Thomas Mason

J. Teachler Wallis

Baltimore Nov 1 1857

To the Hon. Thomas Swann

Mayor of Baltimore

Sir,

It is a matter of extreme
gratification to me that you have communicated to me the
extraordinary and admirable arrangements by which you propose to
preserve order at the coming election. Seeing in these the composition
of a special police which affords to all citizens the promise of
personal protection, and also of a fairness and impartiality
calculated to remove all distrust as to the freedom of the elective
franchise on that day, it gives me great pleasure to say that
I now contemplate no use of the military force which I have
ordered to be enrolled and organized.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

J. Watkins Ligon

Mayor's Office, City Hall

Baltimore, Nov 1st 1857.

To His Excellency J. Watkins Ligon

Governor of Maryland