

Sir,
 I have the honor to receive your letter of this date. It affords me pleasure to know that your Excellency is satisfied with my arrangements for preserving order at the coming election. The assurances which you have given me that you do not now contemplate the use of the military force which you have ordered to be collected and organized enables me to anticipate a quiet and peaceable election, which I am sure will be as agreeable to your Excellency as myself.

I have the honor to be
 With great respect
 Thomas Swann Mayor

The undersigned having been called by his Excellency the Governor of Maryland into consultation with him touching the measures that ought to be adopted for supporting the Laws in the City of Baltimore at the approaching election, and having been made fully acquainted with all the facts and circumstances which have attended the subject have fully concurred in all the views and measures which he has seen fit to be his duty to take from first to last.
 Baltimore 10th Dec 1857.
 Wm H D Wright
 Robt Clinton Wright

The undersigned having been consulted by Governor Ligon in relation to the various measures adapted by him to preserve the peace in the City at the approaching election, and having witnessed the loyal firmness with which she has exerted his Constitutional powers in this behalf, feel it to be our duty to tender our testimony to this, in view of the certainty of the malignant misrepresentation with which his Course will be assailed by a certain portion of the Rep.

But we were not willing to join in a paper signed by some of our associates without accompanying it with this explanation. In the terms of the letter addressed on Nov 1st 1857 by Gov Ligon to Mayor Swann we knew that no part of its phraseology was intended at all to admit any other construction than that the exercise of power to use the Military was Constitutional and legal and had been only practically suspended because of the assurances that the Mayor would command a special police of respectable persons without regard to party and this we hoped would be effective and sufficient for this occasion.

But we saw from circumstances around us that his language would be distorted by the Prep and Partisan leaders, and that the effort would be made to inculcate the belief that this letter had been intended as a surrender of his right to use the military power.

We knew that Gov Ligon had come to the City with no view of arraying that force against a political party, but against those only who were believed to be a limited number of lawless men. When therefore we saw the Prep of this party assailed by a sailing