The circular addressed to the Marshall of police will show the completeness of the instructions which he was ordered to see enforced by his personal supervision:

Mayor's Office October 10. 1858.

The Marshal of Police is instructed to enforce the following regulations

The police officers detailed for the various precincts will carry out strictly all orders directed to them by the judges of elections

They will arrest all intoxicated and disorderly persons who may be found at or near the polls, and convey them promptly to the nearest station.

They will sieze and carry to the stations all fire-arms in whatever hands they may be found, which may be carried to the polls or used to intimidate persons from voting.

They will arrest all carriages passing through the streets with riotous and disorderly persons, and order them to be driven to the stations.

On the occurrence of any serious disorder or attempt to obstruct the polls by any party or parties whatsoever, the officer in command will despatch a messenger immediately to the Mayor's office

The officers will be held responsible for the faithful execution of these orders

Thomas Swann. Mayor

To the Marshall of Police.

It will be a subject for consideration hereafter in what manner an intensly excited multitude can be best regulated on occasions like that through which we have just passed. No man could have had less motive for any obstruction at the polls, or desired more sincerely and honestly a full and fair expression of the public sentiment.

The office of Mayor of this city has no attractions for me beyond the desire, as a good citizen, to make myself useful in a community with whose fortunes I am so largely identified. However anxious I might have felt to resign this trust to other hands, my own personal wishes were not to be consulted; and as there was no indication that any commanding number of voters, or a majority of the people of this city, desired a surrender of this office on my part, I felt bound to assume again the functions which it imposed. Whenever it shall be made apparent to me that a change is desired, your honorable body will believe that there will be no persistent obstinacy on my part, in holding on to an

office which has destroyed the repose of my domestic firside; made my character the theme of personal abuse; subjected me to incessant toil, and exposed my person to contingencies of risk; which only an imperative sense of public duty could induce any man to encounter.

The justification of a public officer must be sought in the honesty of his intentions. Diversity of opinion is inseparable from the government of all large cities; and the impetuous mind will discover evils for which even the most complaining may not always be able to suggest a perfect remedy. The management of a municipal corporation is the most trying of all public trusts, because it involves the direct supervision and criticism of the most exacting in all parties and classes of the community. In the performance of my duties heretofore, I claim no exemption from error. The people called me to this place with no such expectations. I have endeavored, faithfully to discharge the office assigned me; and I avail myself of this my first message to your honorable body, to ask from yourselves, and a generous constituency, at the commencement of my new term of service, that measure of justice and liberality, in the estimation of my public acts, which the humblest citizen would have a right to claim at the hands of an unprejudiced public.

With great respect

Your obedient servant

Thomas Swann. Mayor

The following message was received from the First Branch

In First Branch

Baltimore, November 15. 1858

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that the hour of five O'Clock P. M. be fixed for the daily assembling of the two Branches of the Council during the present session

By order

Richard R. Battee, Clerk

On Motion of Mr McComas, the proposition contained in the message was concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch

In First Branch

Baltimore November 15. 1858

Gentlemen of the Second Branch

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a joint special committee, for the purpose of distributing the various subjects contained in the Mayor's communication, and name on the