

imits prescribed by the Code of General Laws, and the Constitution of the State.

Without any elaborate explanation of their views, they think that the forty-third section of the sixty-third Article of the Code of General Laws, amply provides for what has been done by the Governor, as it empowers him, "from time to time, to adopt such measures and give such orders as he shall deem necessary for the collection, distribution, delivery and re-delivery of the arms, accoutrements and ammunition belonging to the State, and to provide and issue such ammunition as, *in his opinion*, may at any time be necessary.

In the judgment of the undersigned, this whole matter is wisely left, under the aforesaid provision, to the discretion of the Executive. Convinced that he has acted from reliable information, and that his course has been governed by the sole motive of rescuing the arms from disloyal citizens, seeking to embroil us in the unhappy strifes existing in other parts of the Union, we cannot too highly commend this movement, as tending to preserve the State in her present proud and enviable position.

The fact is too apparent to every observing man, that there are numerous citizens within the limits of our State, who are ready to avail themselves of all unlawful schemes (and the furnishing and secreting for removal elsewhere of the arms of the State, has been one of the most prominent) to foster, aid and facilitate movements incompatible with our peace, and which they have not the manliness openly to avow and maintain.

We believe that the Governor has acted in this matter so as to thwart effectually the designs of such mischievous men, while the arms and other property of the State will be carefully preserved, and in no contingency be permitted to be used for purposes illegal or inconsistent with the peace, honor and dignity of the State. We see no use of any legislative action in this matter, and therefore beg to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

HENRY H. GOLDSBOROUGH,

JOHN E. SMITH.

The yeas and nays being demanded, upon the substitute, appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Grahame,
Goldsborough, of Talbot;
Kimmel,

Smith,
Stone—5.