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Arms. Having good reason to believe that more of said Arms would be carried off for a like purpose, unless they were promptly secured, I ordered them to be reclaimed, thinking it to be my duty to do so for the protection of the interest of the State.

I have ordered the Arms to be deposited at Fort Mifflin, as a place of security, because other Arms belonging to the State had previously been stolen from the depository selected in the city of Baltimore; and I did not deem it prudent to again incur a similar risk.

The security I have "for the restoration of said Arms when demanded by the proper authorities of Maryland," lies in the honor of the United States Government, and of its loyal officers. I should have deemed it absurd and insulting to have required any other security.

Thomas H. Hicks.

On the same day, in response to an order of the House of Delegates, the Governor transmitted to that body the following Message:

State of Maryland,

Executive Chamber,

Frederick city, June 5, 1861.

Gentlemen of the

House of Delegates:

In response to your order of this date, requesting me "to furnish you, without delay, with copies of all correspondence which may have taken place between myself and any officer or officers of the General Government since the 4th of March last," I have to say:

That I have already furnished