

had existed which prompted us to take this  
regular step in the case of Baltimore town.  
We beg leave to mention as not un-  
connected with this subject that the State of  
war prevailing at this time in Europe, and  
the neutrality which this country maintains  
in relation to the powers engaged, has pro-  
-duced a call on the Executive of this State  
by the General Government, the object of which  
was to require our assistance in maintaining  
the peace and neutrality of the United States,  
and in particular directing the Governor to  
employ the Militia, in preventing and  
suppressing all military aggressions by any  
of the powers at war, whether by unlawful  
armaments within our ports or by hostilities  
committed within our Jurisdiction - This requisi-  
-tion has been made pointedly and expressly  
on the Governor in his constitutional capacity  
of Commander in Chief of the Militia - The  
Governor thus called upon acquainted the Federal  
Executive that there being no existing law for  
organising the Militia of this State, he could  
not answer the view of the General Government

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