

in the manner pointed out; but that as presiding
in the Executive department of Maryland he
would with the assistance of his Council do every
thing that depended on him to support the system
which had been adopted; and mentioned in particu-
lar that he would give encouragement to voluntary
associations by which the want of an established
militia might be remedied - The companies al-
ready mentioned were soon after formed in
Baltimore, and their considerations that they
might be employed in preventing the unlawful
practices before mentioned which from the super-
-ior means afforded in a large commercial
town were more likely to be attempted there than
elsewhere, was an additional motive for furnish-
-ing them with arms.

We transmit herewith for the consi-
-deration of the Legislature, a letter and enclosure
received from the Lieut. Governor of Massachu-
-setts - and have the Honor to be Sir

Thos. J. Lee

The
General Assembly