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*Letter from Capt. James B. Dixon, to Brigade Major
Watkins, relative to Arms.*

[Filed 21st November, 1829.]

PRINCE FREDERICK-TOWN, }
October 26th, 1829 }

SIR—Yours of the 23d of September last, relative to the Public Arms, has just come to hand—and in compliance with your request, hasten to answer its contents. In the year 1826 or 1827, a Resolution passed the Legislature of Maryland, granting to Capt. Richard J. Somerville, the privilege of receiving from the Armory sixty muskets, bayonets and cartouch boxes, by his giving bond with securities to the State of Maryland, which he did, with Mr. Jas. Buckmaster and myself. his securities; and received the muskets and accoutrements, which remained in his possession for the use of the company until his decease in May last, since which time I have been promoted to the Captaincy, and of course did take charge of the said Arms, which I now have in my possession, all in good order, and for which I should like, and am ready to give, my bond with approved security, and thereby release the estate of Capt. Somerville. You will please answer this, and inform me how I can accomplish my wish.

Very respectfully,

Your obed't servant,

J. B. DIXON.

[Bond sent to Capt. DIXON.]

*Letter from Capt. Wm. J. W. Compton, to Brigade Major
Watkins, relative to Arms,*

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TRACEY'S LANDING, 5th Nov. 1829.

SIR—Your communication respecting the State's property, has been received. The officers recently commissioned in my company, refuse to bond for the Arms. I shall therefore comply with the requisition of the resolution, inclosed in your letter, as soon as the Arms can be collected. They are all in good condition except one which is rendered unfit for use in consequence of its bursting.

Very respectfully,

WM. J. W. COMPTON.