

dient by the committee, to urge upon the Senate the adoption of any new system on this subject, but the committee entertains the opinion, that at a more propitious moment, it might be advisable to introduce provisions, by which the arms should be distributed, to the different counties, in the ratio of their militia force, to be kept in Arsenals in some central positions, at the expense of the counties and under the care of officers, appointed for the purpose, of the arms belonging to the State, and such as it may receive hereafter from the General Government, were thus deposited and kept in a condition fit for service, the Militia force of the State, would in time of war or in the event of insurrection or invasion, be arrayed fully equipped for useful service.

In order to afford a future General Assembly all the required information on this subject, so as to ascertain the merits or defects of the present system.

The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved; by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to require of the Brigadier Generals throughout the State, to ascertain the condition of the public arms within their respective commands; whether they are now in the possession of those persons who may have given receipts or bonds for them, if not, the officers now having the possession shall bond for the same, or deliver them over to the Levy courts or commissioners, and that the Governor be further requested to transmit to the said Brigadier Generals, lists of the arms distributed by the State, with the names of the persons to whom delivered, and of those who have or have not given bonds; and that the said Brigadier Generals make their returns to the Governor, on or before the first day of November next.

ARMS RECEIVED FROM THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Muskets,	-	-	-	-	-	4,530.
Cannon,	-	-	-	-	-	12.
Rifles,	-	-	-	-	-	2,150.
Swords,	-	-	-	-	-	470.
Pistols,	-	-	-	-	-	315.

Making according to estimate, an amount equal to 8,188 Muskets.

List of Documents received from the Executive Department.