

relief must be given by your Assembly if the regiment is to continue in its present quarters.

In regard to the second measure asked from your Assembly by the regiment, the City Council has already passed an Ordinance consenting to the deed-ing of the property to the State as soon as the State shall signify its willingness to accept the same.

It will be seen that in asking for these measures, the regiment is not asking for the bestowal of a sum of money without a just return to the State; but it is simply asking for a sum to pay a remaining indebtedness upon a building which has been specially constructed for an armory and upon which a large sum of money has already been expended in the past from the appropriations granted by your Assembly, and Baltimore city.

The State of Maryland will receive a building upon which over a hundred thousand dollars has been spent in preparing it for its present purposes.

For the appropriation of that sum of thirty thousand dollars to relieve us from the pressure of our remaining obligations upon the Armory, we are returning to the State the appropriations it has already granted to us, in the form of an armory, beautifully and well constructed, and over which the State will have full control, and which will require but a small annual outlay on the part of the State to maintain it in the future.

Respectfully,

WILLIARD HOWARD,

Colonel, Commanding.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Hearn, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Messick be excused from today's session on account of important business.

Also,

Ordered, That Mr. Bennett be excused from today's session on account of important business.