

AN ACT to authorise the Governor and Adjutant General to purchase arms for the use of the State. Passed Feb. 27, 1860.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor and Adjutant General, be and they are hereby authorised and directed to purchase for the use of the State such number of rifles, carbines, pistols, sabres and horse equipments for cavalry, of the most approved patterns, as in their judgment may be necessary, and when so purchased shall be deposited in the armories of the State and distributed by the Adjutant General, according to the mode prescribed by law, to the several volunteer companies of the State; *Provided*, that no county having more than two volunteer companies already armed and equipped at the expense of the State shall be entitled to receive any portion of said arms until the other counties shall have received arms and accoutrements sufficient for two companies; but in case there shall be failure upon the part of any volunteer company in any county to make application to the Adjutant General for arms within sixty days after notice shall have been by him given in some newspaper published in the city of Baltimore of the purchase and deposit of said arms and equipments in the armories of the State, then the Adjutant General shall proceed to distribute said arms in accordance with the provisions of the one hundred and tenth section of the forty-second article of the Code of Public General Laws; and it is hereby made the duty of the said Adjutant General to give the notice as above prescribed. Authorised to purchase arms, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Governor and Adjutant General be and they are hereby authorised and directed to have the old muskets now in the State armories altered so as to conform to the Minnie pattern; *Provided*, the expense of altering the same shall not exceed the sum of two dollars and seventy cents per gun. Authorised to sell old muskets.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Adjutant General is hereby authorised and directed to cause an inspection to be made of the arms and equipments now in the armories of the State, and report Inspection of arms, &c.