

the State, he was fearful that there was an effort that these arms should be put in the hands of parties, for the purpose of preventing soldiers passing through the State, and who desired to use them against the Government; according to that order, I went to work to ascertain what parties had arms belonging to the State of Maryland, some of those arms I succeeded in getting from the parties, others I was unable to get. Mr. Stockbridge was also requested by Governor Hicks, to aid and assist me by his counsel, and of course I had frequent interviews with him, I told him of the information I had received, and listened to his advice, some of the parties who had receipted for arms, handed those arms over when waited upon, others refused, and they could not be found; the balance of the arms we got did not belong to the State of Maryland, they were found in the Marshal's office in Holiday street, that was after Marshal Kane had been superceded, those arms were in cases and evidently came from Harper's Ferry.

Question. Do you know whether any arms were then distributed to any organizations by the Governor of the State, or by his authority?

Answer. His order was to gather in all the arms, but I have no knowledge that the Governor himself authorized any one to hand those arms to any one; he did not authorize me.

Question. What was done with those arms by you, as gathered up?

Answer. They were carried down to Fort McHenry and a receipt taken for them.

Question. Do you know whether or not the Governor had any control or exercised any authority over those arms during the month succeeding their deposit there?

Answer. I cannot say that.

Question. In your examination at the Mayor's office, did you find any evidence of there having been any considerable quantity of United States' arms there?

Answer. To the best of my knowledge there were several cases. I remember Mr. Stockbridge calling my attention to the marks upon the boxes; I do not remember their number.

Question. Do you remember when that was?

Answer. On the night of the 18th of April, I was sent out to take charge of the Pikesville arsenal to save it, as Governor Hicks thought there was a mob going out to take possession of the Government property; I remained there until the night of the 19th, when the Governor sent for me to come in; I was then sent down to Washington to get two thousand stand of arms for the General Government; Mr. Partridge, Secretary of State, went with me; when we got there a tele-