

Expenses of General Carbury ought to be defrayed out of our contingent fund. If any urgent occasion should demand the attendance of the Adjutant General at the Seat of Government, an Express would reach him as soon on this expedition as if it were sent to his place of Residence.

A letter having been lately addressed to The President on the subject of our Claim who informed The Executive that he had given directions to The Secretary at War to under study and ample Justice to the State of Maryland. I would advise an application to be preferred to The Secretary at War to know what progress has been made in The business and whether any circumstances exist to preclude its adjustment. As The Departments of The United States have never intimated a doubt as to the right of our claim, it would be incompatible with our duty to raise difficulties that might defeat our interest. If The Secretary at War should make objections as to our Vouchers in The Council Chamber we can then make proper exertions to support our demand.

Those Arms, which may be deemed worthy of repair, I think ought to be immediately repaired.

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The Governor having proposed and requested The opinion of The Council in writing on the following question.

Will The Council take other measures than a simple renewal of The application heretofore made to The Officers for the completion of our Quota of The 80,000 Men required by The Act of Congress, and demanded by The President of The United States to be in readiness at a moment's warning, and if so, of what kind, and to whom directed.

In forming an opinion on The Question, it is necessary to see what were the measures adopted, and how far they proved effectual. On the 24 of June 1797 an act passed The Congress of The United States, the object of which was to raise 80,000 Men apportioned throughout The Union, to be completely armed, equipped, organized, and ready to march at a moment's warning. On the first of August following, The Secretary at War, by the directions of The President of The United States requested The Executive of Maryland, to take immediate and effectual measures to effectuate the object of The law; and to communicate from time to time, the actual state of The detachment, through The medium of The Adjutant General. In consequence thereof and to enable The Executive to comply with this Requisition: on the 7th of The same month, The Commander in Chief