

1861.

June 17th.

In response to an order of the House of Delegates, the Governor sent the following message to that Body:

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber,
Frederick city, June 17, 1861.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

In response to your Order of this date, informing me that certain Arms, shipped by the Adjutant General on board the schooner S. B. Nelson, were seized on the 14th of May, by General Butler, — and inquiring:

"Whether said Arms were seized with my knowledge and consent;"

"For what reason they are kept from the possession of Captain Moore;" — and

"Whether any action on my part has been taken to cause said Arms to be delivered up to the State authority, in order to be given up to Captain Moore;" —

I have to say: —

To the first inquiry: That it is impertinent.

To the second: That I refer you to General Butler for an answer.

To the third: That Chapter 188, of the Acts of 1860, makes it the duty of the Adjutant General to distribute the Arms in conformity with the requirements of the Code of Public General Laws; and that the inquiry should be addressed to him.

Thomas H. Hicks.

June 18th.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates returned to the Governor the foregoing message; stating that he had been directed to do so by a vote of said Body.