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tion was made for recruiting, equipping and clothing the quota of this State in the Army of the United States, and for furnishing relief to the families, who needed it, of those who had volunteered in defence of the Government.

At the March session of 1778, was passed an act (Chapter VIII) for the better security of the Government, to which I respectfully invite your attention. The preamble recites "that the duties of protection and allegiance are reciprocal: and whereas, no man is entitled to the one who denies the obligation of the other," the law prescribes the oath of allegiance to this State and to the United States to be taken, repeated and subscribed by every citizen of this State, under the penalties (in case of recusancy) and disqualifications therein stated. A thorough revision of the Militia Law, and reorganization of the State Military, is an imperative necessity at this time.

The anomalous condition of the municipal government of the city of Baltimore, demands immediate action on your part. The police force of that city now receives its pay from the United States Treasury, and it is obvious that such a state of affairs should be permitted to exist no longer.

I transmit herewith a copy of a communication received from the Department of State, at Washington, in reference to fortifications within the limits of this State. I deem the subject to be of great importance, and I trust it will receive at your hands the consideration which it deserves.

I respectfully suggest the propriety of the re-enactment of former laws for the summary punishment of persons in Maryland who shall be convicted of aiding or