

In Council September 14th 1793

Gentlemen,

We have received your application for arms for your Company of Volunteers, and are sorry that we cannot continue to lend our assistance to public spirited associations of this kind in Baltimore town - The only reason for furnishing them to other Companies was the apparent necessity for such a measure; but we consider the necessary call to be now answered; and if we go further than what is absolutely requisite to the security of the town, we shall have no proper excuse to offer to other places from whence applications have come or are expected - We have already before us one from Chester town, and one from Easton without having determined to furnish them - We have not three hundred stand of Arms in Annapolis; and as it is impossible to say where the execution of the laws may first want the aid of Military associations it is but prudent

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