

In Council September 20. 1793

Gentlemen

We have just received your letter desiring to be furnished with seventy six stands of the public arms, for the use of a number of the inhabitants of Cambridge, who have formed an association for the support of the civil power - we have before us other applications of the same kind to which we mean to give the same answer as to yours

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The town of Baltimore from which the example of these military associations seem to have been taken, has of late been so situated as to require some extraordinary measure to ensure its quiet, and even its safety - Not only several hundreds of the fugitive inhabitants of Cape Francois consisting of all ranks and descriptions have been received into the town, but a much greater number of strangers belonging to the ships as well public as private, in which these people came from St. Domingo, have been in the harbor with liberty to come on shore every day; and as it was impossible to have an entire dependance on the precarious deportment of such a crowd of

Strangers