

Informal November 7<sup>th</sup> 1793.

Gentlemen

We think it proper to apprise your Honours of a measure to which we have been led by the necessity of the occasion, and the propriety of which as we had no express authority for it, we submit to the Candour of the Legislature.

115. The great number of strangers who arrived during the Summer in Baltimore from St Domingo comprehending not only many hundreds of the fugitive inhabitants of that Island, but also the crews of a great many armed ships, created an alarm for the tranquility of the town, under the impression of which the Magistracy recommended the formation of a few companies of Volunteers, which accordingly took place; and applications were made to us for the use of public Arms, which on the engagement of the Officers to return them whenever required, we granted to four Companies. It ought to be mentioned that the same inclination to military associations has shown itself in other parts of the State; and similar applications have been made by several Volunteer companies, whom we should have been disposed to gratify, if the same reason