

August seventeen hundred and Ninety five,  
requested the Executive of Maryland, to take im-  
mediate and effectual measures for the comple-  
tion of our Quota of the eighty thousand men req-  
uired by an act of Congress to be completely  
armed equipped organized and ready to march  
at a moments warning.

Under this requisition to enable the Presi-  
dent to make the apportionment, the Comman-  
der in Chief on the seventh of the same month,  
issued an order directing the adjutant  
General to lay before the Executive without  
delay a full return of the militia, and on the  
eleventh the apportionment took place.

Frequent orders having issued by the Com-  
mander in Chief calling for the Returns of the  
militia under the law of Congress, and the  
Presidents requisition, without proving effec-  
tual except from the first Division on the  
20 of July last, the Governor requested the advice  
and opinion of the Council on the propriety  
of pursuing other measures than those hereto-  
fore adopted.

The situation of our public affairs, seemed  
to portend the immediate prospect of war, the  
proceedings of the Union evinced the necessity  
of placing our country in the best posture of  
defence - at all times bound to comply with the  
Constitutional demands of the President, our  
duty, powerfully urged the necessity and dicta-  
ted the propriety of pursuing different measures  
than those which proved ineffectual for more  
than a twelve months experience.

No measure appeared to the Council more  
likely to effectuate their object, than dispatching  
the adjutant General to those parts of the State