

Requirements and to be enabled to make return without delay of the Militia under their respective Regiments  
to the Adjutant General at Annapolis, that he might be enabled to make a general Return of the Militia of  
Maryland to the Commander in Chief of this State and a Duplicate of the same of the President of the United  
States agreeably to the Act of Congress that Maryland might no longer be a Blank in Arms in the Archives  
of the Nation, and that the Executive of Maryland might possess all the information necessary for  
their re-organization and be prepared to report to the Secretary at War their Quota in  
readiness to take the Field agreeably to said Requisition. This order found the Militia in a state  
of entire disorganization, but the crisis and occasion inspired all our officers throughout the State  
with a zeal and activity high honourable to themselves, and profitable to their Country, to whose  
unwearied diligence and patriotism every difficulty submitted, and by the almost perpetual session  
of the Executive the work of re-organizing the Militia is now nearly completed.

On the third day of August eighteen hundred and seven the Secretary at War issued another  
order (no 5) to encourage Volunteer Associations under the Act of Congress of the twenty fourth day  
of February eighteen hundred and seven which I caused immediately to be transmitted, as additional  
order to all the officers to whom my original order had been issued, and with peculiar pleasure I  
inform you that by the courage and patriotism of our Citizens were three thousand Volunteers have  
already rendered their services, and from the best information from every part of the State, there  
is little doubt that our whole Quota will be made up of that description.

At the same time that I inform you of the diligence and activity of the officers generally in organizing the  
Militia, and their patriotism in promoting Voluntary Associations, I am bound in justice to my own feelings  
and the merits of the Brigade commanded by Brigadier General Tucker to inform you that on the  
nineteenth of October last by the invitation of the General I reviewed his Brigade consisting of upwards  
of two thousand men composed of the Regiments commanded by Colonel Maher, Bray, Lowrey and  
Mackenheimer, the Artillery commanded by Captains David Harris and Thomas Tenant and the  
Cavalry and Hussars commanded by Captain Bray, Hollingsworth, William B. Barney and Reese.  
that the whole Brigade was in full uniform well armed, and the Cavalry and Hussars well  
mounted that they performed the various evolutions of the day with great exactness and that they  
already wore the martial appearance of Veterans, and the cheerfulness of conquerors. But  
what completed the pleasure of this Review was that nearly the whole of them were  
Volunteers under the present Requisition, Citizens in the enjoyment of every comfort and luxury of  
life, already prepared to take the Field and to exchange them for the fatigues of the Camp, in  
defence of the violated rights of a bleeding Country.

You will be hereby satisfied that our fellow Citizens in Arms are ready to do their duty  
and believe with me that the Liberties of America can never be lost while every Citizen  
is a Soldier and every Soldier the Sentinel of his own.

This pleasing view of the patriotism and readiness of our Citizens to rally round the  
Standard of Government, and to avenge our wrongs, will necessarily induce you to examine  
and perfect the laws for their Government, and to provide such Arms as you may deem necessary  
for their use, and here permit me to recommend to you the work of a late French Officer, on the modern  
Arms and mode of European Warfare, herewith sent, that we may profit by their experience,  
bought by so much blood and treasure, and although the American people prefer the peaceful olive to the  
bloody Laurel, that we may be prepared for war that curse and scourge of Nations, if War must be our lot in  
which event I trust that every Citizen, will be at his Post.

The Honble the General Assembly

I have the Honour to be  
Robert Wright