

Therefore the undersigned in the name of the Executive Authority of Maryland do demand of your Excellency the said
Gentlemen Richard Hastie and John Hastie as fugitives from justice, a quantity of the arms belonging to the late State
and that they be delivered to Mr. John Murphy, whom we have appointed Agent to receive the said arms from
Richard Hastie and John Hastie, and to remove them to this State. For your Excellency's satisfaction we have
enclosed you authenticated Affidavits in which this application is grounded. We have the honor &c.
His Excellency the Governor of Virginia Robert Wright

In Council Annapolis November the 7 1808

Gentlemen

We have the Honor to communicate for the information of the General Assembly the Proceedings of the
Executive, in pursuance of a Resolution of the Legislature passed at their last Session, authorizing the
Governor and Council to purchase for the use of the State, four thousand stand of small Arms and five
Pieces of Field Artillery and so forth. The Executive in consequence of an Act of Congress passed on the
second day of April eighteen hundred and eight authorizing the President to dispose of a part of the
Arms belonging to the United States, to the individual States, made application to the Secretary at War
for four thousand stand. The Secretary in reply informed us that we should have them at ten dollars
per stand. The Executive however felt it their duty to have them inspected by a competent Judge previous
to making the purchase, and for that purpose requested Captain Duvall of the Council to proceed to the
United States Army and if on examination he should be of opinion that the Arms to be disposed of
were of a good quality, to complete the contract with the Secretary at War. Captain Duvall accordingly
went to Harpers Ferry and on inspecting the Armory found no Arms in it that he could approve of, he
authorized to purchase excepting those manufactured at Harpers Ferry and at Springfield, which are of a
very superior quality, but which the General Government would not part with. Those for sale are of
foreign Manufacture French, Dutch and English. The French are old and much worn, the Dutch very
indifferent and the English though good are shorter and of much larger Caliber than the Muskets
belonging to the State which he conceived to be an insuperable objection to them. The Executive has
as yet, not been able to procure the small Arms. We have purchased seventy stand of Rifles that were
examined and approved of by Colonel Biays of Baltimore at thirteen Dollars and fifty cents per stand.
They are in the hands of a Rifle Company belonging to his Regiment commanded by Captain Hyman who
has given Bond, with approved Security for their safe keeping and return when called for. This Company
tendered their services under the late Requisition of the President of the United States. The Executive have
agreed to purchase seventy stand more of Rifles of Captain Woodland of Baltimore of the same manufacture
and at the same price. They have also contracted with a Mr. Stillman of Connecticut for two hundred Muskets
at ten Dollars and seventy five cents per stand to be delivered in Baltimore in a few Months. The Rifles to be
made after the Springfield Pattern which exactly corresponds with that of the Arms belonging to the State. The
Executive have contracted with Mr. Foxall of the District of Columbia for the fifteen pieces of Artillery
seven of which have been delivered and the other eight are expected every day. Those remaining are
in this City under the superintendance of Mr. Shaw will shortly be ready to be distributed to the Regiments.
We have the honor to transmit a letter from the Governor of Virginia marked in the margin enclosing a
Resolution of the Legislature of that State, proposing an alteration in the Constitution of the United States
and also a letter from the Governor of Washington marked in the margin enclosing a Resolution of the