

you received from the State...

Mr. Michael King
Armourer at Frederick Town.

John D.
Mason's Committee
Clerk of the Council

Sir

Council Chamber Annapolis April 20th

I had the honor to receive your letter of the fifteenth Instant, communicating the order of the President of the United States on the State of Maryland for six thousand of the Militia of that State its Quota of one hundred thousand in virtue of an act of Congress passed the tenth Instant entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the Militia of the United States". In compliance with the demand of the President immediate measures were taken to obtain the Men and as soon as the Returns are made to the Executive of Maryland by the Officers of the respective proportions they have been called on to furnish they will be organized armed equipped and exercised under the Officers that may be set over them and detached and organized in Companies Battalions Regiments Brigades and Divisions as speedily as possible. As soon as correct Muster Rolls and Inspection Returns are received, Copies thereof will be transmitted to the Secretary at War The Honorable William Custer

I have the honor to be
Robert Bowie

Secretary at War of the United States

Sir

In Council Annapolis May 11th

The Constitutional powers of this Department being inadequate to full compliance with the Requisition of the President communicated through your Excellency from this State for her Quota of six thousand Troops to be completely armed and equipped for actual service. I have thought proper with the advice and consent of the Council of State to address a letter to you the object of which is to ascertain whether in the opinion of the President of the United States the probable course of our public affairs will render it absolutely necessary that they should be prepared in all respects to take the field prior to the regular period of the Session of our Legislature on the first Monday in November next in order that we may determine whether or not it would be advisable to call a Special Session of the Legislature who would no doubt make the necessary appropriation for their equipment.

We have the honor
Robert Bowie

The Honorable William Custer
Secretary at War of the U. States

Sir

Council Chamber Annapolis May 11th

I am instructed by the Executive to inform you that they are in possession of the United States