

Another call of similar nature has yet been made by the President of the United States upon the Executive of this State. The arsenals at Frederick Town and Carlisle have been finished, and two thousand stand of Arms deposited in each. In pursuance of the provisions of an act of Assembly passed at November Session eighteen hundred and eight twelve hundred stand of Arms and two Iron and Round Field Pieces have been purchased and received: one hundred brace of Pistols and one hundred horseman's Swords have been contracted for. All the swords and Pistols that were in the arsenals of the State have been distributed among the different Troops of Cavalry. A contract has also been made for the purchase of two hundred and fifty Rifles, one thousand trapsacks and one thousand Canteens. These last mentioned articles are to be paid for out of the twenty thousand Dollars appropriated at the same Session for the equipment of the Troops of Militia of this State. A correspondence has been opened with the Secretary at War of the United States upon the subject of the Arms and Accoutrements loaned for the use of the United States: and by his answer, which will be found in the Document marked A, the views of the General Government upon that subject will be ascertained. Conformably to a Resolution passed at the same Session the Executive have adopted the necessary steps with a view to ascertain the State and condition of the Public Arms now in the hands of the Militia but have not yet received such information as is deemed of sufficient importance to be communicated to the Legislature. Thirteen hundred and thirty eight stand of Arms have been distributed among the Militia of the most exposed parts of the State, in virtue of the authority of the act of Assembly passed at the Session of June last. Several Communications from our Sister States are herewith transmitted relative to the ratification of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States, inhibiting the Citizens thereof from accepting any title of honor or nobility from any foreign Prince or Power: and also a letter from the Secretary of the State of Connecticut to the Clerk of this Department, proposing an exchange of laws.

The Executive have thought proper to furnish out of their contingent fund, fifty