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The attention of the Executive of Maryland has been directed to the defenceless situation of this City. There are at present very few men at either of the Forts, and in case of attack it would be impracticable to afford timely aid to Fort Madison. As it is important to be prepared in case of a visit from the Enemy, we have thought proper to address you upon the subject and beg to be informed, what force it is contemplated by the General Government to send to this place

The Honorable John Armstrong
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In Council Annapolis March

We had the honour to address you some weeks since upon the subject of the defenceless situation of the Forts at this place and with a request to be informed, what aid was contemplated to be afforded to it by the General Government. We also deem it to be our duty to represent that other parts of the State are equally defenceless and unprotected and in many quarters incursions of the enemy and depredations to a considerable extent may be made. In this situation we must repeat our anxiety to be informed, what protection, on any emergency, may be expected from the General Government, what regular forces can be furnished, and in the event of the Militia of the State being called out for its defence, whether the expense will be defrayed by the United States

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Gentlemen

In Council Annapolis March

We have received your communication of the twenty third instant, and have taken the same immediately into consideration. We beg you to be assured, Gentlemen, that the Executive of Maryland are disposed to afford protection to every part of the State, and that every exertion will be made by us consistent with our ability to effect an object so desirable. From a representation made to us some time since, that arms and ammunition were necessary for the defence of certain places, we have made and transmitted to Colonel Smith or Major Meredith, directing the Armaments