

Easton to deliver two hundred and fifty stand of Arms and as much ammunition as may be necessary. If this quantity should not be deemed sufficient, a further supply will be directed.

By an act of Assembly passed in the year eighteen hundred and eleven, entitled "An Act to regulate and discipline the Militia of this State," it is declared "That in case of an insurrection or threatened insurrection within, or invasion or threatened invasion of any part of this State, a Major General, Brigadier General, commanding officer of a Regiment, Battalion, or Extra Battalion shall have power to order out the Troops or any part of them belonging to their respective districts where the Insurrection or threatened insurrection, invasion or threatened invasion may be expected to take place." This act it is apprehended vests in these officers or either of them, full power, in their discretion, to call into service without any orders from the Executive of Maryland, a force sufficient to insure protection, and we cannot doubt if an application is made to them, their willingness to perform their duty.

By the Constitution and laws of the United States the President is authorized in certain exigencies to call into service the whole or any part of the Militia of the several States and when called into service the expense is to be borne by the General Government. If as you apprehend one of those exigencies has occurred to the Government of the United States and it becomes necessary to station a force at Easton for its protection, in the opinion of the Executive of Maryland, that an application ought to be made to the President of the United States for that purpose. A copy of your Memorial will therefore be transmitted to the Secretary at War, that if he thinks it advisable to station a force at Easton, it may be under the direction of the President of the United States and paid by the General Government.

We have the honor to be

Dear Sir

Cory Benson, Rob^t Goldsborough
John Meredith, In^o W^o G. Emory and
Nicholas Hammond Esquires
Committee appointed by the Town of Easton