

We have the honor to forward to you a copy of a Memorial from the Inhabitants of Caston, which has been laid before this Department. By the laws of Maryland, in case of invasion, or threatened invasion, the Brigadier General or commanding officer of the place invaded, or threatened to be invaded has power to call out the Militia, and it was the opinion of this Council that no step within its power to take, could give to the inhabitants of that place further security. We thought it due however, to the Memorialists to represent, their situation to the General Government, and would beg leave to observe, that the Town of Caston, being a place, in which many of the public Records are lodged, and in which too there is an Armory of the State it is of importance that every protection and security, which can be afforded to it, by either Government should promptly be given. We have the honor to be
 The Honorable John Armstrong
 Secretary at War of the United States

Seven Winds

In Council Annapolis April 5 1800

We had the honor to receive your letter of the thirtieth of March, covering Resolutions of the Commissioned and Staff Officers of the twenty first Regiment, which we have had due consideration.

It appears that one hundred and forty four Stand of Arms, have already been sent to Companies of the twenty first Regiment, and an order to furnish Captain Wickes Company with seventy two Stand of Arms was adopted some short time since. At this time it would be impracticable to furnish from the Armory here any more Arms. The Troops to be stationed at this place, by virtue of the late Regulations of the General Government must be supplied from this Armory, and unfortunately very few of the Arms have yet been tried and the trials which have been made shew the necessity of letting none go out of the Armory until they are proved. It is hoped therefore, that the Arms, with which your Regiment will be supplied, when Captain Wickes gets his Arms will be sufficient for the present. Something more may be done, a short time hence should it be found necessary. We have determined to furnish you with two boxes of Musket Cartridges, which will be forwarded in whatever manner you shall be pleased to direct. With Compliments