

The Ammunition are very illly supplied and owing to the extensive contracts, which have been made by the General Government it is found impracticable to procure the few arms which a Resolution of the Legislature authorizes the Executive to purchase. With respect to Swords and Pistols, all that have been heretofore procured, were disposed of before the receipt of them, and the present Board found in the Executive department applications, under the law for a greater number of these articles, that are authorized to be purchased for several years. Very early after the appointment of this Board, its attention was directed to this subject, and applications were made in different directions, to persons employed in the manufacture of Swords and Pistols, for a supply. These applications were unsuccessful, until lately and the person who has now made the contract, would not engage to furnish them for several Months.

A contract was made by the former Executive for two hundred and fifty Rifles, which are expected in a short time. When received the Board will cheerfully supply the Militia of Saint Marys County with a part of them.

With respect to Muskets the demands from all parts of the State, will not permit the Executive to gratify the wishes of the Officers of the Militia, to their fullest extent. Five hundred Muskets as much ammunition as can be spared and Cannon and Grape Shot for the two field Pieces, will be sent to the Militia of Saint Marys County, in whatever manner the commanding officer may direct. The Board observes that there are two field Pieces in Saint Marys County. It would be gratifying to its Members, if more could be spared to that part of the State. But they are not to be had. As it would be unsafe to send Muskets and forth by Water, the Board suggests the propriety of a conveyance by Land being procured by the Officers. Any reasonable expense incurred in the transportation of the articles, will be defrayed by the public. The arms, when received, will of course, be put into the hands of those who, from their situation are most exposed to the incursions of the Enemy.

With respect to the order issued by Colonel Ashton for calling out the draughted Militia, although this is a subject which properly belongs to the Governor as Commander in Chief, yet he being now absent, the Board would respectfully observe that when the Militia is called out to repel invasion, the call ought to be in conformity