

of Infantry (a portion of which to be mounted) with the privilege of choosing their own officers. Such a force, it is believed, might be employed with more effect than any other in repelling or preventing any invasion of our shores, or attacks upon the property of our citizens. It would also relieve the ordinary Militia, in a great measure, from the hardships and sacrifices to which they are now compelled to submit.

All the Swords and Pistols which have been purchased by the State have been distributed, and many companies of Cavalry yet remain to be supplied. We submit to the Legislature the propriety of ordering the purchase of an additional number, and also a further supply of Carcasses and Muskets. By letters from the Secretary at War, dated March the twentieth, it is required that the Governor was required to call out five hundred Militia to be stationed at Annapolis, one of the exigencies mentioned in the Constitution on which the Militia may be called forth having occurred it was considered the duty of the Executive to comply with the requisition, and the necessary orders for that purpose were issued. By another letter from the Secretary of War dated April sixteenth, a further requisition of two thousand men to be stationed at Baltimore was made: orders have been issued in consequence of this Requisition: Copies of the Requisitions are included in the documents communicated.

In being by the Government of the General Government to provide for the common defence we have presented to the Secretary of War some time since the exposed and defenceless situation of many parts of Maryland. So much of the correspondence with that office as has relation to this subject accompanies this communication. A copy of a letter written by this Department to the President of the United States being in part connected with this subject is also transmitted, to his letter no answer has been received.

A Vacancy in the Senate of the United States having happened during the recess of the Legislature the Executive proceeded in conformity to the provisions of the Constitution of the United States to make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the Legislature and the honorable Robert Henry Goldsborough of Talbot County was appointed, and has been commissioned.

Upon the approach of the Governor to the Seat of Government, it was deemed expedient to order a removal of the public records. The Legislature will take any order that may be thought necessary in relation to them.

We have thought it proper to introduce these subjects to your notice at the commencement of a Session which has been directed in consequence of the present alarming