

state of things. We had hoped that answers from the officers of the General Government to the communications which we have had the honor to make to them, would have enabled us to have given assurances of future protection and security. To provide for the common defence was one of the important objects for which the federal constitution was formed. To protect each state against invasion is made the imperative duty of the National Government, and for that purpose every necessary power is delegated to the National Authorities. The means of defence reserved to the State Governments are very limited, and their powers in the conduct of a War, are few. If however, the General Government should fail to afford adequate security against the violence of the Enemy, the law of self preservation, which belongs to Communities as well as to individuals, would demand that every effort, which it is in our power to make, should be made for the safety of the State. It seems necessarily to follow, as the defence of the Union and of the several parts of it have been committed to the General Government, that all expenses incurred in affording protection by the Federal States, ought to be reimbursed by the United States. It would be proper, therefore, to authorize by law the appointment of officers to keep regular accounts, with the proper vouchers of the expenses to which the State may be subjected.

We have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Levin Winslow

Gentlemen

In Council Annapolis May 18 1813

It would afford the Executive of Maryland much pleasure to accompany their answer to your Memorial with the Arms you deem necessary for your defence, but the demands made on them from different parts of the State, have left none at their disposal. In the communication made by the Governor to the Legislature he has recommended an appropriation to be made, to procure the necessary Munitions of War. If this measure should be adopted it would give the Executive great satisfaction to afford to the Citizens of Dorchester County every means of defence in their power. As part of your Memorial does not belong to the Executive Department, it will be submitted to the Legislature.

We are with much Respect

Major William Newton and Others Esquires
Committee of Safety for Dorchester County

Dear Sir
Levin Winslow

In Council Annapolis May 20 1813

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In consequence of a Resolution passed by the Legislature (a copy of which is herewith enclosed)