

The Officers of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts together with the Dep.  
made by these Gentlemen to me, a Copy of the Note presented to the President  
and his answer. I have the honor to  
The honorable the General Assembly. Lewis Winder

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Gentlemen

In Council Massachusetts May 26/1813

We have the honor to inform you, in compliance with your order of this day,  
that five hundred and fifty Muskets have been received by this State from  
the General Government. These Muskets were delivered in the Month  
of March last, and are the only Muskets which have been received by  
this State in virtue of the Act of Congress to which your order refers.

The Honble the General Assembly

We have the honor to be  
Lewis Winder

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Sir

In Council Massachusetts May 28/1813

We have received your letter of the twenty sixth instant in answer thereto we  
have to inform you that the Companies to which these arms are to be  
be issued under the thirty ninth Section of the Militia Law. You will  
observe that by this Section, the Company must have reformed themselves  
and have made a return to the Commandant of the Regiment, who after  
an inspection of them, is to apply for the Companies. We are &c.  
Major John Messersmith Lewis Winder

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Sir

In Council Massachusetts May 28/1813

Your letter of the fourteenth instant is received. The militia  
until called into actual service by the United States remain subject to all  
The duties which can be required of ordinary militia. A draft merely  
designates the individuals who upon the first demand of the United States  
Government will enter into service and designates those who are to remain  
subject to other calls until ordered otherwise. The militia attached to the Com-  
panies, to which they originally belonged, are to perform the same duties and to  
obey any State call. Some inconvenience it is true may result from this, as while they