

orders were issued to the different brigades to organize, and to proceed to  
designated rendezvous, their respective quotas of men. These orders were obeyed with  
as much promptitude as our present militia system is capable of enforcing. On the  
nineteenth of August last we received a letter (of which No. 1 is a copy) from the  
General commanding the tenth military District, stating that he had been  
authorized by the President in acceptation behalf of the United States, and the  
Militia then in service, under the authority of the State of Maryland, as  
well elsewhere in a similar manner, giving to this communication the constru-  
ction which the liberality of its proposition appeared to justify, and which  
seemed conformable with the spirit of the Constitution, which provides for the  
general defence, the Executive of Maryland, on the seventeenth of October, wrote  
the letter marked No. 2 to the Secretary of War, requesting explicit information  
as to the time when the appearance of our militia took effect, then a reference  
to an act of Congress passed on the 18 of April last which provides, that the  
expenses incurred in cases of calls on the Militia made by the authority of any  
State or Territory, which may be applied to the President, shall be ad-  
justed and paid by the United States. Conscious that our calls on the Militia had been  
made exclusively for the purpose of repelling invasion which might reasonably  
be considered one of the cases contemplated by the aforesaid act, it could  
not be presumed that the President would hesitate to sanction them. In  
this just expectation we have however, been disappointed. No notice having  
been taken of our first application to the Secretary, it was repeated on the 11  
ultimo. but an answer from him has not yet been received.

of the loans authorized by the Resolution of May 1813, for four hundred and  
fifty thousand dollars, and of the last session for one hundred and fifty thousand,  
four hundred and thirty six thousand have been obtained. Of this sum one hundred  
and twenty seven thousand two hundred and ten dollars and twenty three cents  
have been expended under the appropriation of one hundred and eighty thousand  
dollars for the purchase of arms, and one hundred and seventy four thou-  
sand eight hundred and one dollar and twenty three cents, in defraying  
the expenses of the Militia; a balance therefore remains of one hundred  
and thirty three thousand nine hundred and eighty eight dollars and fifty  
four cents, from which, if the balance of the appropriation for arms, viz. 137  
two thousand seven hundred and eighty nine dollars and seventy cents,