

Council Chamber Annapolis  
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Sir

If the State of Maryland could be furnished with about two hundred Rifles by the General Government, without interfering with her arrangements too much, it would I know be a measure highly gratifying to the Executive, as it would enable them to gratify an application of an elegant Rifle Battalion, in Baltimore commanded by Major William Stanbury. They could I presume be furnished with an understanding that they should hereafter be deducted from the Quota of arms to which the state will be entitled under the act of Congress passed in April eighteen hundred and eight, for arming the Militia of the several States. Should you think that they can be obtained in the way I have mentioned I would thank you to intimate it to me.

I am &c

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