

Council Chamber, Annapolis Feb²⁰ 1819.

Dear Sir

In the Spring and Summer of 1813 General Smith received from the General Government 3050 Stand of Arms which were by the direction of the Honorable Secretary of War delivered to the State on account of the Quota of Arms to which she is entitled under the Act of Congress passed in April 1808. Governor Winder sent two receipts for them in March and July 1813 to General Smith and they were regularly filed in the War Office. Many of these Arms were delivered to the Militia in Baltimore by General Smith and Bonds taken from the Commanding Officers of the Reg^{ts} to return them in good order to the State whenever they should be required to do so for 1876. — I have no doubt myself that many of them were delivered to Col^l Waterhouse's Brigade Quarter Master, and some to General Stansbury's Brigade. As you were at that time Aide de Camp to General Smith and had a considerable agency in the General's concerns it is likely that you may be able to give me some information respecting ~~them~~ the distribution of them by the General.

I have the honor to be with the highest respect
Your Obedient Servant

Major Isaac McHim