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Sir

In the course of the last year the Executive of Maryland received through me several letters from you informing them that 950 Stand of arms were deposited on the day of April 1808 & that you were authorised by the United States Government to furnish 11 cannon in lieu of muskets at 500 dollars <sup>each</sup>. The Governor & Council to gratify the wishes of an Artillery ~~Regiment~~ in Baltimore passed an order authorising me to exchange receipts with you for the Cannon provided they should be approved of by Mr Dorsey the States agent at Baltimore. They were as this Department have been informed not received by Mr Dorsey on the ground of their being defective in some respects. The present Executive equally anxious with the former to gratify the wishes of the Artillery Regiment have ordered me to say that they will receive any number of Cannon not exceeding eleven in part payment of the Quota of arms due from the United States at the before mentioned price that shall be approved of by Mr Dorsey agent of public Stores at Baltimore; and provided also that they shall be of a quality equal to those