

Council Chamber Annapolis Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1820

Sir

The Legislature at its last session appropriated \$2000 to be applied under the direction of the Executive to cleaning and putting in order the Muskets belonging to the State - The Executive will meet on the third Monday in March next at which time they will take the subject of the Arms up, and to enable them to carry into effect the views of the General Assembly it will be necessary that they should be furnished with a full and complete statement of the situation of the Arms under the care of the respective Announcers - I have made out the form of a return which you will be pleased to fill up and return to me without delay - The Governor and Council will at that meeting likewise prescribe the duties that the Announcers are to perform and fix the Salaries which they are to receive for the performance of those duties. Muskets when put in order must be kept so by the Announcers for the Salary. If you could make an estimate of the probable sum that it would take to put the Muskets so in complete order, it would be desirable that you should

Yours Respectfully

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