

river opposite Shepherd's Town has been duly attended to.

Conformably to the provisions of the resolution respecting the sale of the gun powder at Easton and Annapolis, we have caused that portion of it at the former place, to be removed to Baltimore, with instructions to the Agent of the State there for the collection of arms &c. to dispose of it in a manner most advantageous to the State; but having been informed by him, that the article, not being in demand, would not produce a price, that in our opinion, could justify a sale, it of course remains with him for future disposal.

We have deemed it advisable to retain so much of it as was at the Seat of Government, with the exception of a small quantity disposed of by the Armorer at this place, and by him accounted for with this department in a settlement of his claims against the State.

On the subject of the Arsenal, it would seem, that establishments at Easton, Annapolis, Frederick-Town and Baltimore, are fully sufficient for the purposes required of them. It is absolutely necessary, that some person should be charged with the superintendance of the public property, and the delivery of arms to the militia in Baltimore; and from the importance of that place to the State, its central position, and facility of access to all parts of the State, it is respectfully submitted, whether it would not be proper to form a permanent establishment in or near Baltimore, suited to the demands and conveniences of the place. The United States having erected buildings of considerable extent in several parts of the State, it is probable that some arrangement might be made, which would give the State the advantage of a deposit, constantly under the protection of a regular guard. The State keeping no troops in service the advantage of this plan is suggested for consideration.

We transmit for the information of the General Assembly, a report made by the Clerk of this department, with his usual accuracy and diligence, in the fulfillment of the duties of his office, calculated to exhibit, in a plain and concise manner, a full account of the arms belonging to the State, from the commencement of the late war down to the present time, marked C.