

of the patterns regularly adopted for the U. States troops. The States are credited with their annual quotas in terms of muskets. If other descriptions of small arms, or field artillery are furnished, they are charged at the actual cost, by their equivalent in muskets.

By the existing regulations, the arms will be delivered at any place within the State, situated upon navigable waters, or otherwise easily accessible, and which may be designated by the Governor, or other authorized Officer.

The annual distribution is usually made in the month of August in each year, but the arms may be furnished at an earlier date if required.

The quota which will be due for this year, it is supposed, will amount to about 290 muskets, from which are to be deducted, to correct the apportionment of 1852, 16 muskets, leaving a balance due to the State of Maryland of 274 muskets.

The quotas due for any one year, are not known until the month of Febry. in the year following, when a general abstract of the militia forces of the States and Territories, according to the latest returns, is received at this office from the Adj. General of the Army.

The apportionment of arms is made according to this abstract.

The number of muskets supposed to be due for the present year, is therefore, based upon the quota of last year, subject to correction, when the next returns are received; should the actual quota resulting therefrom, require it.

I am, Sir, respectfully
Yours most obt
H. T. Craig
Colt. Ad.

Executive Department
Annapolis, Md.
March 26th 1853.

Col. H. T. Craig
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Sir: I had the honor to receive in due course of mail, your letter of the 12th instant, in reference to the quota of arms due this State for the year 1853.