

order from yourself,

We are actively engaged in mounting the Cannon and repairing the small arms and have less than five hundred stand of the latter that can be made fit for service.

Under these circumstances, I considered it proper to advise with a Council of Officers and also with the Committee of Safety which has been appointed by the people of this County.

By the unanimous recommendation of these bodies and in accordance with my own judgment I have the honor to request that your Excellency will reconsider on the above order.

The largest number of arms which in our opinion can be appropriated to this County with a due regard to the adjoining Counties which have heretofore been supplied from this armory, is 140, which is also the smallest number that will answer for Uniform Companies now organizing in accordance with the requirements of law allowing but 50 stand to each Company.

There are already 50 muskets in the district which your order was designed to supply and we propose to give them 40 more as soon as they comply with the provisions of the law and present their applications through officers who are known to be opposed to the invasion of our State by Northern Troops.

Hoping that these views may receive your approbation.

I have the honor to remain

Your obt. Servt

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Rd. Thomas

Brig Genl. 12th Brigade, U. S. A.

Sam Hambleton

Col 9th Regt U. S. A.

Henry J. Strandberg

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We concur in the above,

Extracts from the proceedings of the "Committee of Safety" of Talbot County,

General Gilman brought to the notice of the Committee of Safety for the County an order of his Excellency Governor Hicks requiring that the Armorer at Easton deliver to Messrs N. Harrington, J. H. W. Lambdin and J. W. Dean or either of them 100 stand of arms upon their receipt for the same. General Gilman stated that there being but 492 stand of arms the proportion was greater than the St. Michael's District was entitled to and that he supposed Gov. Hicks had issued the order without being aware of the limited number of arms in