

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber
Annapolis April 23rd 1862

To J. L. McPhail Esq.
Sir

In accordance with your suggestions you will find annexed your authority to collect the State arms &c.

In connection with this subject I would call your attention to the fact which has been brought to my notice that in November last Lt. Col. Bailey with a detachment of the 2nd Delaware Regiment then stationed on the C. Shore, visited Queen Anne's County and took from the possession of a Military Company of that County called the "Scott Rifles" or the "Smallwood Rifles" a parcel of arms belonging to the State, and as this Regiment is now stationed, as I understand, in Baltimore, you will please apply to the Colonel to ascertain what was done with the arms - Other applications are now being made from Queen Anne's County for arms which cannot be furnished until those she has heretofore received are returned or accounted for. The next you says he has met the Bayonet is which you refer.

Yours Respectfully
A. W. Bradford

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J. L. McPhail Esq. (Deputy Provost Marshal) of Baltimore is hereby authorized to collect and transmit to the Adjutant General or hold subject to his order any arms or accoutrements belonging to the State of Maryland now in the hands of irresponsible parties and who have received the same without proper authority, and to report to me his proceedings.

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To the Clerk of the Commissioners
of Allegany County,
Sir!

I am directed by the Governor to call your attention and that of the Commissioners to sections 38 & 39 of Article 81 of Code of Public general laws - by which it is made your duty to report to the Governor on or before the 20th April in each year whether any Collector of the State Tax for the current year has been appointed by the