

Cumberland, Md. September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862

Sir:

At a meeting of the City Council held on yesterday it was ordered that a Committee consisting of the Mayor and the two subjoined members of the Council should correspond with the Governor of the State on the subject of arming a City Guard now in process of organizing. It would respectfully represent to your Excellency that a number of the State arms in the possession of some private citizens furnished to Military organizations having an existence three to five years back might advantageously be appropriated to this purpose. There are other arms belonging to the quota of the State furnished by the General Government. These were in the possession of the Corporate authorities some twelve years since during the extension of the Rail Road West of this; many of these guns have been wasted some are yet about the place in private hands. The object of this communication is to request if you see proper to do so an order to the Corporate authorities here to call in all the States arms to be found here so that they may be in the hands of loyal men organized into a City Guard.

Very Respectfully Your obtt. Servts.  
 C. W. Orr Mayor  
 J. Wickard  
 W. M. Noblittell

To  
 His Excellency A. W. Bradford  
 Annapolis City Md.

State of Maryland  
 Executive Department  
 Annapolis Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1862

I hereby authorize and empower C. W. Orr Esq. the Mayor of Cumberland, either in person or by any agent whom he may for that purpose appoint, to demand and receive any of the Arms belonging to the State of Maryland which may have been at any time heretofore loaned or delivered to any Military organization in Allegany County now disbanded or dissolved, or any such arms found in the possession of any Individuals in said County unconnected with any existing and acting Military organization, and when received to hold said arms subject to the future order from this Department

A. W. Bradford