

events are manifesting a strong desire for immediate Militia organization, and their great anxiety is to be able to procure arms - unfortunately, we have but very few at Command - Although the purpose of those proposing thus to organize looks chiefly to domestic emergencies, yet those emergencies are just now so intimately connected with the National cause, that it would seem important in every respect that we should avail ourselves of the spirit now aroused and arm as many as possible of our loyal people -

In the hope that you may be able to spare us Infantry arms and equipments for say four or five thousand men, I have requested Genl. Shriver, bear you this, and if you have that number or less, in any of the Arsenal or depositories, I would respectfully but urgently solicit your authority to receive them, and would at once provide for their transportation and delivery

Very Resp.

Your obt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

War Department

Washington City D.C.

September 12th 1862

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 11th by favor of Col. Shriver has been received - We shall supply your organized force with arms as fast as they can be needed. Two thousand stand were sent yesterday to Genl. Wool for that purpose.

In distributing arms to other persons too much care cannot be exercised. I have ordered One thousand stand to be sent to you at Baltimore and will endeavour to keep you supplied.

Yours truly

Edwin M. Stanton

Secy of War

His Excellency

Governor Bradford

Treasury Department

September 8th 1862

Sir -

I have the honor to transmit herewith a dispatch from the U.S. Consul at Rotterdam, dated 18th Ult. covering a paper signed by the Merchants and dealers of Tobacco, complaining in particular of the Inspection of Maryland Tobacco as imperfect, there being constant complaints that on opening the casks the quality does not answer to the sample.