

Your Excellency will receive a statement, comparing the returns of Militia with the returns of the last election for President, and shewing that the Militia is not now returned, by some thousands.

The return of Arms &c. in the several arsenals of the state is also enclosed. No return having been received, this year, from the Armourers of Annapolis and Easton, the last returns from them have been used to make out the return from this Department.

As regards the Arms &c in the public arsenals, and those too in the hands of the Militia, I take the liberty to suggest to your Excellency, the propriety of their being inspected by competent persons, at each place, who shall report the state of them to this Department, in order that such as are worth repairing may be ascertained, and such as are useless to the state disposed of. I fear from the returns which have been received, that a great portion will be found to be useless rubbish.

With sentiments of the highest respect.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient seryant,

RICHARD HARWOOD, of Thos. Adj. Gen. Md. M.

His Excellency

The Governor of Maryland.

Since closing the above communication, the return of the Armorer at Annapolis has been received which is enclosed distinct from the other returns.