

readiness, armed and equipped, and ready to take the field at a moment's warning; and it has therefore become the duty of the General Assembly of Maryland to make immediate preparation to put its quota, consisting of six thousand men, in a state of readiness for service: *Therefore,*

*Resolved,* That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to furnish out of the public arms and accoutrements belonging to the state, to the non-commissioned officers and privates composing the said quota, such arms and accoutrements as are required by the act of congress entitled, "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States;" and if there be a deficiency of such accoutrement in the arsenals of the state, then to contract for and purchase such articles as may be necessary to comply with the terms of this resolution.

*Resolved,* That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, in addition to the accoutrements required by the said act of congress, to supply such quota, in proportion as it may be called into actual service, with the following articles, to wit: One canteen to each non-commissioned officer and private, and such number of camp kettles and tents as the governor and council may deem necessary for the said detachment.

*Resolved,* That the governor be instructed to open a correspondence with the executive of the United States, relative to the terms on which the said arms and accoutrements are loaned for the use of the United States; and requiring an assurance from the said government, that the said arms and accoutrements, embraced in the first resolution, or other arms and accoutrements equal in quantity and quality, shall be restored to the state when the service of the quota of militia of this state shall have been completed.

*Resolved,* That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to carry these resolutions into effect; and the treasurer of the Western Shore is hereby ordered to pay the said sum of money to the order of the governor and council, as they may require the same.

*Resolved,* That in the event of the amount of any unappropriated money in the treasury being inadequate to the necessary expenditure to be incurred by virtue of the foregoing resolutions, the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby empowered and required to obtain a loan from any of the banks in this state, on such terms as may be approved by the governor and council: *Provided,* the amount of such loan shall not exceed the expenditure authorised by the foregoing resolutions.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clik.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.