

550 Hand of Arms  
received for by the  
gunner March 1873

His Excellency

General L. B. Sikes

Annapolis



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Baltimore <sup>4</sup> 25 March 1813

Sir

Agreeably to your Excellency's verbal orders I addressed a letter to the Sec<sup>y</sup> of War relative to arms for the Militia and have the pleasure to inform your Excell<sup>y</sup> that Major Beall has received orders to deliver on your receipts five hundred and fifty Stand of Arms now at Fort M<sup>o</sup> Henry - I pray your Excell<sup>y</sup> to send your Receipts for that number of Musquets and Bayonets without delay - with the form of the Bonds to be taken by the Quarter Master on delivering to the Commanders of Regiments agreeably to Law - This supply will be important, but it will require at least 1,000 Stand in addition to compleat the men now organized into companies - It may be proper for your Excell<sup>y</sup> to find us five hundred and fifty Cartouch Boxes and Belts, for many of our Men may be unable to purchase them I have the honor to be

Your Excell<sup>y</sup>

M. D. S.

J. Smiths

M. G. B. Division