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**LETTER**

FROM

**THE SECRETARY OF WAR,**

TRANSMITTING

**A RETURN OF THE ARMS AND MILITARY STORES**

FURNISHED TO

*THE RESPECTIVE STATES,*

UNDER

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW OF ONE THOUSAND  
EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWELVE.**

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FEBRUARY 20, 1818.

Read, and ordered to lie upon the table.

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## DEPARTMENT OF WAR,

*February 19, 1818.*

SIR,

In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, directing the Secretary of War to lay before that House "a return of the arms and military stores furnished to the respective states, under the provisions of the law of 1808, appropriating, annually, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, for the furnishing arms and military equipments to the whole body of the militia of the United States, and also, to inform the House on what principle the distribution hath been made," I have the honor to transmit the statements marked **A** and **B**, accompanied by a letter from the Ordnance Department.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. C. CALHOUN.

*The Speaker of the House of  
Representatives of the United States.*



**STATEMENT of Small Arms, to which the  
Militia; the number received by the  
portions.**

States and Territories.	Proportion of 62,606 muskets, according to returns.	Received by the executives.
New Hampshire - - - -	2,136	1,400
Massachusetts - - - -	5,935	3,100
Vermont - - - -	1,738	2,500
Rhode Island - - - -	708	2,000
Connecticut - - - -	1,571	2,000
New York - - - -	8,153	16,012
New Jersey - - - -	3,171	3,155
Pennsylvania - - - -	8,529	4,258
Delaware - - - -	639	1,650
Maryland - - - -	2,762	4,000
Virginia - - - -	7,193	3,244
North Carolina - - - -	3,708	2,180
South Carolina - - - -	2,763	2,000
Georgia - - - -	2,358	3,000
Kentucky - - - -	4,266	1,500
Tennessee - - - -	2,504	1,500
Ohio - - - -	3,155	3,000
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**STATEMENT of Small Arms, to which the several States and Territories are entitled, according to the last returns of the Militia: the number received by the Executive authorities, with the deficit and overplus of the respective proportions.**

States and Territories.	Proportion of 62,606 muskets, according to returns.	Received by the executives.	Less than the proportion.	More.	Settlements have been made with the following states.	Remarks.
New Hampshire - - - -	2,136	1,400	736	-	New Hampshire.	Settlement effected with the state of New Hampshire, up to the 1st January, 1816, and a balance of 736 stands of arms delivered to said state, agreeably to the foregoing apportionment.
Massachusetts - - - -	5,935	3,100	2,835	-	Massachusetts.	Settlement is also made with the state of Massachusetts, up to the 1st January, 1816, and a balance of 2,835 stands of arms was delivered that state, conformably to the foregoing apportionment.
Vermont - - - - -	1,738	2,500	-	762	Vermont.	Settlement was made with the state of Vermont, and it was ascertained that said state had received 762 stands of arms more than its quota, up to the 1st January, 1816.
Rhode Island - - - - -	708	2,000	-	1,292	-	It is expected a settlement will speedily be effected with the state of Rhode Island.
Connecticut - - - - -	1,571	2,000	-	429	-	No report from the executive of this state.
New York - - - - -	8,153	16,012	-	7,859	New York.	Settlement effected with the state of New York, up to the 1st January, 1816, and said state had received 1,359 stands of arms more than its apportionment.
New Jersey - - - - -	3,171	3,155	16	-	-	In train of settlement.
Pennsylvania - - - - -	8,529	4,258	4,271	-	-	An officer of this department has been directed and instructed to make as speedy a settlement of arms with the state of Pennsylvania, as the nature of the business will permit.
Delaware - - - - -	639	1,650	-	1,011	-	No report from the executive of the state of Maryland of arms delivered that state.
Maryland - - - - -	2,762	4,000	-	1,238	-	Difficulties have occurred in settling the account with Virginia; but the executive has been informed, that in the interval, arms, if required, will be furnished to the state by the Department of Ordnance.
Virginia - - - - -	7,193	3,244	3,949	-	-	A settlement, it is presumed, has ere this, been made with the state of North Carolina.
North Carolina - - - -	3,708	2,180	1,528	-	-	It is also presumed a settlement has been effected with the state of South Carolina.
South Carolina - - - -	2,763	2,000	763	-	-	A division of artillery is preparing for the state of Georgia, to be charged to its general account.
Georgia - - - - -	2,358	3,000	-	642	-	The state of Kentucky has received 1,200 stands of arms since the foregoing apportionment was struck. A number of military stores have been delivered to the state of Kentucky since the foregoing apportionment, but no final settlement of arms has been effected.
Kentucky - - - - -	4,266	1,300	2,766	-	-	No report from the executive of the state of Tennessee, of arms delivered that state.
Tennessee - - - - -	2,504	1,500	1,004	-	-	The officers appointed by this department to effect a settlement with the state of Ohio, was informed by the agent of said state, that he was not prepared on the part of that state, to commence a settlement.
Ohio - - - - -	3,155	3,000	155	-	-	No report from the executive of Louisiana.
Louisiana, (no return) - - - -	-	3,250	-	3,250	-	No report from the Mississippi Territory.
District of Columbia - - - -	192	2,400	-	2,008	-	No report from the Louisiana Territory.
Mississippi Territory - - - -	454	-	454	-	-	No report from the Illinois Territory.
Indiana Territory - - - - -	430	-	430	-	-	It is expected a settlement will shortly be effected with this Territory.
Illinois Territory, (no return) - - - -	-	657	-	657	-	No report from the executive of this Territory.
Missouri Territory - - - - -	241	-	241	-	-	
Michigan Territory, (no return) - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	

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## B.

STATEMENT of the Militia of the United States, taken from the latest Returns of States and Territories, and upon which was predicated the apportionment of Arms to the different States, under the law of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, a statement of which accompanies this return.

<i>States and Territories.</i>	<i>Date of return.</i>	<i>Aggregate.</i>
New Hampshire	1813	24,902
Massachusetts	1815	69,175
Vermont	1809	20,259
Rhode Island	1814	8,255
Connecticut	1815	18,309
New York	1814	95,026
New Jersey	1815	36,966
Pennsylvania	1812	99,414
Delaware	1813	7,448
Maryland	1811	32,189
Virginia	1815	83,847
North Carolina	1815	43,217
South Carolina	1815	32,202
Georgia	1815	27,480
Kentucky	1815	49,719
Tennessee	1812	29,193
Ohio	1814	36,771
Louisiana. (No return)	—	—
District of Columbia	1812	2,252
Mississippi Territory	1812	5,291
Indiana Territory	1814	5,010
Illinois Territory. (No return)	—	—
Missouri Territory	1814	2,812
Michigan Territory. (No return)	—	—
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*Ordnance Department, February 14, 1818.*

G. BOMFORD, Lt. Col. of Ordnance.

## ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT,

*February 14, 1818.*

SIR,

In answer to the call of the honorable the House of Representatives of 31st Dec. ultimo, as communicated from your department, for "a return of the arms and military stores furnished to the respective states, under the provisions of the law of 1808," I have the honor, in obedience to your directions, to submit the following report:

An account was made out in the Department of War, from the vouchers transmitted to this office, and that of the late Superintendent General of Military Supplies, of the whole number of arms which appeared to have been delivered under the law of 1808, amounting, as per statement accompanying this report, and marked A, to 62,606.

Taking that account as a basis, an apportionment was made of the number, or part thereof, which each state was entitled to, according to its effective militia; the respective numbers of which will appear in the statement marked B, and annexed thereto.

The document marked A, will also exhibit wherein some states have received more, and others less, than their respective proportions of arms.

The apportionment and adjustment thus made, was considered by the Department of War, as bringing them up to the 1st January, 1816; and the final settlement, and future arrangements for deliveries, were referred to the Department of Ordnance.

In obedience to that reference, circular letters were addressed on the 18th September, 1816, and 15th April, 1817, to the executive authorities of the several states, by the Department of Ordnance, announcing that it would take measures for a general settlement of the accounts of arms (in whatever way delivered) between them and the United States; that it would be prepared to make further deliveries where they should be due; and that where balances appeared against any particular state, the amount would be included in the next quota which should be assigned to it. Intimation was also given that where artillery should be preferred, in lieu of arms, this department would furnish it accordingly.

The officers of the Ordnance Department have, since those communications, attended to the service which devolved upon them, as far as has been found practicable, as will more fully appear under the head of "*Remarks*," which are attached to the statement marked A.

Considerable embarrassment and delay occurred in the performance of that service, from the difficulty of obtaining regular and correct vouchers for the deliveries of arms, as directed by the law of

1803, in distinction from those delivered to the militia, whilst in the service of the United States, during the late war—a difficulty perhaps unavoidable, from the extensive scenes of military operations, and the consequent loose or incorrect manner in which accounts of the deliveries of arms, and other munitions of war, were made and recorded.

It will be perceived from the exhibit, marked **B**, that the returns of the effective militia in the respective states is very deficient; some of them being of a very remote date. Partial returns have been received for 1816 and 1817, at the office of the Adjutant and Inspector General of United States' army, but it will be necessary, and it is respectfully recommended, that measures be taken for obtaining more complete returns to that office, agreeably to laws of 8th May, 1792, and 2d March, 1803, before another apportionment of arms be assigned to the respective states.

This department is continuing its exertions to effect a settlement up to the 1st January, 1816, as speedily as possible; greater delay has been hitherto experienced than was originally anticipated.

With much respect, I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

**G. BOMFORD,**

*Lt. Col. of Ordnance.*

*Hon. J. C. Calhoun,*  
*Department of War.*











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