

were supplied at the request of the Executive of the General Government, under an assurance that they would be faithfully replaced.

The Letter of the 21st of August shews that the President rightly approved of the measure and in the one of the 17th of September 1794 Mr. Hamilton, pledges the faith of the United States for the return of these arms. I am thus, particular in referring to the letters and their dates that as little trouble as possible may be given to the President.

As a crisis seems to be hastening fast upon us in which these arms may be indispensably necessary for the protection and safety of the State; I have thought it to be my duty with the advice of the Council to renew the application and as those attempts made to the subordinate Departments have proved abortive to present this directly to the President of the United States under an impression that he will not suffer the ordinary Rules of the Departments to become the instruments of violating the National Faith.

The Papers now in the War Office and the copies of the letters now transmitted establish the right and claim of the State and are referred to for that purpose.

It would give much satisfaction to hear that the President had taken measures to have this matter adjusted.

My official duty having led me to this correspondence I cannot suffer the occasion to pass without expressing the entire satisfaction which I and I believe all others feel, in the measures the President has pursued for adjusting our differences with the French Republic. They are so marked with wisdom moderation and justice that they ought if similar virtues had been displayed on the side of France to have terminated to the honour and