

from that responsibility, and the arms not being of any further use for the purpose of training; in all such cases officers having so bonded, should be authorised to collect and return the same, and the state should pay all reasonable expenses which may occur in collecting and transporting the same. Your committee would therefore suggest the propriety of passing resolutions authorising any of the commanding officers of volunteer companies, or companies of local militia, who have drawn any from the state, to collect and return the same; and also to authorise commanding officers of regiments and brigades, where they have obtained arms from the state, and where they are no longer necessary to the accomplishing the object for which they were originally required, to cause the same to be collected and returned to the respective armories of the state.

To carry into effect the foregoing views, your committee respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolutions.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all commanding officers of companies, of local or volunteer militia, who have drawn arms, accoutrements, &c. from the state, for purposes of training, or for any other object; and where they are no longer wanted for the object for which they were drawn, may and they are hereby authorised and required to collect the same, or cause them to be collected and delivered to any of the several armorers of this state which may be most conveniently situated to said commanding officers or any of them, and the armorers or any of them who shall receive any arms, accoutrements, &c. as above required, shall receipt to the officers or any of them delivering the same, specifying to whom said arms, accoutrements, &c. were distributed by the state, so that the same may be credited on the bond if any had been given for the same, and the said armorers or any of them shall report to the adjutant general of this state, all such arms so received, and to whom the same have been receipted for.

*Resolved,* That where any commanding officer of a regiment or brigade of the militia of this state may have drawn by requisition or otherwise, any arms, accoutrements, &c. from the state, for any object, and where said arms are no longer required for said purpose, he is hereby authorised and required to cause the same to be collected and delivered over to any of the armorers of this state which may be most conveniently situated to receive the same, and the armorers or any of them to whom any such arms may be de-