

Showing the actual invested Sinking Fund to	
be on the 1st Sept., 1861,	\$5,054,418 37
Remaining to the credit of the Fund Sept. 30th,	
1861,	<u>\$40,919 62</u>

More detailed information in regard to the condition of the Treasury can be readily obtained by you, on application to the Comptroller.

It is undoubtedly a strict duty, and also due to the pride and honor of the State, that you make immediate provision for raising and equipping Maryland's quota of the 500,000 volunteers called for by the President under the act of Congress authorising him so to do. I believe that quota can be raised without difficulty so soon as you shall advance the money to pay the expense of recruiting and equipping the troops.

In reference to this subject I need offer no suggestions as to details. We can find the patriotic example in our own Statute Book, at the first and subsequent sessions of the General Assembly of this State in 1777, by which ample provision was made for recruiting, equipping and clothing the quota of this State in the Army of the United States, and for furnishing relief to the families who needed it of those who had volunteered in defence of the Government.

At the March Session of 1778 was passed an act (chap. VIII) for the better security of the Government to which I respectfully invite your attention. The preamble recites "that the duties of protection and allegiance are reciprocal: and whereas, no man is entitled to the one who denies the obligation of the other," the law prescribes the oath of allegiance to this State and to the United States to be taken, repeated and subscribed by every citizen of this State under the penalties (in case of recusancy) and disqualifications therein stated. A thorough revision of the Militia Law and reorganization of the State Military is an imperative necessity at this time.

The anomalous condition of the municipal Government of the City of Baltimore demands immediate action on your part. The Police force of that city now receives its pay from the United States Treasury; and it is obvious that such a state of affairs should be permitted to exist no longer.

I transmit herewith a copy of a communication received from the Department of State, at Washington, in reference to fortifications within the limits of this State. I deem the subject to be of great importance, and I trust it will receive at your hands the consideration which it deserves.