

go to the extent of their wishes for the protection of any part of the State a meeting of the Legislature is called and it is hoped that they will put it into their power to do much more. They speak of the contract you have made for the supply of rations, and hope that every thing like waste and distribution of them will be avoided.

Lieutenant Colonel William Smith

Harford County

I am with Respect

Levin Wunder

Sir

In Council Annapolis April 26/1813

We have your letter of the twenty fourth Instant. Considering that the decision of your first enquiry to wit whether you have a right to retain the Money and for the left in payment of the Stock taken from you by the Enemy belongs to the General Government we shall transmit to the President of the U. States a copy of your letter and its enclosures and ask his answer there to.

The demands upon the State Government from every part of Maryland greatly exceed our ability to meet. The Legislature will soon be in Session and will no doubt make further provision for the safety of the State. To other parts of your letter we shall be able more fully to reply when the President shall have communicated to us his sentiments.

Jacob Gibson Esquire

We are with respect

Levin Wunder

Sir

In Council Annapolis April 26/1813

We have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of a letter, with sundry enclosures, received by us from Jacob Gibson Esquire of Talbot County.

From these Papers, of the correctness of which we entertain no doubt, it appears that the Enemy visited Sharp's Island of which he is proprietor last Week, kept the people thereof for several days, and took therefrom such Supplies as they were in want of. Mr. Gibson was not in a situation to resist any demands that might be made upon him, and of course is not to be censured for the conduct of the Enemy. It is now for the constituted authorities of the Country to decide, whether under the circumstances disclosed, and without that protection which is the just claim of every Citizen, has not been afforded to him, this Gentleman shall receive the compensation which the Enemy offers, or it would be better by refusing such permission in all cases, and indemnifying the insured part of the