

contrary on or before the first day of August next, provided a copy of this order be inserted
three successive weeks in the Eastern Monitor before the 25th of July next. The report shows the
amount of sales to be two thousand three hundred Dollars.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable the Council of Maryland

Gentlemen

Land Office Annapolis March 11th 1817

I avail myself of this meeting of the Honourable the Executive, to ask
their attention to an Act entitled "An Act authorizing and requiring the Governor and
Council to contract with the Registers of the Land Office on each Shore, for making out
such indexes as are therein prescribed" and at the same time to inform them, that I
am ready on my part to carry into effect the provisions of said Act, as speedily as possible.

It is a work that has met the approbation of a joint Committee of both branches of
the Legislature, who examined a specimen, and their report, expressive of the necessity
and importance of the measure, was sanctioned by the passage of the beforementio-
ed law, without a division of the house.

The plan, recognized by this act, shews at one view, the name of the Land, quan-
tity of acres, for whom and when surveyed, to whom and when granted, and the book
and page where it is recorded. It has been seen by two of the Honourable Members
of the Executive, Henry H. Chapman and James Shaw Esquires, and I will produce
it for further inspection at a moments warning, if it should be required by the
Executive collectively.

It has been intimated by an Honourable Member, that it would be well to lay before
the Executive an estimate of the sum for which I could execute the work. I'm doing so,
I deem it necessary to observe; that for every year since the revolution, I have to take
the original certificates in each County, first separate and arrange them Alphi-
betically, every Certificate is to be opened to obtain its date, the endorsement must be