

In Council, April 2nd 1794

Sir,

It being found necessary that the Council should be informed what Cannon, ordnance and military stores belonging to the State of Maryland are in your Town and neighbourhood, we request the favour of you to enquire what number and quantity of these are at Frederick's Town and the powder magazine, and make return thereof to this Board as soon as possible, together with an accurate return of the Arms accoutrements and camp equipage immediately under your care. You will communicate this letter to Doctor P. Thomas, and request his ideas as to the condition of the powder in the Magazine and the means of restoring what is damaged.

M^r Peter Engels, Surveyor
at Frederick Town

We are Sir

Your Obedient Servants

Thos S Lee

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Before the receipt of the address from the Citizens of Annapolis, lately presented to the Board we had concluded to give our sentiments on the subject of it to the Secretary of War, in our answer to his letter covering the Fortification Act of Congress. You will observe by the enclosed extract from that answer, that our opinion is in favour of the object of the address. But we do not conceive it would be at present proper for us to make any official representation to the President or to Congress respecting the prospects of fortifying Annapolis, except through the channel already adopted.

The Letter of the Secretary of War afforded us a fair occasion for inserting the enclosed observations in our answer, which will certainly be submitted to the view of the President. But we cannot discover any mode by which in the line of our duty we could immediately convey similar sentiments to the Legislature of the Union.

We are with respect Sir

Your Obedient Servants

James Williams Esq^r

Mayor of the City of Annapolis

Thos S Lee