

able to afford you advice and assistance relatively to the objects which Gen^l
Williams's bad state of health prevents him from attending to. With respect to
McGard, whose assistance you seem to think desirable I do not consider it within
my province to influence your resolutions on the question of retaining him, as
the power entrusted to me by the President of the United States was limited to the
appointment of one person to superintend the work in your absence, and an appoint-
ment has in consequence been made. But as Mr Dodge may not be in all
respects qualified for your substitute and you have intimated to the Secretary
of War your inclination to have Mr Gard employed I am persuaded he will
readily consent to it. I return you Sir the plans you favoured me with, and
shall be gratified by receiving them again when it may be convenient to you to
share them. I should have been happy to furnish you with the plans of the
old works if they were to be found, but I can learn nothing respecting them.

Major J. J. Ulrich Ricardi
Temporary Engineer in the service of the United States
in Baltimore

I am with respect Sir

Thos. S. Lee

Council Chamber, April 16th 1794.

Sir

Major Ricardi who is appointed by the President of the
United States to fortify the harbour of Baltimore has communicated to me
a very satisfactory plan of the works he has projected, and has acquainted
me that He is at a loss for a Gentleman to consult with respecting certain
objects connected with his undertaking, in the room of General Williams, whose
bad state of health requires him to go into the country. I therefore take
the liberty to request that you would afford your advice and assistance to
Major Ricardi on the subjects in question, and that in general you would
be so obliging as to obviate the difficulties that as a stranger and a foreigner
he must be exposed to in prosecuting this important work.

Col John Ager Howard
Baltimore.

I have the Honour to be Sir

Thos S Lee

In Council, May 3rd 1794.

Sir

The late appointment of an Envoy Extraordinary on the part of the
United States to the Court of Great Britain has suggested to us the possibility of
introducing a claim in which this State is deeply interested among the objects of
negotiation to which his agency is intended to be applied. Uninformed
however of the particular views which have prompted the general Government
in the present Embassy, and of course incompetent to judge of the propriety of
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