

from us to put into the hands of the Militia selected for that purpose
the requisite arms, accoutrements and ammunition from the State Arsenal,
and in general to do every thing which the mere safety of the State may
against probable events may demand.

We beg leave to intimate to you that in the conduct of your
enquiry and the consequent arrangements you may adopt, it will be
prudent to occasion as little alarm as possible; but that in case of
danger or a strong probability of it shall be found to exist firm and decisive
steps will be indispensable.

You perceive that the view of the Board is solely defence and
Security for the Armory and Magazine, and the accomplishment of this
view we commit to you with our most earnest request that as its success
is of the highest importance not only to Maryland but the Union, you
will give to it your particular attention. You will be pleased to
communicate to us by the first opportunity the result of your enquiries
and the measures you shall adopt in consequence.

Brigadier General
Mountain Bayly

We are with respect
Sir your most Ob^d Serv^t
Tho: S. Lee.

P.S. Your letter of the 23^d Instant is this moment received and
We accordingly enclose the Commissions for Captain Nelson's Company
for Mr. John Brown as Brigade Inspector, Brothers, Ritchie, and
shall be appointed agreeably to the assurances you have given
We wish you to do every thing in your power to oblige the
Armourer to have the whole of the public Arms repaired for
immediate service. We approve of the directions you have given to
Engels for delivering Arms to the Volunteers. As soon as the lists
of Enrollment shall come to hand the Board will select officers
from the Brigade for the different Companies, and it is probable that
you would recommend such as would be most competent.

Council Chamber Annapolis August 27th 1794

Sir,

By direction of the President of the Board I have
to acknowledge the receipt of the Commissions of the
of the Militia that on the first day of the month August 27th 1794