

In Council January 15. 1798

Sir

We are at present engaged in the Consideration of that part of the Agents Bill which respects the purchase of Stock with the surplus of the Money in the Treasury, and we are in expectation of deciding in a short time, together with the Treasurer, and the Auditor, on the sum that can be spared for that purpose.

Considering the importance of this business and the reduced price at which Stock may probably be now purchased, We take the liberty of suggesting to you the expediency of your qualifying as shortly as possible, in order that the Views of the General Assembly may be speedily and effectually carried into execution.

Randolph B. Latimer Esquire

Agent of the
State of Maryland

We have the Honor &

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The Assembly at their last Session passed a Resolution respecting the Military Stores at Frederick Town, and we have appointed you for the purpose of carrying it into effect. We enclose you a Copy of the Resolution and of our order thereon, by which you will perceive the Nature of the Business that is required to be done.

It is conceived that under the Resolutions, the Executive will be empowered to give a reasonable compensation to the Person whom they employ, the amount of which must depend on their future determination.

We have directed the Armourer to make out and return to us as soon as it can be effected a full and complete Return of all the Arms, Ammunition and Military Articles now in the Armoury, we request your attention to this Business also, and beg that you will compare the Return with the several Articles therein mentioned and certify to the Board whether they are properly made in all respects.

If you incline to act under this appointment, you will please to make your Report in as short a time as it can conveniently be done, and if it should not be agreeable to you, we request to be so informed as soon as possible.

Brig Genl Mountjoy Bayley Esq.
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