

In Council Annapolis March 10th 1796

Sir

You are apprised of the Resolution of the General Assembly at their last Session by which you are authorised to sell, under the direction of the Executive, the Gun Powder and Brimstone now in the Magazine at Frederick and all such arms and accoutrements in the Armory at Frederick as are unfit for use without previous repairs. The part of the resolution in which you are directed to give a Bond to the State, will suggest to you the necessity of our being informed whether you incline to undertake the Business committed to you agreeably to the Resolution. There are other Resolutions respecting the Arms and Ammunition which are connected with the one above alluded to, and which require the immediate consideration of the Board. We are therefore the more anxious to know your determination on the Subject.

Valentine Brothers Esquire
Frederick Town

We are &c
James Bruce Presd^t

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Sir,

We are sensible of the great Risk and Impropriety of depositing the Arms in the same House with the Powder, and as there is an immediate necessity to remove them from the Market House, we request you to rent a fit and proper House upon the best possible Terms for their Reception. The Board will take the Subjects of your two last Letters into consideration as early as may be, and will write you fully in the mean time the Arms Accoutrements &c may be removed to such place as you shall please.

We have wrote to M^r. Brother respecting the Sale of Powder and accoutrements which he is authorised to make by a Resolution of the