

of Frederick County in this State; or the theft in pursuance of the  
Constitution and Law of the United States the Governor of Virginia  
has made a demand upon the Executive of this State for the said  
Williams to be delivered up, to the Justice of that Commonwealth to  
be tried for the offence. We beg the favour of you to take the Depo-  
sition of David Robertson who we are informed owns the Horses and  
is now in Frederick Town on the Deposition of any other Person; and  
if the same shall be fully proved to have been found in the  
possession of the said Williams, you will be pleased to deliver  
the inclosed writ to the Sheriff of your County; we are under  
the necessity of troubling you upon this occasion in consequence  
of the inadequacy of the testimony before us, to prove that the Horses  
found in the possession of Williams are the same proved to be  
stolen from Virginia.

John M. Therson Esquire  
Associate Justice  
of Frederick County

We are &c  
John. H. Stone

In Council Annapolis April 27<sup>th</sup> 1796

Sir

You will perceive by the copy of our Proceedings herewith  
enclosed that we have selected such part of the Gun Powder and  
such of the Arms and Accoutrements as we judged it would be exp-  
edient to retain for the use of the State; and that we have determined  
on the articles which you are to sell and dispose of under the  
resolution of the general Assembly.

Our directions are drawn in conformity to that resolution and we  
presume that you will find no difficulty in proceeding with the  
sale. We have been induced in order to expedite the business