

to forward the Bond, which you are directed to execute, to General Bagley whom we have requested to act for us in receiving it.

We enclose an order to the armorer to deliver to you the articles mentioned in our directions, and an order on the Treasurer in your favour for fifty pounds which we thought would be sufficient to defray the expence of transporting the Powder and Brimstone to Baltimore.

We have to request your early attention to the execution of this business and particularly that you will take the most speedy measures for the transportation of the above articles to Baltimore. We wish to hear from you whenever it may be in your power to inform us of your proceedings.

Valentine Brooker Esquire
Frederick Town

We are &c
J. H. Stone

In Council April 27th 1798

Sir

The Board have determined on the articles that are to be sold by M. Brooker agreeable to the resolution and have sent him directions on the subject.

As he cannot proceed in the business until he gives Bond to the State and some time would elapse before it could be forwarded to us for our approbation we have to request your assistance so far as to present M. Brooker the Bond which we enclose for him to execute with two securities whom we presume will be such as you know and may think sufficient and will therefore meet with our approbation.

We presume it will be in your power to present the Bond to M. Brooker immediately on the receipt of this. We request you to make a contract for the repairs of the Magazines agreeably to your letter of the 28th March without delay and draw on us for the money.