

In Council Annapolis October 6. 1796

Sir,

You will please to forward to us before the meeting of the General Assembly a return of all the arms and other military articles now in your care as armourer at Easton and we wish to receive at the same time a statement of the situation of the armoury there, comprehending a description of the Building, and noticing the loss of the State in articles furnished for the late western expedition. This information is wanted in order to assist us in complying with the last resolution of the General Assembly on the subject, which you can refer to.

John Coates Esq.  
armourer at  
Easton

We are and for the  
John Davidson  
President pro Tem

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Sir,

In your letter of the 16 of August, you observed that the repairs of the Magazine were in forwardness and you expected would be finished by the last of September. We shall be glad to hear from you again on this subject as soon as possible that we may have it in our power to give the necessary information to the General Assembly on their meeting. If the repairs are finished you can let us know the amount of the expence incurred which we will immediately have settled. We wish to hear likewise whether you have received any answer from the late armourer respecting the Duplicate of the return which at our request you sent to him for.

You will oblige us by giving any further information that may be in your power respecting the situation of the armoury at Frederick Town, and the loss of the State in arms and other military articles in the late western expedition so as to assist us in complying with the last resolution of the General Assembly on this subject.

General Mountjoy Bayley

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John Davidson  
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