

at this time all the arms in the arsenal at Frederick
Town do not amount to more than 3000 effective ones,
and applications for a considerable number are now
before us. in our present situation we do not think
that it would be proper to take any more from the
public armory. under these circumstances we cannot
in our opinion at present furnish the arms you
require.

we are in expectation of receiving from the General
Government 1000 stand of arms due to this State,
but the period of their arrival is not yet ascertained
nor do we know the condition they may be in. we have
therefore postponed the further consideration of
your application until that time, when you shall
be apprised of our determination.

we have requested the Secretary at War to forward
to your care the arms above alluded to, which we will
thank you to take in charge and inform us of their
arrival and the expence will be secured to you.

We are &
Colonel Flemming & Tricker Capt. Nicholson. Jno. Henry

In Council July 25. 1798

Sir

we acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the
fifth Instant.

The measures taken respecting the claim of the
State of Maryland against the United States, we
flatter ourselves will meet the approbation of
the Legislature. Tho' we are extremely desirous
for the full amount of the claim, we wish it not,
unless consistent with every principle of justice
and compatible with the interest of the United