

delivery Bonds with good security should be given to the
State conditioned for the value thereof or a return of the
same when required. We will thank you to communicate
this to the Commanding officers of the Regiment and on their
producing Bonds which will be satisfactory to you, be pleased
to forward the enclosed order to the armourer at Frederick
Town.

General Samuel Smith

We are &c

Jno Henry

In Council August 12. 1798

Sir,

It is with extreme reluctance that we have prevailed
upon ourselves to address the President of the United
States, at a time when the cares of the Union at large
must necessarily engross so much of his attention.
But as a portion of the United States over which he
presides, it becomes our duty as the Executive of
Maryland to represent to him the reasons which
have induced us to request his attention to the
defence of the City of Annapolis, which from its situation
although not of commercial importance is yet of
great magnitude to the State.

When it was supposed that a rupture between this
Country and Great Britain would take place, Congress
appropriated money for erecting fortifications about the
City. The works were commenced and considerably advanced
but the times altering so as to render them unnecessary
at that period they were never completed, they are
still however in such a condition that by a grant of a
very considerable sum of money by the Government of
the United States, in addition to the exertions which
the Citizens are disposed to make, they may be rendered
important to the commercial Interests of the Union.