

Enemies. That this will be the case no good man can
doubt. It is impossible that the citizens of the United
States should forget that they possess rights more
valuable than those which have been enjoyed by
any portion of the human race, and that their
personal fame and national character require
an exemplary display of patience, valour and
perseverance in this resolution to transmit
them unimpaired to posterity.

The forms of Government and systems of juris-
prudence under which our Fathers lived and
prospered, if preserved in their pristine purity,
afford the best hopes that the blessings which
they enjoyed will be inherited by their desen-
dants down to the most distant period of futurity.

I feel with sensibility and accept with the
highest satisfaction the tender of your services.
If the exigencies of our Country shall call you
to the field, I shall at all times be ready to share
in the toils and dangers to which they may expose
you.

I beg you to express in the most acceptable
manner to our fellow citizens, forming your
company the sense which I myself and the
public at large entertain of their patriotic
offer.

I am &c.

Captain Samuel Cole
Baltimore County

Wm. Henry

In Council August 21. 1798

Sir,

Your letter of the 18 instant addressed to
Mr. Thaafl was laid by him before the Board.

No additional information has been received
from the Secretary at War relative to the arms