

in the name of Captain Nicholas White and your receipt from said Captain Nicholas White for the Arms, Accoutrements and all other public property in his possession or possession to the Executive as soon thereafter as may be of your Proceedings under this appointment. The Governor and Council intend in the course of a short time to forward from the City of the Prince a number of Public Arms for the purpose of being deposited in the Arsenal at Frederick Town as soon as the Executive shall be able to judge of the compensation which will be adequate to your Services under this appointment. They will proceed to fix the Salary. It may be for me to add that the Governor and Council have loaned to the General Government the Barracks for the use of the use of the United States Troops, the Wing in which it is intended to deposit the arms being particularly excepted.

I am your obedient servant
Merian Pendergast
Clerk of the Council

M^r Nicholas King
Armourer at Frederick Town

Sir

Council Chamber Annapolis April 1812

Conformably to your request your application for the opinion of the Executive upon the construction of the Act of seven teen hundred and ninety Chapter fifty one Section three has been laid before them, and I am instructed to inform you they are of opinion that the Section above mentioned does not make it the duty of the State Printer to print the Votes and Proceedings for the Justices of the Peace. They understand that the general usage has been to the contrary, which may induce those officers to look for a continuance of the former practice. Whether it would be advisable to deviate from the former usage in this case, they think is a subject well worthy of your consideration, not doubting that you are fully apprised of the importance of disseminating their information as extensively as possible, which the Votes and Proceedings alone can furnish.

John Chandler Esquire
Printer to the State

Yours Respectfully
Merian Pendergast
Clerk of the Council

Gentlemen

In Council Annapolis April 1812

The Executive having loaned the Barracks at Frederick, with the exception of the Wing fitted up for the Arsenal to the United States, do not deem it expedient that you should proceed at this time with the repairs contemplated in the Eastern Wing.

We are very respectfully
Robert Rowan

John Ritchie, Isaac Mantz & John Dill Esquires