

In Council Annapolis April 16 1812

Sir

Major Woodland having applied to the Executive for Commissions to organise a Battalion of Rifle Men in the City of Baltimore under the Act to regulate and discipline the Militia of this State passed at November at November Session eighteen hundred and eleven and having stated that the Rifle Corps attached to the different Regiments of the Third Brigade were desirous of being formed into a Battalion the Executive granted the Commissions believing that the good of the service would be promoted and that the Legislature had particularly in view the Rifle Corps in the City of Baltimore in the passage of the said law. The Board were under the impression that it would meet with your approbation and had not the most distant idea of causing you with any kind of disrespect. It was intended to attach the Rifle Battalion to the Third Brigade We have &c  
Brigadier General John Stricker Robert Bowie

Council Chamber Annapolis April 23 1812

Sir

I am myself the honor to lay your letter of the seventeenth instant before the Governor and Council and have the pleasure to inform you that they will have no objection to the Officers using a Room in the Eastern Wing of the Barracks provided Mr King the States Armorer shall think it can be spared and that it will not interfere with the Public Arms that the State may have occasion to deposit there and provided also that the United States will make good any damage it may sustain while in their possession. You have likewise their permission to use the Ground attached to the Barracks for the purposes mentioned in your last communication.

Lieutenant Colonel William D Keell  
Frederick Town

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Marian Pinney  
Clerk of the Council

Sir

Council Chamber April 23 1812

I am authorized by the Executive to inform you that they will loan to the United States a Room in the Eastern Wing of the Barracks on the terms mentioned in my letter of this date to Colonel Keell the two thousand stand of Arms which have been lately ordered on to Frederick Town will be all that the State will have for the present to place under your care and superintendance except those which