

States for the use of the State of Maryland twelve hundred Muskets with Bayonets
fifty brace of Horseman Pistols and one hundred Horseman's Swords. It is ex-
pected that the Arms will be of Whitney's Manufacture and that the Swords and
Pistols will be of the same quality with those formerly purchased and that the Muskets
Swords and Pistols will be put at the same prices viz Muskets ten Dollars per Stand
Pistols ten Dollars per pair and Swords at seven Dollars and five pence each.
If the United States shall have the above articles to spare and you will forward
an order for their delivery the Governor and Council will on the receipt of it cause to
be placed in the Bank at this place the amount of the purchase Money in the
usual way.

The Honorable William Eustis
Secretary at War of the United States

I have the honor to be
Minasi P. P. P.
Clerk of the Council

In Council Annapolis May 9 1812

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Considering it probable that the efforts of the General Government to
effect an amicable adjustment of our differences with Great Britain will prove
unavailing and that a state of open and declared hostilities will shortly
take place between that power and the United States with our duty to
lay before your Excellency as concisely as possible a full view of the present exposed
situation of this City with such remarks relative to its claims to protection and
defence as our knowledge of its utility and importance in a commercial and
other points of view enables us to suggest. In the first place it is known to your
Excellency to be the seat of our State Government where the public Treasury
is established and all the State Records deposited where the Courts of Justice
are held and the Legislature and Executive transact the public business of the
State. It is also known to your Excellency to be situated not more than a
days journey from the seat of the General Government a Bank has
likewise been established with a considerable Capital in the City of
Annapolis and has accumulated a large sum of Money. In consequence of these
considerations growing out of its utility and importance we take
the liberty to suggest that a harbor and convenient harbour
for the shipping and commerce of the Province when the waters of the Potomac
are wholly un navigable and shut up by the Ice. Hence it is not unusual in the winter