

information of a late date with respect to the residue of the fleet it would be very desirable
if some officer could be dispatched immediately to this place, who has some knowledge
of fortification to assist in the execution of some works in each of those already erected
here, which might be constructed by the Militia here on duty. A speedy attention
to this intimation might have salutary effects. We have the honor to be
The Honorable John Armstrong
Secretary of War of the United States

Council Chamber Annapolis August 1813

Sir

I received your letter of the twenty eighth ultimo by Mr Mannery, the evening
before I intended setting off for Saint Marys and expecting to see you on my rout. I did
not write by him, and when I was at Marlborough I was advised to leave Port
Tobacco on my right hand and pass immediately down by Charlotte Hall, where
I learned the Enemy had disembarked and I returned to this place. When I
parted with Mr Mannery at the Government House, I had not any small Bill
with me but directed him to call at the Council Chamber. Not seeing him before
I left the City I directed Mr Penney the Clerk of the Council to pay him ten Dollars
and sent my servant to bring him to the Clerk. He informs me since my return
that he could not find him. I now enclose you ten Dollars for him which you will
please to pay him. It is impossible for me at this distance to give any particular
orders as to the calling out the Militia, which will always depend very much on
the force of the invaders, consequently you will exercise that discretionary power which
by law you are invested with. I have directed some Rifles barrels, Holsters and sword Belts
to be shipped for the use of the Militia of your Brigade. The supply is not so great as
I could have wished, but it will be of considerable service. I am with Respect
Brigadier General Caleb Hawkins

Levin Winder

Sir

Council Chamber August 1813

Mr Mitchell has been with us on the subject of furnishing provisions for the
Militia of Kent County. We have not a Board to give him official Authority,
but there is an understanding between him and the Members of the Board