

Council Chamber Annapolis April 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

Sir

When the Council appointed the agents for the collection of Public arms they probably considered that the expenses of collection transportation &c would require that money should be placed in the hands of the agents, which was accordingly done. Your account rendered to the Department specifies that three hundred (and fifty six stand of arms ninety five Bayonets and ten Cartouch Boxes are collected at different places. The necessary <sup>& personal</sup> expenses of their collection amounting to

Your charge of a per diem allowance cannot be admitted. The compensation of the agents must require necessarily depend on the services rendered - You will be pleased therefore to pursue the business of the trust reposed in you, collecting the arms and depositing them in the proper arsenal - It will be proper also to state in your account <sup>the whole amount</sup> of the money actually expended with vouchers, and the number of days on which you were actually employed in this service. The accounts will be acted on & finally settled at a meeting of the Board on the 2<sup>d</sup> Wednesday in June next

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