

Circular to Charles C. Brown and others Contractors on
the Eastern Shore of Maryland

Council Chamber Annapolis

10 Jan'y 1820

Sir

The Maryland claim, which was submitted to the General Government in Jan'y 1818 for monies advanced for pay and subsistence of the militia, has been examined by Mr. Hagner, to whom it was referred by the Secretary of War; and among the items that have been suspended, yours forms a part. He requests that the State should produce not only the account of purchases made by the contractors, but that it should likewise show how the supplies were disposed of - in other words, that the orders of the commanding officers, calling on the contractors for the rations, should be produced. I do not know that you have preserved any of the orders, or whether the request of the accounting officers office can be complied with, so far as it regards you. If you have the orders for the rations and the receipts of the persons who received them, it is all

that they shall be of a quality equal to those