

Council Chamber, Annapolis

February 2nd 1820.

Sir

In obedience to a request of the Honourable the Committee of Ways and Means, communicated through you as their Chairman, I have the honor to send the enclosed statement:

It may not be amiss to remark, that the account for powder ought to be paid by the General Government, and that we now possess the means of shewing that the quantity purchased has been consumed by the militia while in the service of the State - except a small quantity that remains on hand, that will not sell for four hundred dollars.

Of the suspended items amounting to \$109,242. 77. ^{cts} ~~cts~~ this Department are prepared to furnish immediately ~~to~~ recover upwards of fifty thousand dollars - and no doubt is entertained but that we shall be able to gratify, in the course of a month or so, the requests of the accounting officer, to whom the account was referred by the Honble the Secretary of War.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Your obed.^t Serv^t

Marian P. Putney

Clerk of the Council.

The Hon

John Montgomery,

Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means