

Dear Sir

Council Chamber Feb^y 4th 1820

I have after much trouble been able to put in some tolerable order, the original papers belonging to the Contractors' accounts which you returned to me. If they are not as perfect as you could wish, the fault is not mine. The Accountants supposing that the accounts as made out by them would be all that would be required by the United States Government, took no pains in filing the original papers away, or preserving them; in short they mixed them together in a large trunk without order or arrangement. It has fallen to my lot to do what neither of the Accountants would undertake, and I shall feel great pleasure if what I have done should prove satisfactory.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obed^t Serv^t

Minian Pinkney
Clerk of the Council

Peter Hazmer Esq^r