

Dear Sir

Council Chamber Annapolis Feb^y 28th 1796

I enclose you four accounts of Contractors Hunter and Hall as being connected with a number of entries in the Abstract, which you will be able to understand without much trouble. The forage charged was consumed by the Militia and paid for by the State, although the Contractors were not able to prove the particular issues - owing to the confusion which was produced by the sudden and unexpected visit of the Enemy, and the Contractors being at the same time not sufficiently acquainted with their duties - You will perceive by an examination of the Papers that the Executive paid the individuals who furnished the Contractors with supplies by orders drawn in their favour for their respective claims - instead of paying Hunter and Hall and compelling the individuals to look to Hunter and Hall for payment of their accounts. The mode pursued by the Executive in this instance did not only produce confusion, but gave unnecessary trouble - I have endeavoured however (I hope successfully) to place their accounts in a clear point of view.

I am &c

Peter Wagner Esquire

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