

Council Chamber Annapolis March 8th 1820

My Dear Kerr

I have received your letter and am truly sorry that
any thing should have occurred to mortify you - and I must say
that I was not a little surpris'd at the circumstance - If the House
Delegates did not give you as much as you expected, and as they
ought to have given, they have not denied to you their approbation
of the able manner in which you have discharged your duties as
agent. They have communicated to the world, and so has this
Department and so has every body acquainted with your Agency -
In the course of another short visit to Washington when the Secretary
of War shall be at leisure to examine into that part of the claim
that has been suspended and to listen to you, I have no doubt but
that every thing will be settled agreeably to our most sanguine wishes.
The Secretary will, I know meet you with a disposition to
do the State complete and ample justice, and the vouchers at
Washington are sufficient to satisfy any person that our claim
is a just one - Mr Hagner has dealt with it as he would have
dealt with any other claim against the United States -
Where money has been paid to a General, Field Officer, Company
Officers or Privates he requires the Muster Rolls as evidence of
service, and the receipt of a Quarter Master for rations in all
cases where the Contractors have charged them - This is all right
as it regards Mr Hagner; but the Secretary of War who acts under
large and discretionary powers will I am sure allow the amount
that has been paper'd by the Executive, and paid; altho ~~not~~