

Council Chamber April 15<sup>th</sup> 1818

Sir

When the Council appointed the agents for the collection of the public arms they probably considered that the expenses of collection, transportation and so forth, would require that money should be placed in the hands of the agents, which was accordingly done. Your account to this department states that stands of arms are collected at different places, the necessary and personal expenses of their collection amounting to you charge of per diem allowance cannot be admitted, the compensation of the agents must necessarily depend on the services rendered. You will be pleased therefore to pursue the business of the trust reposed in you collecting the arms and depositing them in the proper arsenals. It will be proper also to state in your account the whole amount of monies actually expended, with the vouchers, and the number of days on which you were actually employed in the service. The accounts will be acted on and finally settled at a meeting of the board on the second Wednesday in June next.

By order: Vinian Pinkney.

The returns of the agents being still unsatisfactory, and their ideas and claims for compensation being still at variance with the opinions of the executive, after being several times written to by the clerk of the Council, the executive passed the following order

"In Council November 10<sup>th</sup> 1818

Ordered, That the accounts of the agents for the collection of public arms be settled by the clerk of the Council on the agents producing the armorer's receipt for the delivery of the arms actually collected by them at the following rates, it being understood expressly with the said agents that the expense of collecting, and of transporting said arms is to be borne by them exclusively, and that the said rates are not to apply to arms collected in the City of Baltimore.

For each musket and bayonet one dollar, Pair of Pistols and holsters one dollar, each rifle one dollar, cartridge box, twenty five cents, sword fifty cents, each cannon with reasonable allowance for transportation expenses five dollars."

A Departure was made from this rule in the case of the agent at Annapolis, who had returned various articles of military equipment without any account of their number; in consequence of this and other expenses incurred, the executive finally agreed to allow him at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents for each stand of arms returned - he agreeing to relinquish all claim to compensation for the other articles returned, and binding himself by written agreement to pay and discharge all expenses incurred, and all charges whatsoever for collection and transportation to the armory.

Most of the arms delivered to the arsenals by the agents were in very bad order, and