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Council Chamber

Annapolis August 17 1826

Dear Sir,

The Executive have received me to inform you that they are surprised at a communication just received from you, relative to the property sold by your authority, on 20th June last, to the State and Security for the performance of your part of the contract because they placed full confidence in your promise contained in the proposal made by your son. They regret to find thereby now a disposition on your part to make another contract, and that materially different from the one heretofore made. Our communications received from the proprietors, the two Warehouses, heretofore sold by you to the State, and which you allude to in your letter of the 27th July last, convey the information to the Executive, that they are willing to sell their property for the sum of nine thousand one hundred dollars, whereas your present proposition makes only a deduction of six thousand dollars, thereby making your last proposition three thousand one hundred dollars higher than the one you heretofore made, and the one the Executive agreed to. They have, however, a great deal to say to you, (that to prevent protraction and further difficulty) that if you will agree to deduct eight thousand dollars from your proposition of the 27th July, 1826, and make a Deed of the property as soon as required by the Executive, conveying all your right and interest to the property mentioned, including the clear of incumbrance, the interest of five per cent upon the purchase money to commence four months after the same is completed, the Executive will in case you make the deduction above mentioned, then make the purchase of those two Warehouses and also have the whole made fire proof and repaired or re-built, as may best promote the interest of the State. They would, however, prefer your attending to the repairs and making the whole fire proof, according to your contract of the 17th June last, as it would save them much trouble. Your determination upon this subject is absolutely necessary to be made without delay, as in case of your declining this last offer the Executive will insist upon your complying with the original contract: you will therefore govern yourself accordingly.

The Executive will have another meeting in the course of a few weeks, perhaps in a few days, when they will expect to hear from you conclusively, as their duty to the State requires them to act without favour or affection to any.

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I am respectfully yours
A. S. J. Culler