

Council Chamber

Dear Sir

Annapolis Feb 14, 1823

I received your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant in answer to mine of the 6<sup>th</sup> respecting sundry rejected items of the States claim against the General Government. The accounts alluded to are on file in Mr. Hagner's office and can easily be understood by having recourse to them. With respect to the accounts for furnishing supplies to British Deserters I should suppose that there would be no difficulty in procuring an act of Congress to be passed making provision for their payment as they are only rejected by Mr. Hagner on the ground that they do not belong to his Department. The clothing furnished the D. Militia stationed at Annapolis ought to be paid for as the Militia were at the time it was furnished in a truly suffering condition - and it was done at a most inclement season of the year viz December 1812 I have to enable you the better to understand this business sent you copies of Mr. Hagner's Remarks. You will see by them that the vouchers furnished are all sufficient and that they will be paid provided an appropriation is made to meet the several items -

Yours Respectfully  
Minian Pinkney

To Gen Philip Reed -