

In Council Annapolis December 8. 1796

Sir,

We are informed that a number of arms and military accoutrements belonging to this State are dispersed amongst the inhabitants of your County, you are requested to collect them as soon as possible and forward them to the armourer at Estton, or lend them out to the officers of the militia in case they will give Bond and security for their return in good order when called for. If forwarded any expence that you may incur shall be immediately remitted.

We are &c

Colonel Levin Handy

J. M. Stone

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Sir,

You are requested to deliver to the armourer at Frederick Town all the Public arms and military stores in your possession on charge, or which you may be able to collect from the persons in your County, except such arms as were delivered to Captain John C. Beattys and George Dent's Companies, provided the officers will give Bond and security for their return, in which case they may retain the possession.

You will please to take the necessary steps in order to have these articles transported to the armory in the safest manner and on the most reasonable Terms.

We are informed that there is some public Powder in your County, which we request you to sell on the best terms, and apply the money arising from its sale to defray the expences, and if