

In Council Annapolis January 19 1797

To

We are anxious of obtaining your assistance towards the completion of a piece of business in which the State is considerably interested the nature of which you will derive by the following account

During the summer in the year 1794 a number of arms and other military articles were seized from the Arsenal at Frederick Town and delivered to the militia employed in the service of the United States

As our work on these articles was properly assigned to the general government the Executive Committee in the year 1795 procured from the Inspector the Armory a Return of the articles which he had delivered and a Return of the amount was ordered to be put on account against the United States charges the Executive Committee are charged with at such times as were proper to be made. This account was transmitted to the Secretary at War but no steps were yet taken and it now remains to the War of the regular Return by the Inspector which he has been ordered to take care to be created by the Inspector for a Duplicate of the Return but without effect. We have written to General Taylor requesting his assistance in procuring it which we believe he has promised to do but on the last letter he suggested the expediency of sending some person acquainted with accounts who might with