

the assistance of Engels and from his Books or Papers make out the Return that is wanted. Some steps were taken last summer agreeably to a Resolution of the General Assembly to call in the articles which had been issued, but there are still a great many out and at any rate it would be much more for the benefit of the State to get the original account passed through the office of the Secretary of War and allowed by the General Government the only chance of which is by procuring the Return.

We have to request you therefore to proceed to the place of Mr. Engels' residence and to procure from him a duplicate of the Return which he sent to us of the arms and other military articles which were delivered from the armoury or such Return as can now be made out from any Books or Papers in his possession. as he is an illiterate man we wish you to write the Return yourself as connectedly as his materials will admit and to get it signed by him and attested by his oath. It will be advisable likewise to get from him any receipts or vouchers which may be in his possession. These we presume he will have no objection to deliver on your shewing him our Letter. We have only further to observe that we will pay your expence and allow a reasonable compensation for your trouble and if it is agreeable to you to undertake the business which we hope will be the case the sooner it can be entered upon the better.

We shall be glad to hear from you shortly on this subject. We are &c

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