

this State.

To account for the delay which has attended this application it may be necessary to observe that nearly two years past letters were written to Mr. Gale then the Supervisor at Baltimore, and to the Secretary at War on this subject and an account similar to the one now sent was forwarded, but nothing could then be done for want of the necessary vouchers to prove the delivery of the articles charged.

Mr. Engels who was then the armorer having removed to a considerable distance and the original Return being mislaid, it became difficult to procure a duplicate and we have at length obliged to send a special messenger for the purpose.

The Return is now procured and is herewith sent together with the account on which a claim is grounded by this State against the United States.

The Correspondence in the War office we presume will shew the demands and requisitions which were made on this State by the General Government. The letters on that head are dated in August and September seventeen hundred and ninety seven, and will fully establish an engagement to replace such articles as might be lost or to reimburse their value. We are not apprised of any particular mode in which an application for reimbursement should be made, and we have therefore forwarded our accounts and vouchers to the Department of War with an expectation of being informed by you whether any thing further is necessary on our part and what can be done towards a settlement of the account.

The Honble James M. Henry
Secretary at War

We have the honor to be
Yours truly
J. N. Stone