

In Council June 10. 1797

Sir,

We have received your letter of the fifth of April enclosing Mr. Engel's Return and are well satisfied with the attention and industry which you have shown in procuring it.

We drew an order for the amount of your expences and for what we deemed a reasonable compensation for your trouble and services.

We have since taken into consideration that part of your letter which respects the arms remaining in the hands of the militia and are desirous of adopting any measure that may tend to recover them. Your offer to engage in that business will therefore be accepted on the following terms.

The Board having already given to Colonel Lynn a power to collect the arms in Allegany, we must wait for some information from him before we can put the Business in any other train.

With regard to the arms and other military articles in Frederick and Washington Counties it is our request that you will proceed to collect them and to have them conveyed to the armoury in the speediest and least expensive manner keeping an account of the expence and taking a receipt from the armourer. The compensation for this service must of necessity be left for a future settlement but we think it reasonable for an advance to be made. The sum that may be required we cannot form any certain opinion of and for the present we conceive it may be sufficient to forward to you an order on General Baily who has in his hands a sum of money which was intended for the Repairs of the armoury. This order we enclose with a letter to General Baily on the