

assembly to authorize and vest the Executive with
the necessary powers. and I am the more readily
induced to make these remarks, because the State
of Maryland lent to the Government of the United
States on the requisition of the Secretary at War,
in arms and military stores to the amount of
between 25,000 and 30,000 Dollars for the western
expedition, and reimbursement to this State
has been refused or neglected, on pretences
of the want of form I have &

The Secretary at War

J. H. Stone

In Council August 11, 1797

To

We have received a Letter dated the 1st of
Feb. 1797 from the Secretary at War in which,
by the order of the President of the United
States he has inclosed an act which passed at
the last session of Congress authorizing a
detachment from the militia of the United
States.

In pursuance of this act we are requested
to take immediate and effectual measures
to organize arm equip and hold in readiness
to march at a moments warning the detachm-
ent required from this State agreeably to the
said law and the act entitled "an act more
effectually to provide for the national defence
by establishing an uniform militia throughout
the United States passed the 5th day of May 1792.

The proportion of militia required of this
State is five thousand two hundred and sixty
two officers included.

By the second clause of the act of the last