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FORT McHENRY IN 1795.

His Excellency John Stone,
Governor of Maryland.

Sir;

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that agreeable to the directions of the Secretary of war, I repaired to Baltimore in order to report on the progress & actual state of the Fortifications of this place.

I consider it my duty to lay before you the result of my observations & of my enquires & I hope you will honor with your patronage the prosecution of an undertaking which tends so effectually to insure the Safety of this Harbour.

The lower battery is in appearance complete, but there are several material defects which it will be indispensable to remedy in the Spring, Viz: the Breastworks & Epaulements are too low by four feet, the traverses have been omitted so that the battery remains unprotected on one side & the turfing has been badly done & shall want repair.

The upperworks have not been commenced yet & the money which remained from the small sum allowed by Congress for the erection of the Fort, having been employed for the building of additional barracks &c. which were not in the plan which I had the honor of presenting to your predecessor it will be unavoidable to have a further supply of 4000 Dollars to proceed in that business as soon as the season will allow it.

Permit me to solicit your Excellency to join me in the application which I make on that subject to the board of War & do me the honor to believe that I am with the most respectful consideration

Your Excellency's Most Obedient & Most Humble Servant,

J. J. Ulrich Rivardi.

Baltimore, January the 15th, 1795.