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(From Otho Holland Williams' collection.)

Fells Point, 13 March, 1794.

Sir;

According to your request of yesterday I have made every necessary enquiry as to the ordinance of and about Fell's Point belonging to the Public---I find four Eighteen pounders only which appear to be good--- They have no kind of mounting nor Equapage belonging to them that I can discover. Your commands on me with pleasure shall be attended to.

You ob^{dt} Serv^t

David Stodder.

D. Stodder report 13 March 94
O.H.Williams
Collector for Port of Baltimore.

(From Otho Holland Williams' papers)
(Draft of letter)

War department

April 2^d 1794

Sir

I request that you would have the goodness to deliver the enclosed letter to the person who you shall appoint to disburse the money intended to be expended at Baltimore for the purpose of the fortification and mounting the artillery, And I shall be obliged to you to transmit me the name of the said person.

I am

Sir

Your Humble Servant

H. Knox

Sec. of War.

The Collector of the
Port of Baltimore.

War Department

April 2, 1794.

Sir.
Your letter of the 3^d of February was duly received and I beg you to receive this my apology for not replying particularly thereto before this time.

It was understood that some of our officers who were proper for purpose and who would be desirous of employment, should have the preference on the ground and by the recommendation of Col. S. Smith. I wrote to Captain Stricker of Baltimore to have the cannon at Whetstone Point put in order, but the present situation will not admit of his performing the service.

In the instructions given to Major Rivardi who has been appointed for the purpose of directing the fortifications at Baltimore, Alexandria and Norfolk as he was an experienced artillery officer, it was mentioned that he should give the necessary directions or advice to Captain Stricker relatively to the cannon at Baltimore, But as his directions I take the liberty to request the favor that you would please to appoint Mr. Barbier or some other officer of the french artillery, whose character should not only be without reproach, but decided for abilities.

This person will make a survey of the cannon at Whetstone Point and report to the Governor and me which are worthy of being put in order and mounted---and he will also make the necessary plans, if Major Rivardi should not already have done it of the carriages which shall be proper for the situation. There is a new carriage invented for batteries on the sea coast of France, which render embrasures unnecessary provided the nature of the ground will admit of firing en barbette I am desirous that the carriage should be used on all proper occasions although the expence is much greater than the common carriage

I presume Mr. Barbier may be acquainted with this carriage. If not either of the french officers of artillery who were understood to be at Baltimore will be perfectly competent to the measure Mr. Boutillier, Mr. De Prade, Mr. Vanir.

It is to be understood that the agent you shall appoint, will in pursuance of my letter of the 29 ultimo make all the contracts and arrangements for the execution of carriages or other business where the expenditure of money is involved. The artillery officer will give the proportions of everything, and inspect the execution, and perhaps also the erection of the works if no other person shall have been appointed for that object.

If the person you shall appoint shall superintend the erection of the works and mounting of the artillery, he may be allowed at the rate of two dollars p day while actually employed.

I am

Sir

With great esteem
Your Obed^t Serv^t

H. Knox,

Sec of War.

General Williams.

From Othe Holland Papers.

Baltimore May 19, 1794.

General Otho Williams.

Sir:

The Instructions I have received from your office require that the Agent in person appointed should furnish you with monthly statements of the moneys expended on the fortifications at Whet Stone Point Fort---The present state of the business puts it out of my power to make any accurate statement without entering into a full investigation of the whole work, which if necessary I shall immediately do---Shall at present only mention that about thirteen hundred dollars of the fifteen I have received has been expended in furnishing materials, paying the artificers, labourers, purchasing timber &c for the Barracks, and paying for one Gun Carriage that has since been rendered useless by the bursting of one of the eighteen pounders.

I have received the timber for eleven Carriages ordered by the Engineer for the Levy Guns in addition to those he contracted for. I expect the timber and plank for the seven travelling carriages with the timber and planks for the platforms and ^{other} ~~parts~~ parts of the fortifications in eight days, which was to be paid for when delivered, the amount will be thirteen hundred and fifty Dollars exclusive of three hundred I advanced on the receipt of the timber for the Carriages----- the Carriages ordered to be made I shall have done as soon as possible and on the cheapest terms--- As to the fortifications it is impossible to make any estimate of what would have been the expense or what it may yet be---the lower work agreeable to the plan is nearly to its height

From Otho Holland Papers.

Baltimore May 19, 1794.

General Otho Williams.

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and have begun the soding---some part of the upper work is considerably forward and if the citizens continue to give the assistance they have heretofore done expect the chief of the work will be raised and part finished in about sixty days.

I am with the greatest respect Sir your

Most Hble Serv.

Sam. Dodge.

From Otho Holland Papers.

Council Chamber, Annapolis;

April 4th, 1794.

To Gen. Otho H. Williams.

Sir:

Major Rivardi who is now in Baltimore has been lately appointed by the President of the United States for the purpose of fortifying Baltimore, Alexandria and Norfolk; and in consequence of his instructions from the War Office, a copy of which he has transmitted to me together with a letter on the subject from the Secretary of War, he has requested me to appoint some person in Baltimore to assist him in the execution of the plan of fortification proposed, and to conduct the work in his absence. As the care of Norfolk is thought to be the most pressing, he is directed to make but a short stay in Baltimore; and of course the superintendance of the works contemplated for the latter place will under the Engineers Direction, in a great degree, if not wholly, devolve on the person to be appointed. I do not know that any compensation to the gentleman who may undertake this employment is ascertained or promised; but I presume that if it shall be found to occupy much of his time, or be attended with difficulty, a compensation will be granted. As it is of importance that an appointment should be immediately made and accepted, and it is impracticable for me to determine who would undertake it, I take the liberty of requesting you, after communicating with Major Rivardi, to direct and deliver the enclosed power to some person well qualified for this trust, who will assume the performance of it.

If Captain Stricker ~~would~~ will undertake it he would meet with the approbation of the Secretary of War, who has I believe written to him on the subject; but as it has been intimated that

From Otho Holland Papers.

Council Chamber , Annapolis.

To Gen. Otho H. Williams.

April 4th, 1794.

(Continued.)

he either has declined or will decline it, you will be pleased, in case of his refusal to procure some other person to accept. By a conference with Major Rivardi you will be better enabled to judge of the nature of the duties which are the object of this appointment; and of course to decide on the qualifications necessary to the discharge of them. I am concerned at being compelled to give you this trouble; ~~but~~ you will allow the necessity of the case to be my apology.

I have the honor to be with great

Esteem, Sir; Yr. Most Obedient Servant,

Tho. S. Lee.

(From Otho Holland Williams' papers)
(Draft of letter)

Baltimore 4th April 1794

Sir.

By your authority, delegated to me by letter of the 2d Instant, and upon the principles therein suggested, I have appointed Mr. Louis Henry Bouteiller, (Chief of a Brigade of Artillery in the armies of France) to be Chief Artillerist for this Port.

He accepts conditionally---That the Minister of France will consent thereto.

Mr. Bouteiller will wait on you and show you my letter to him.

I have appointed M^r. Samuel Dodge, an active citizen, to execute the other part of the work.

I am, Sir, with great respect,

Your Most Obedient

Serv.^t O.H.Williams.

Gen^l Knox.

(From Otho Holland Williams' papers)
(Draft of letter.)

Baltimore 7th April 1794.

Sir

By authority derived from the Department for War, I anticipated your instructions of the 4th Instant which I had the honor to receive by Major Rivardi.

I have appointed Mr. Samuel Dodge a very well informed, active, zealous Citizen, Agent to Superintend the execution of the Military Works to be erected for the defence of Baltimore.

The business will certainly require the application of all his time and all his talents.

Enclosed are the instructions, without direction, which came under cover with your letter of the 4th.

I had the honor to received also your letter of the 2nd instant which did not require a reply.

With very great respect, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Most Obed^t Hble Ser^t.

Governor Lee

(From Otho Holland Williams' papers.)
(Draft of letter.)

Baltimore 4th April 1794.

Mr. Bouteiller.

Sir,

By authority, delegated to me by the Secretary for the Department of War for the United States, I do hereby nominate and appoint you to be the Chief Artillery Officer for the Port of Baltimore, for the purpose of putting the same in a State of defence.

I refer you to the Secretary, General Knox, for your instructions; and, am, Sir,

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Louis Henry Bouteiller,

Chief of Brigade of

Artillery in the armies

of France.

Letter from D. Delozier to General Williams, care of
Doctor Thomas, Frederick.

From Otho Holland Papers.

Balt. 10 April, 1794.

Sir:

The enclosed are copies of two letters respecting the business of the fort, and are transmitted to you for instructions respecting the business; the three warrants mentioned in the Treasurer's letter are in the care of Mr. Wilson, and whatever directions you may give in the business shall be strictly executed---

Major Richmond is now here; he leaves this tomorrow morning for Annapolis, and says that he will accept your proposition provided you ~~will~~-----to his entering on the business about the middle of May or the first of June next, ~~as~~ he cannot conveniently leave Annapolis sooner;- he will write you by next post.-

I am fearful of the consequences of the present damp and unpleasant weather, and am apprehensive that you will receive injury on the present journey.

I am, Sir,

very respectfully,

Your very Hbl. Servant

D. Delozier.