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Sir Burlington August 2: 1808

It being So long Since I Sent My letter that I Concluded that I Should have no answer from any one to it: Therefore I have Sent to the General Government, to take Some of them and I expect an answer in a few days if they take me up. I Shall be holden to work for them— if not I will make yours for ten dollars fifty Cent, and deliver them to Hartford: provided you will advance 1000 dollars to purchas Stock, for which I will give ample Security, and deliver the guns in parcels, 200 once in three Months Except the three first and draw my money deducting the 50 Cents till the money advanced Should be refunded—
The arms we manufactor are after the french pattern, and the Caliber does exactly Comport with your patron, I have not any on hand that is Suitable for a patron

I am with respect
yours &c

Ethan Stillman

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MARYLAND.

P.S I wish you to Send me an answer Soon as Convenient, and know doubt I Shall have an return from the Gen: government first, and then I will give you a direct answer

N.B If no money is advanced I must have ten dollars Seventy five Cents