Dear Sir:

Outlined below is the proposal for archaeological services at Fort Frederick, during the construction of the east and west barracks. There are three phases of excavations planned during the construction of the barracks, which will affect the fort's grounds.

Phase 1 initial excavation of east and west barrack areas to prepare the foundations for new super-structure
Phase 2 open trench across fort grounds for electrical lines
Phase 3 regrading of the west barrack

Estimated number of working days per excavation phase:

Phase 1 6 working days (to be performed within a 2 wk period)
Phase 2 2 working days
Phase 3 2 working days

The tentative date for phase 1 is February 1975. The estimated working days for archaeological reconnaissance is six, the maximum is 10. If I am available for phases 2 and 3, which are planned for later dates, the fee and charges will be the same as noted below for phase 1. Also, the maximum working days for phases 2 and 3 will be determined at a later date. The archaeologist will be notified by Floyd L. Culler, Inc. to the scheduled dates of each excavation phase.

The responsibilities of the archaeologist are the reconnaissance of the mechanical equipment during the trenching and grading operations. To check and interpret the excavated trenches and areas for features, eg., foundations and significant trench profiles. Photographs will be taken. Measurements will be taken and scale drawings and sketches made when necessary.
Copies of reports on each excavation phase are to be deposited with the Maryland Geological Survey, Division of Archaeology.

Rob Bushnell of the Department of Natural Resources and Tyler Bastian of the Maryland Geological Survey were consulted in composing this archaeological reconnaissance proposal.

cc: Rob Bushnell
    Tyler Bastian

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Israel,
Stephen Israel, MA., archaeologist
Itemized expenses

Fee $50.00 per day
to a maximum of 10 working days (for phase 1)
if needed, to excavate, clean and record
foundations or related barrack and fort
features if found.
fee includes
cost of photography
report preparation

Travel expenses 12 cents per mile
Fort Frederick to Philadelphia $45.60
380 miles round trip

Food and Lodging $15.00 per day

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242 E. Monument Ave  
Hatboro, Pa. 19040  

March 1, 1975

Tyler:

In response to our conversation by telephone, February 26, are my projected plans in Maryland this spring.

It is likely that the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation may employ me soon on a 2 to 4 week excavation of the Schiefferstadt Mansion, rooms 002 and 003. Simultaneously, (I'm thinking) I can handle the Fort Frederick obligation, as well.

If your field equipment is free, I would appreciate it if I could borrow the following items and pieces of equipment:

1 roll flying tape  
1 pick  
3 screens 1/4" mesh  
1 electrical cord--heavy duty  
2 light stands for photograph in basement  
50 specimen sacks--for levels  
2 buckets

forms  
60 square and level  
15 feature  
10 photo  
10 catalog

Possibly, you might have reservations lending certain of these items, as the Schiefferstadt Mansion site is not a state project. I will contact you by telephone, soon if the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation project is agreed upon, by the parties concerned.

Sincerely,

Stephen Israel

[Signature]
Dear Tyler:

Enclosed is the b/w negative that I kept for a fortnight.

Rob Bushnell expressed, to me, that the archaeological fees for Fort Frederick reconnaissance were reasonable. He was concerned that I did not show a maximum charge for phases 2 and 3.

I told Rob that a maximum of 5 days each should suffice for phases 2 and 3. In phase 3, for example, the 2 day work estimate for regrading ought to suffice. For no foundations should be found if 1) CCC backfill is even and 2) regrading is shallow...... south end of west barracks.

I am now free between drafting contracts and can rework-repeat the barrack excavation paper when I receive it. Do you have some new thoughts on the paper and its outline?

Sincerely,

Stephen Israel

Rob recently shared hopes that money will be available this summer for archaeology at Fort Frederick. I took the liberty to share with Rob your suggested 3 season approach to Fort Frederick research:

a. sw bastion excavation (magazine)
b. defense scarp (dry moat) inner-curtain wall areas (features)
gate area
officers' quarters
c. Strandberg's check aerial photo findings
Mr. Stephen Israel  
242 East Monument Avenue  
Hatboro, Pennsylvania  19040

Dear Steve:

Ross Kimmel called me yesterday to report that the contractor at Fort Frederick will dig the electrical trench on Tues, Aug 12th. Kimmel tried to reach you by phone, but couldn't, and I did not get an answer when I called you last night. If you have questions, call Bushnell, Supt. Sprecher, or the contractor. (Kimmel, instead of Bushnell, called me because Bushnell was on vacation last week and couldn't be found this week.)

There have been some new developments concerning the position for a reconnaissance archeologist with the Maryland Geological Survey for which you applied. Not all of the funding materialized which we had expected, so that we can not guarantee more than ½ time employment over an 18 month period. After careful review of all the applications, we decided upon a young archeologist currently under contract for technical coordination of some new exhibits at the Smithsonian but who has had varied experience in American archeology and who will take the job for one year to get it off the ground. There are many uncertainties regarding the operation and future of the reconnaissance project, but after 9 months or a year of operation we should have a much better idea of the directions that it will take and can then consider hiring someone for a longer term.

Sincerely,

Tyler Bastian  
State Archeologist
81 Merwood Drive  
Upper Darby, Pa. 19082  

February 14, 1976  

Mr. Tyler Bastian, Archeologist  
Division of Archeology  
Maryland Geological Survey  
Latrobe Hall  
Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Maryland 21218  

Dear Tyler:  

Enclosed is one copy of the report on the archeological data found at Fort Frederick State Park in August 1975, and submitted as part of the agreement under contract with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.  

Enclosed is the original typed copy.  

I wrote to Robert V. Riordan, archeologist, concerning the Maryland Historical Trust archeological field forms which I might use at the Belair Mansion site. Dr. Riordan replied and suggested that I use the Maryland Geological Survey Section of Archeology field forms.  

In about 4 weeks time I will need  
1 site survey form  
10 excavation unit, feature and square forms  
20 feature forms  
25 level forms  
10 sheets for photo lists  
5 sheets for artifact catalogue  

We just finished the well excavation in Delaware. Now I am busy writing two short site reports and preparing two talks.  

Are you pushing pens or trowels these days?  

Yours,  

Stephen Israel
Division of Archaeology  
Maryland Geological Survey  
Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Dear Tyler:

Enclosed are two copies of the Archaeological Investigation Report on the East and West Barracks at Fort Frederick State Park conducted in 1974, and submitted as part of the agreement under contract with the Maryland Bicentennial Commission.

I assume you have two 2 pockets of 5 figures and 8 photographic plates which I gave to you in January. Please insert these items into this report. If you do not have these two items, please let me know.

The report or summary on
Archaeology Report
The Archaeology on the Restoration of the East and West Barracks Concerning
The Excavation of the East and West Barrack Footer Trenches

is coming along.

I just received your unique post card. I am able to be in Baltimore on the evening of the 25th. If I cannot be, I'll let you know ahead of time. The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology is meeting the same weekend....

I just learned about a military meeting of historians in Boston in May.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Stephen Israel
Tyler:

I am experiencing delay in completing the final copy of the barrack excavations. Hold on please.

Concerning the 24" x 24" soil stain in the bottom of Trench A, please check August 1974 photographs in b/w and color films 10 through 12. Check corresponding photo catalogue. Possibly the soil stain is from a CCC impression which was later filled?

In March I suggested to Culler that he consider using metal planking to drive his trucks to the site. Mr. Culler just telephoned me and pointed out that he had to drain the the saturated top soil, so he trenched a road bed from the fort gate to museum hard surface turn around. It is his opinion that the metal planking in water saturated soils would only sink in. This is convincing to me.

Mr. Culler believes that the day I checked this road trench cut should not be charge (cost him) since this activity was not in my February 3, proposal. Logically, I agree with Mr. Culler here. Thus I have to learn to fill in the loop holes in future assignments.

Mr. Culler also related to that he knows the man who put two feet of top soil within the fort in 1938. This man is still alive and still works. This story is informative but not totally convincing to me. Two feet of top soil!!!!!

Blue grass is beginning to come to Philadelphia. A number of bars have started to hire groups.

This run around with the typist is exhausting me,

Sincerely yours,
Since the Restoration of the East and West Barracks is being conducted by the Department of General Services, I wonder if the Department of General Services is part of or separate from the Department of Natural Resources?

Perhaps my title page is incorrect? And the project is not sponsored by the DNR? or ECD?

A note for better PR,

Culler and I have a misunderstanding. I'd prefer to accept the inadequate charges Lump Sum of my Feb 3 proposal for my 3 weeks of work at Fort Frederick and stay on good terms than accept my March 29 bill to Culler which charges over the February 3 inadequate proposal.

I rather see this exchange as a learning experience than an end in the road.
242 E. Monument Ave
Hatboro, Penna. 19040

May 5, 1975

Mr. Tyler J. Bastian
Maryland Geological Survey
Division of Archeology
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Dear Tyler:

Enclosed are two copies of the report on the archeological discoveries found at Fort Frederick State Park in March 1975, and submitted as part of the agreement under contract with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Stephen Israel

P.S.

Tyler: I sent your name in to the Society for Industrial Archeology with my application.

In talking to Robert Bushnell, he and I decided that you ought to receive the March 1975 b/w negatives taken at Fort Frederick. So I'll get them to you before too long.

Thanks again for the Ampex 60 tape. I still have to explore how I can attach my radio and tape.

The cardboard box companies in Philadelphia are giving me a hard time. I telephone for their catalogues, then I don't receive them. Next time you write, might you enclosed the address of the company you use for your laboratory & storage boxes!

I just exhausted myself looking for two ring report covers.... The stores carry the 3 holes not the two...darn.
Tyler Bastian  
Division of Archeology  
Maryland Geological Survey  
Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Md. 21218  

November 26, 1975  

Island Field Museum  
Rd # 2, Box 126  
Milford, Delaware 19963

Dear Tyler:

A fortnight back a researcher from the National Heritage Corporation, West Chester, Pa., wrote me a letter asking questions on the Catoctin Furnace. I responded and I also returned her letter. So I have forgotten her name! The researcher's letter was very confusing. The researcher referred to my 1974 Catoctin excavations? Not once did she refer to Glenn's and mine 1970-1971 report, photographs, nor drawings. All of the researcher's questions are discussed in Glenn's and mine 1971 Catoctin Furnace report.

I met with Susan Pearl and Joan Schmidt of the Bowie Maryland Heritage Committee for the Belvair Mansion. In our November 22 meeting we discussed proposals for an exploratory archeological survey of part of the Belair Mansion. I found the people cordial and cooperative. I suggested a April date for a week's survey. I recommended that their committee contact John Pearce and you to obtain site numbers and designations.

In rereading my August 1975 draft on the monitoring of the electrical line trenches at Fort Frederick; I found an easy rearrangement of the ABSTRACT'S sentences clarifies and unifies this first page. I'm not certain of your reaction to the arrangement of the electrical line trench cross sections. I combined them onto single pages to save cost. If an alternate presentation is preferred by you, I can easily draw the profiles as one continuous line? (See draft).  

Could you supply me with the Kansas address and cost of your Moisture Testing Rod (prober)?

The excavations in Delaware are varied and I am gaining a lot of experiences in archeology and in tolerating and not tolerating people. The work will continue for 1 or 2 more months. Ron has assembled a cooperative and talented group of field hands (archeologists). Cara Wise is a bit of an itch. I feel I am in a dense cloud when I am around Cara. Otherwise, we're making some headway at the Old State House excavation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Division of Archaeology
4 Dec 75

Mr. Stephen Israel
Section of Archaeology
Island Field Museum & Research Center
R.D. 2
Box 126
Milford, Delaware 19963

Dear Steve:

Your report on the electric line trench at Fort Frederick is well-organized and reasonably well-written. I think you are improving! My few comments are all marked on the draft. The present arrangement of the cross section drawings is fine.

Ken Orr decided to take the Catoctin Furnace job even though we could not pay his standard fee. He did a rather nice job on his report of excavations at the casting house. Would you like to review it? I do not have an extra copy, but I can loan you one.

I hope you get the job in Bowie.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tyler Bastian
State Archaeologist

TB/nbw
encs.
Oct 30, 1975

Dear Tyler:

Thanks for your quick response to Ron Thomas' call. I'll be with Ron - 4-6-8+ weeks. Our first project is a colonial well. It's bricked lined and went 18ft down. Ron has several projects in operation now.

Thanks also for Md Archeological Society's Meetings. We started a week later in Delaware than originally planned - so I missed your meetings.

I'm learning a lot. Maybe see you in Columbus Ohio at Eastern States Meeting?

Stephen Israel
81 Marwood Dr
Upper Darby, Pa. 19082

October 6, 1975
215-352-7738

Mr. Tyler J. Bastian
Division of Archeology
Maryland Geological Survey
Latrobe Hall
The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Dear Tyler:

I'm wondering if you have had a chance to proof read the August 1975, Fort Frederick field report for comments? I have moved closer to the City (Philadelphia) and now I am in contact with an editor-proof reader. So I am a little more than curious as to your comments on the August paper.

Recently, I attended a NYAC conference on resource management and contract reports. Another good source for contacts is ASCA (Flagstaff, AZ). If in a short time, I don't find work in archology, I'll take a part time job for several months.

Among the recent realizations for me...is why man must keep up his contacts. Several of my past acquaintances, today see and remember me from my former mold!

I am checking many engineering and architectural firms who are involved in environmental impact studies. So I am leaning toward becoming one of those nasty salesmen!

P.S.

What date is the next Md. Archeological Society weekend (Saturday) meeting?

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Sent 8 Oct 75
NB [unreadable]
3 October 1975
Division of Archeology

Mr. Stephen Israel
31 Narwood Drive
Upper Darby, PA 19082

Dear Steve:

I will get your manuscript back to you very shortly.

Ron Thomas was trying to contact you last week. I only have your old address. He has a job and his phone number is: 302 335-5431.

Mrs. Schooler from National Heritage Corporation may be contacting you with regard to some of your Catoctin Furnace experience.

Very truly yours,

Tyler Bastian
State Archeologist

TFS: osh
Mr. Tyler Bastian  
Archeologist  
Maryland Geological Survey  
Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Maryland  21218

Dear Tyler:

Can you proof read these pages and return them with your comments. How can the author...admit to himself that his own report is too long!

Please keep the pencil field drawings, artifacts, and photograph logs. Also, enclosed are the unused copies of the log sheets.

I am sending the photograph negatives under separate cover.

In the spring of this year I made a small effort to locate New Jersey records and papers on Fort Frederick's French and Indian War Officers. This past week the Trenton Free Library, Trenton, New Jersey, sent me 8 papers, 5 of which deal with Captain John Dagworthy himself. I have sent these papers to Ross Kimmel.

The Trenton Library personal remarked that the 8 papers are only a sample of what exists.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Israel
TO: John R. Capper

FROM: Robert R. Bushnell

SUBJ: Fort Frederick State Park
     Proposed Archeological Investigation

May 26, 1975

I have attached the following items for your perusal:

1. Proposal to perform certain archeological work at Fort Frederick

2. Cost estimate for archeological investigation

3. Cover letters

Tyler Bastian, State archeologist, and Ross Kimmell, historian, Maryland Park Service, have reviewed the proposal and are in agreement with the scope of work and cost estimates. I believe that it is important to continue our investigation at Fort Frederick to provide the necessary information for master planning. I would be glad to discuss the subject in more detail with you at your convenience.

RRB: plc'
Attachments
cc: Ross Kimmel
    Tyler Bastian
242 E. Monument Ave
Hatboro, Penna. 19040

20 May 1975
215-674-3210

Robert R. Bushnell
Department of Natural Resources
Tawes State Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Rob:

Enclosed is a cost estimate of the expenses for the archeological investigation of the sw bastion and interior and exterior curtain walls at Fort Frederick State Park, Washington County, Maryland, as proposed on May 3rd.

I am certain as I learn more about the particulars of the field expenses, there can be a larger allocation of the funds for field laborers.

An initial payment of $5,000, if possible, at the beginning of the field work would provide for the maximum funds for field laborers. However, if an initial payment can not be pre-arranged, another pay schedule can easily be arranged.

c:o. Tyler Bastian

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Israel, M.A. Archeologist
COST ESTIMATE FOR

ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE SW BASTION
AND INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR CURTAIN WALLS

AT FORT FREDERICK STATE PARK, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Field Rentals

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Laboratory Expenses

Preparing photo, table, and drawing illustrations and Lab Supplies

$350

Report Preparation

$50

Total Cost

$26,000

*One additional laborer can be added to the payroll, if the field expenses are less.
July 3, 1975

TO: Fred L. Eskew

FROM: John R. Capper

SUBJECT: Proposed Archaeological Investigation

Fort Frederick State Park

The restoration of Fort Frederick is proceeding ahead of schedule and with only a few very minor problems. As you know, a considerable amount of archaeological investigation has been completed to date and this has added much to our knowledge of Fort Frederick and has contributed to the smooth progression of the restoration project. We have been fortunate to have had a dedicated consulting archaeologist work on the investigation along with Tyler Bastion of the Maryland Geological Survey.

The completion of the barracks restoration and proposed construction of the visitors center will complete construction at the Park for at least the next several years. I feel that it is extremely important to continue our archaeological and historical investigations during this time, so that if additional restoration of the fort complex is desired in the future, the groundwork for that restoration will have been completed. In addition, this investigation will continue our commitment to develop Fort Frederick as a first-rate historical park at a minimal investment. The ongoing investigation would certainly be looked upon with favor by various historic organizations and would be sound reasoning for suspending additional construction.

I plan to encumber $10,000 of F.Y. '76 .02 money to be utilized for continued archaeological investigation. Tyler Bastion will prepare the program and we will seek proposals from at least three archaeologists.

RRB: JRC: cmw

bcc: Tyler Bastian
May 6, 1975

Tyler J. Bastian
1 E University Parkway
Baltimore, Md. 21218

Tyler:

I had a long talk with a neighbor, an accountant for a local college's grants and aids programs. It was Mr. Shipman's belief that I should look into delegating a local bank (near Fort Frederick) to collect from the State agency the funds for the 1975 excavation. The bank in return would be my contract administrators.

The bank could write the pay roll checks, make all the necessary deductions and keep records on what I spend on supplies.

This type of bank loan would be 1) minimal and 2) local enthusiasm and interest of the bank could greatly reduce the fee.

Does this set up seem plausible or wet to you?

Stephen

[Signature]
242 E. Monument Ave
Hatzboro, Pa. 19040

May 30th, 1975

Mr. Tyler Bastian
State Archeologist
Maryland Geological Survey
214 Latrobe Hall
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Dear Tyler:

I have the March 1975 Fort Frederick b/w negatives. There are 5 rolls or 100 frames. If I do not see you in Baltimore before mid summer, I'll mail these negatives to you or when you first request them.

To follow through and complete our telephone conversation of May 29th, I have the following thought. I suggest you need not examine the Fort Frederick pewter buttons for Larry Babits immediately. I would quite willingly examine these pewter buttons for Larry Babits the next time I visit you in Baltimore.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Israel

MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Brooklyn, on which is inscribed, "In honor of Maryland's four hundred who on this Battlefield, August 27, 1776, saved the American Army." In 1776 General Washington was invested by the Continental Congress, then in session in Baltimore, with dictatorial powers as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. On December 22, 1783, Washington resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the army in the Senate chamber at Annapolis, where the Continental Congress was then in session. Maryland ratified the Constitution of the United States on April 28, 1788, being the last of the 13 colonies to come into the Union. She had refused to accept the articles of confederation until those colonies which had claims to western lands had surrendered them to the

![Figure 8: Fort Frederick, Washington County, Built in 1756. Where Washington Fitted Out His Expedition Against Fort Duquesne in the French and Indian War.](image)

general government. In 1790 Maryland ceded to the federal government 60 square miles of territory for the National Capital, which became the District of Columbia in which Washington is situated. Fort McHenry, the construction of which had been started by patriotic citizens for the defence of Baltimore, was already partly completed in 1794 when it passed to the federal government. It was finally completed in 1805.

During the War of 1812 several Maryland towns were pillaged by the British, but Baltimore was saved from plunder by the repulse of the enemy at North Point and Fort McHenry. It was during the bombardment of the latter place that Francis Scott Key, who was held aboard a British vessel in the harbor of Baltimore, wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner."

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May 5, 1975

Mr. Frank Byron
Department of General Services
301 West Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: Fort Frederick State Park
Restoration of East and West Barracks
Project #P-12-691

Dear Mr. Byron:

As we discussed in our recent telephone conversation, I am enclosing the approved invoice from Mr. Israel for archeological work on the referenced project. Please proceed with payment at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Bushnell
Land Planning Services

RRB: plc
Enclosures
cc: William A. Krebs
Tyler Bastian
ask Bushnell about photo survey

Bill Twiggs - Cont.

1231

Bushnell - water planning

detected features

plan for development area around fort where marsh

here 02 money available July 1 for construction

SW bastion

central well

moat

pool
GGS GET-TOGETHER
in honor of
Norma (and Norbert)
Juergen (and family)

ALL MGS employees and spouses invited

Friday, May 16, 1975
8PM until

Bring your own drinks

Plenty of coffee, and other delights will be available

at Tyler Bastian's, Apt. 910
University One Apartments
1 E. University Parkway (near St. Paul)
Take elevator to 9 and turn right around corner to end of hall; last door on left.
Phone 243-6523

Parking is permitted during the evening (after 6 PM) on all of the streets near University One. There are some no parking areas (near intersections and on Greenway near University Baptist Church). The signage is complex and traffic tickets plentiful, so read signs carefully. No visitor parking is permitted in the alley beside the apartment.

RSVP by Wed 14 May
1. trench ditch outside fort
2. completely excavate one section
3. excavate near portals inside fort
3) (search for latrines)
4) (explore interior structure of malle (earth fill, vault, etc)
book for interior well trenches
10' wide areas
5. explore forts outside fort suggested by aerial photo study
compare to park development plans

A. trench into center of cantile malle & new portal section
B. sub magazine
C. extra fort features

Funds - Bicentennial $3000
Park for $3000
MCS?
242 E. Monument Ave  
Hatboro, Pa. 19040

April 12, 1975

Mr. Tyler Bastian  
Maryland Geological Survey  
Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Md. 21218

Dear Tyler:

Enclosed is a draft of the March 1975 excavations at Fort Frederick. Would you like to comment on the format and content?

I plan to bring the photographs, catalogue sheets, and artifacts to Baltimore on April 25.

I caught and corrected a number of mistyped sentences in the recently mailed barrack report. Another incomplete sentence just came to light. It is hidden. I plan to send you the corrected page shortly. I got-ta cool it...

Sincerely yours

[Signature]
Division of Archeology
18 April 75

Mr. Stephen Israel
242 East Monument Avenue
Hatboro, Pennsylvania 19040

Dear Steve:

You have done a good job in describing the contractor's procedures relative to the archeology and in recording the new data. Your abstract might be better called a summary and placed at the end. An appropriate length abstract for this paper would be about a half page. If you will bring this with you next week, I can answer your questions.

Your earlier report arrived several days ago and is exceptionally neat and professional-looking. Congratulations! Everyone is plagued with typos!

As you should have heard by now, there was a big flap in General Services over the arrangement for having the contractor pay you. (Not your fault, but that of a nosey bureaucrat in General Services.) You are now to bill DNR. Bushnell should have informed you by now. (General Services is a separate agency which administers all construction work for the state, except roads.) You should bill DNR for whatever you think just, up to a maximum of $800. Let's discuss it when I see you.

Sincerely,

Tyler Bastian
State Archeologist

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encs.
February 7, 1975

GENERAL C. E. HUTCHIN, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION
2525 RIVA ROAD
ANnapolis, MARYLAND 21401

DEAR GENERAL HUTCHIN:

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ENLISTED MEN'S BARRACKS AT FORT FREDERICK IS FINALLY UNDERWAY WITH THE AWARDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO FLOYD L. CULLER, INC. A WORK INITIATION CONFERENCE WAS HELD RECENTLY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES AND ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WITHIN 15 DAYS. THE CONTRACTOR WILL EMPLOY STEVEN ISRAEL, ARCHAEOLOGIST TO BE ON THE SITE WHEN ANY EXCAVATION IS UNDERWAY.

IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. ISRAEL AND MR. BASTIAN, IT IS APPARENT THAT CONTINUED INVESTIGATION AT THE FORT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO LOCATE THE MAGAZINE, ADDITIONAL BUILDING SITES, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFIGURATION OF THE WALLS AND BASTIONS.

THE NECESSARY FUNDS AT CATOCTIN FURNACE ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1974 TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROPOSED HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK, THEREFORE, ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS NOT REQUIRED. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO FUNDS AVAILABLE AT FORT FREDERICK TO ACCOMPLISH THE NEEDED ADDITIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION.

THEREFORE, THIS OFFICE REQUESTS FUNDING ASSISTANCE IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF $20,000 FROM THE MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION IN 1975. THIS AMOUNT IS AN ESTIMATE TO ACCOMPLISH FIVE MONTHS OF FIELD INVESTIGATION (HORIZONTAL ARCHAEOLOGY) AND THE SUPPORTING MAXIMUM EIGHT MONTHS OF LABORATORY WORK. TYLER BASTIAN, STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST, WOULD WORK WITH THIS OFFICE, AND THE MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM AND CONTRACT.
MY STAFF AND I WOULD BE MOST HAPPY TO DISCUSS THIS REQUEST IN DETAIL WITH YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

FRED L. ESKEW
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

FLE:BRM

CC: WILLIAM A. PARR
SPENCER P. ELLIS, JR.
TYLER BASTIAN
JOHN R. CAPPER
ROBERT R. BUSHNELL
Reconstruction
To Begin at
Fort Frederick

"Washington County's Bicentennial
celebration took a giant step forward
today," reports Pat Krause, Acting
Director of Tourism in that Western
Maryland County, reacting to news of the
January 23rd Maryland Board of Public
Works' approval to let the $336,077
contract for reconstruction at Fort
Frederick State Park. Site of the only
remaining British stone-walled fortifica-
tion which served as the cornerstone of
Maryland's frontier defense, Fort Freder-
ck will begin to take on its original
appearance as reconstruction commences
within weeks.

According to Floyd L. Culler, Inc. of
Frederick, Md., contractor, the job of
reconstructing two of the Fort's original
barracks will take approximately 240
days. Plans for the barracks, designed by
architect Emil J. Kish, were developed
after months of extensive research and
an archeological survey funded by the
Maryland Bicentennial Commission. To
assure authenticity of the reconstructed
buildings. One of the completed barracks
will be furnished and equipped in the
manner of the 1750's, while the other will
be used as a display area. Much of the
actual construction will be done with
hand-tools similar to those which might
have been used during the 18th century
along with hand-made hardware. Addi-
tionally, the interior of the Fort will be
regraded to approximate its original
contours.

Recognizing Fort Frederick as one of
the state's most significant Bicentennial
sites, last year the Maryland General
Assembly approved a $1,018,000 three-
phase package for initial restoration and
interpretive facilities there. Plans for
Phase Two, initial design and develop-
ment of a visitors center and support
facilities, are on the drawing board now,
with Phase Three to follow shortly.

"After several years of hard work on
the part of our legislators and those of us
involved in the promotion of tourism to
Western Maryland, our efforts have been
rewarded," says Ms. Krause, "Not only
will the Fort be ready to offer a true
glimpse of military life on the frontier for
the Bicentennial, but during the coming
months will allow visitors to witness the
actual erection of the 18th century
barracks as they begin to take shape."

Fort Frederick State Park, located 20
miles west of Hagerstown off Interstate 70
at Route 56, Big Pool, offers historical
programs reminiscent of the 18th century
on the last full weekends of June, July,
August and September each year in
addition to year-round guided tours of the
Fort. This summer's program includes
gracious plantation overlooking the
Potomac River, and it remained his home
until his death almost a half-century
later. The estate and grounds have been
superbly restored and many of the
original household furnishings are on
display.

Next stop along the Heritage Trail is
Richmond, Virginia. In the rotunda of
the Jefferson-designed State Capitol
stands the celebrated Houdon statue of
Washington, carved from life by the
French sculptor. Today it remains the
best likeness of the man that exists and is
considered America's most valuable
marble sculpture.

Yorktown, Virginia was the site of the
1781 surrender of Lord Cornwallis' army
to American and French forces under
Washington and Lafayette, effectively
ending the war for independence.

Near the Chesapeake Bay at West-
moreland, Va., is the George Washington
Birthplace National Monument. The
original home burned to the ground
during the Revolutionary War; the
[Continued on page 3]
nothing else to add and so I am

please note one

now with this "cc" thing it depends on

please note that to do so it is not really necessary.

pressure from abroad, as necessary, if so

there is no assurance. somehow
Steve

Tyler

Ft. Frederick

Filet descriptions are enclosed, sorry I forgot.

I agree that the disturbed lenses of the east barrack are largely CCC backfill, but the west barrack presumably consists of some backfill as well as raised fill. But should you call the lenses of the raised fill "disturbed?" The lenses were deposited by the CCC and are not disturbed unless someone has dug in them since. Rather than speaking of "disturbed lenses" it would be better to say "lenses of fill" or "lenses of modern fill" or "lenses of CCC fill."

Many people drop the extra a in archeology. The NPS has done so for ages, and even Ball and Wyckoff dropped the a about 6 years ago. To be correct, the a and the e are joined together; that is the original spelling. So neither archeology or archeology are correct. But languages (including written) change, and I like the simplification of archeology. By the way, The Wis. Archeol. Soc. has used the "modern" spelling for over 70 years.
Dear Tyler:

Thanks for returning the draft...and all the homework that came with it. Please return, as well, the plate descriptions found to the left of each of the 8 plates. I plan to duplicate these descriptions also.

I notice a number of anthropologist writing archaeology) archeology. Is there an explanation? Thanks also for your insight into the difference between backfill and fill. To confuse the issue, I see the east barrack disturbed lenses as largely backfill, but the west barrack disturbed lenses are largely raised fill.

Many of your questions and written reactions have allowed me to re-think my thoughts more clearly.

I will be in touch with you soon. I am schedule to be at Fort Frederick March 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19.

Stephen Israel
Division of Archeology
6 March 75

Mr. Stephen Israel
242 East Monument Avenue
Hatboro, Pennsylvania 19040

Dear Steve:

I finally mailed your Fort Frederick manuscript yesterday morning. The content is good and the general organization is fine, but it needed lots of editing and sentence re-writing. There were a few places that I could not figure out what you were trying to say.

You should avoid use of possessives, such as "the trench's wall"; it should read "the wall of the trench." According to most people, including the University of Chicago "Manual of Style," commas should be used to separate each item in a series of three or more; that is, "glass, nails, and sherds." I suggest that each of the 6 major sections start on a new page. I don't understand or find convincing your description of the square overlying the CCC trench in your trench near the curtain wall. I couldn't find it in your photos, but I have not looked at all of them. Ignore my general comment on how to spell archeology, but in a list of references the spelling should conform to the spelling used in the report cited. If you will type up a new draft, perhaps I can get the final typing done for you.

We are getting the necessary signatures on a permit for the new work at Fort Frederick, and we will send your copy to the Fort as soon as we have them signed, hopefully next week.

The site number of the Frederick County Landmarks Association's property, Scheifferstadt, is 10 PR 134.

Your proposal to Culler for work in connection with the reconstructions looks fine to me.

I can loan you all the equipment you request except for a pick, which we do not have, and the light stands which we need here. If you have the lights, you can clamp them on a chair, pipes, etc. Let me know if you want to pick up the equipment here. I may be in Frederick on Wednesday 12 March.

Sincerely,

Tyler Bastian
State Archeologist

TB/nab
cc: Rob Bushnell
Tyler

1. Relabelling of Figures 3 & 4 Titles easier than I thought.

2. In the text of the barroso excavations I can easily substitute the words profile and sections for "elevation" in a number of places.

3. Received a letter from Margaret deWitt (Miss or Mrs?) asking me about excavating the Shieffers beet house.

4. Enclosed is some homework for you! Kindly glue with your stopping the 2 corrections on the Figures 3 and 4. See pencil identifications on reverse side of paste only in the envelope.

[Signature]
Fred. Co. Landmarks Assoc.

want to clear a basement so it can be floored as a tourist shop.

need site # FR 134
Please have Bill Parr sign these and keep one copy for the Park Service. Return original and other copies to me and we will forward them on to the persons listed (or you could help out by mailing copies directly to Sprecher, Culler, and Israel).

Division of Archeology
6 March 75

Rob Bushnell

Tyler Bastian
31 Jan

Steve called that he had talked to contractor
who plans work in 3 stages:
   1. foundation - will be digging 6 days out of 2 weeks
   2. in June/Aug - electric service trench
         in 2 days
   3. Oct - grading, 2 weeks.

3 Feb

Checked with Bushnell
said he had called S. Ellis to request additional help from
the Bicentennial Commission, maybe $13,000
available next year.

Confirms he called Stines who will ask $50 per
day + expenses and to include photos.
Brief report. Trax, 10 days.
THE NATURAL STONE STEPS
HARPERS FERRY, W. VA.
The Stone Steps, some natural and some
carved out of the living rock are located at the
foot of High Street and afford a direct access
to St. Peter's Catholic Church, the Harpers
House, and Jefferson Rock. St. Peter's was
built in 1830. During the Civil War, this was
the only church in Harpers Ferry that
conducted regular services undisturbed by
either Army.

Tyler, please send to National
catalogue nos for me to use w/20/
found one storage pit in east barracks
with artifacts.

Looks like I'll be at the
fort straight through 7-8 days,
New Holland L35 is a beautiful
machine for skimming soils
Should I bill Coller before I have
film develop, artifacts catalogue
Ross Kimmell read report
he made some suggestions.

Color by Frank D. Kelley

3/12/75

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AERIAL VIEW OF OLD FORT FREDERICK
Now a Maryland State Park
Between Hagerstown and Hancock, Maryland
Just South of U. S. 40 and Interstate 70
Built in 1756 a protection for early settlers during the French and Indian War, this is the only relic of that period in Washington County. Located on a bluff overlooking the Potomac River near Big Pool. Scene of many battles and of one massacre of settlers by the Indians. Used during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. A splendid museum, open daily depicting the early scenes which made it famous, is maintained in the State Park which surrounds the Fort.

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