

Frederickburg 16 July 1781
Dear Sir,

We were so distressed for Arms
in the first of the Invasion, was obliged to draw
from the Counties of Sp. William, Fairfax, Lou-
-don & Hanover all those Government had
reserved for the protection of Potomac
River, the 800. Men I marched down to
W. burg in the Month of March were all Armed
from those Counties, none of the Muskets
were ever brought back so that they are now
totally defenceless. — The Marquis consid-
-ering the protection of Potomac River &
the public Works at this place of so much
importance as to Station me there for the
defence of them, have to request the authority
of the Executive to Arm the Militia as
before the Invasion, or at least to establish
a small Magazine of 800. or 1000 Stand of
Arms at this place ready to be put into
to their Hands upon the first Hostile Ap-
-pearance, there will be no risk in it as
they would on the Shortest Alarm be found
in the Hands of the Militia, & as we now
have a very considerable supply of Arms
coming from Phil. I hope the demand

of the operating force will admit of that
number being stopped there

I am with High Esteem &

Respect

Yours ob. Serv.

L. Weston

From Genl Weston
-of the arms & etc
be left at Frederick's

Unsw. 2 July 16. 1781