

As I hear frequent firing from the Woods I imagine they have not taken their
Departure. — Altho in describing to your Excellency the plans of those most
Desperate Madmen I intersperse ridicule at some times, yet my Lord I am
very far from thinking your Lordship out of danger in your present situation with
so small a Number of Men to support you against their great Numbers,
I am well convinced that had your Excellency any near Equality you'd
soon disperse those Mob of Rioters but untill such time as Forces come
in to your Aid Nothing can prevent the schemes of the Thurt Mens taking
Effect but a Vigilant and strict Watch all the Night for that is the time that
they intend to perpetrate their horrid deed and you may depend upon it
that your Excellency's person will be the principall Aim excuse me my
Lord for putting you upon your guard so much as you well know that
my Anxiety for your safety proceeds from no interesting View but a true
and sincere Regard for your Person and that you may be delivered from
such Blood thirsty hands. — I would not presume to write to your
Excellency with such Materialls could I be supplaid with ^{better} ~~any~~ I cannot
~~and~~ am Often Obliged to have recourse to an Old Account Book
for paper and as badly off for other Necessaries, I however know that
your Excellency will take no Notice of any such Defects to my disadvan-
tage and look upon this Correspondence in its proper light
I am My Lord with profound Respect. Your Excellency's

Most Obedient and Most
humbell Servant,
John Weir

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