

My Lord

When I had the honour of waiting of your Excellency last Thursday you had not fully determined upon the manner you intended I should execute the plan your Lordship then proposed and was pleased to defer giving your final Instructions till an After-time. I have now embraced the very nice Opportunity I could possibly have had to attend your Excellency and to know your Resolution upon the Affair and if your Lordships time will admit a little conversation upon the Subject I will with Candour give you my Sentiments on what I imagine may be the Consequence when your Excellency's Superior Judgement will penetrate into the justness or impropriety of my Opinion and regulate your Orders accordingly. I shall conclude with Assuring your Lordship that none will obey your Commands with more exact and Regular Attention nor run greater Risques in executing your Orders — I have the honour to be with perfect Respect —

My Lord

Your Excellency's
Most humble and Most
Obedient Servant
John Weir

Lying Off.
July 15th 1776