3d Examined with one leg of the callipers internally in order to prove that the thickest part of the shell is at the bottom or directly opposite the fuze hole

4th They must be heated until they are nearly red hot in order to melt lead or any other extraneous body which may have been put in to some crevices in order to make them air tight

5th They must be generally beaten with a large hammer in order to discover any places improperly thin

6th They must be immersed in water to prove them air tight

Captains Brown, Smith or any experienced officer who commanded in the late Continental artillery proving them in this manner, certifying and making affidavit to the same will be considered as a good voucher for your receiving them on the part of the public.

I shall be much oblig'd by being informed of the result as it will be necessary for me to give some directions concerning the disposal of those which may be found serviceable. I am

Sir

Your very humble Serv.t

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