May it please your Excellency

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By a Resolve of Convention we were not to be put to more proof of our Cannon than Continental which for 18 pounders was two thirds of the w.t of the Shot notwithstanding which we had all the Cannon furnish.d this State proved with the Woolwich proof except six eighteen pounders which we had reason to believe wo.d not stand such high proof - we therefore proved them agreeable to the Resolve of Convention which we dont think altogether safe for service, and therefore wo.d be glad to have directions whether we shall send them down as at present proved or have them proved over at the risque of this State

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We are with Dere respect
Yr. ob.t Servants
D. S. Hughes

P.S. We believe one or two of the above are sent down proved w.t 14½ pounds which in the opinion of many will do —

29. June 1777