Sir, Alexandria Jany 24th 1779

As I only passd thro' yr City, I was deprived of the pleasure of presenting my respects to his Excellency Governor Johnson: You will oblige me very much by making my Compliments to him: It will at the same time give me particular pleasure, if you can obtain information of the engagements of my lately deceasd partner Mr Thorne relative to the agreement which he made with the Honble Council of the State of Maryland for furnishing military Stores, Cloaths, & other merchandise. If no other engagement is entered into, I will accept of that Contract, and if the State is at present in want of new arms from the Royal manufactory of Charleville, we have in our Magazines at Nantz & Bourdeaux twenty five thousand, such as the King is supposed to be, which we will deliver in France at twenty two livers six sols, payable in Tobacco, or in the manner most convenient to the State. I am likewise to inform you, that we have in view a design of establishing a Continental manufactory of all sorts of arms, with permission of the Honble Congress; We are in a short time to come to a determination on that subject. I submit it to your consideration if such a Manufactory will not be attended with considerable advantage, as we shall establish it on the same footing with the Royal Manufactories in Europe, and thereby supply all the States if they think proper, in

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