immediately as a matter of consequence, doubting not its being duly
noticed - I think it proper to mention that General Gurney was another
of the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature & David Rittenhouse Esq.r
that justly celebrated - mechanic - Natural Philosopher & mathematician
was the third commissioner appointed on this business - of such importance
did the Legislature consider this object & I may add the approbation of
of Doctor Priestly, who declared in the hearing of several gentlemen
then examining the principles of the machine, that in his opinion it exceeded
for accuracy any thing of the kind he had ever seen or heard of in England
& recommended the adoption of it to the Legislature -
I should feel happy could the Governor but condescend to honour me with
a line in answer to this Letter, either by his own hand or by his under
Secretary - it has been said by several Political judges that nothing
in their opinion can exceed this machine in accuracy for ascertaining
the genuine force of Powder - A criterion much wanted in America.

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