Harpers Ferry
9th Decr 1807

Sir,

Understanding that the State of Maryland is about erecting a Manufactory of Arms, — I have taken the liberty to ad-dress you on the subject of the superintendancy of the same. — Having been in the United States employment in the Armory at Harpers ferry nearly six years, a considerable part of that time as Master armorer, which is second in office — receiving my appointment from the President when orders was given to encrease the number of hands to six hundred — well acquainted with all kinds of machinery & tools to facili-tate work & save manuel labour — I trust will be no small recom-mendation — besides I flatter myself I will be able to procure any recommendation that may be thought necessary by you — both respecting my abilities to fill the office with honor to myself, & advantage to the State — and private character —

If my application is not received too late — an answer as soon as convenient, will be received with gratitude — informing, whether I may expect it by tendering satisfactory recommendations — and what will be the compensation. —

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I am Sir,
very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
M. T. Wickham

His excellency T. Lloyd —
Governor of Maryland