

#19 Bennington. The 6th of August 1777

Honored Sir

as there is a large quantity of powder in  
 the store in this town. Which. Lyes much. Exposed  
 to the injury of the weather. Standing the small guard  
 for the purpose of securing the powder as the Country is wide and  
 the in Roads are many Betwixt still Workers and  
 Manchester and I have been informed of some  
 Large Collections of troops to the Westward Which. puts  
 me much in fear of these Affairs - for Which.  
 Reason I have order'd <sup>but</sup> <sup>one</sup> <sup>piece</sup> <sup>of</sup> Cannon who is here with three  
 Companies to stop here <sup>any</sup> or two or until your  
 Honor can be informed the Situation of the Country  
 and the Very Critical Situation of the powder  
 Which if left will be fatal to your Department  
 the Gentlemen Members of the Council who are  
 this Day to wait on your Honor can better inform you.

I am Sir your most  
 obedient Servant  
 J. M. Warner

Height: 10 inches  
 Width: 6.5 inches  
 Material: Ink on paper