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THREATENED INVASION OF
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BONAPARTE. HOME GUARD
OF 1794. COPY LETTER
FROM OLD FACTORY BOOK~~

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THE
Copy of Letter from the King to the Queen

Royal Powder Mills,
Waltham Abbey

1 May 1794

Sir

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult. respecting the persons employed in the Royal Powder Mills at this place, learning the management of fire, &c. in order that they may be serviceable as Artificers in case of invasion or other great emergency.

On receipt of your favour we assembled the men together, informing them that we had invited some of them as we were willing voluntarily to learn the same in their own time and without being obliged to attend in the evening and occupying them that they were not to expect any part for learning the same or anything more than the respect they would be entitled to for their readiness to serve their Country as far as in their power.

We have the pleasure to inform you that they all instantly unanimously desired their willing to learn same. We beg to acquaint you that all the men (who are such that are employed in the Royal Manufactory in this place may learn the use of Artillery without in any degree impeding the Manufactory if the Grace should be pleased to send us some small pieces for that purpose, except the Millmen, who being employed alternately 24 hours could not be spared. We have therefore about 60 men who are able and ready to learn, seven of which having been in the Royal Artillery are able to instruct the rest, in respect of the instructions of Waltham Abbey joining in this matter, we are of opinion that were a person generally known for our use being employed in learning that they may be better of the men who would join them.

The Grace desires that we had to assure him that we will give every assistance that we can and do what lies in our power to forward them in learning the same.

If the Grace would permit us to fire, suppose three rounds of powder, you 6 guns at 1/2 an ounce on a Saturday evening we presume it would be a great advantage for the neighbouring young men to attend who in general, never saw a gun fired.

We are, Sir,

Your most obed. and most humble Servts,

(Sgd) Jas. Wright
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The Duke of Richmond, Master General of the Ordnance, &c.

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THE "HOME GUARD" OF 1794

*Copy of Letter from Old Factory Letter Book.*Royal Powder Mills,
Waltham Abbey.

3 May, 1794.

Sir,

We beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ulto, respecting the persons employed in the Royal Powder Mills at this place learning the management of Field Pieces—in order that they may be serviceable as Artillerists in case of Invasion or other internal commotion.

On receipt of your favour we assembled the men together informing them thereof, invited such of them as were willing voluntarily to learn the same in their own time after working hours in the evening and acquainting them that they were not to expect any pay for learning the same or anything more than the respect they would be entitled to for their readiness to serve their Country as far as in their power.

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Should His Grace approve thereof we beg to assure him that we will give every attention thereto and do what lies in our power to forward them in learning the same.

If His Grace would permit us to fire, suppose three rounds of powder from 6 guns at 1 lb. per charge on a Saturday evening we presume it would be a great inducement for the neighbouring young men to attend who in general, never saw a gun fired.

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Warrender E H enrolled ^{H.G.} 27/4/42 - H M Forces 13/2/43

~~Saunders S. no trace~~

Woods & Richards, no trace in R S M's nominal Roll Book

Burlinson A J, no trace

Note

Saunders S. 3008 Cpl. F Coy Disc Med Depot 21-11-42 S No 25

Have written to O.C. D Coy re Saunders S. also enquiring whether the others are in their Coy.

Yel

Copy of Roll from Old London Gunpowder
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