

On Her Majesty's Service

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My Lord Duke

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I last Night in obedience to Your
Command's delivered your Orders to Col. Spry —
relative to the Repairs of the Royal Powder Mills —
at this place. —

I have this day set Doprings Mill to
Work, but owing to the Lowness of the Water —
only two pair of Runners can Work. —

The inclosed Report of the Respective
Officers will inform Your Grace how long it
will be before the Horse Mills can be set to
Work upon Gunpowder, & how much Powder can
then be Worked in a day from which Statement
Your Grace will be able to Judge of the expediency
of setting the Merchants Mills to work to —
provide Supplies for the Demands which —
may be made in case of a War. —

I beg leave to suggest to Your Grace the
necessity there may be for having all the
Ammunition & Laboratory Stores examined —
which are at Portsmouth, by the Chief Firemaster
of the Royal Laboratory, as that Nature of —
Stores which belongs to the Proportion of Ordnance
in the Battering Train Store house, certainly —
by this time stand in need of airing at least. —

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Resp.

P.S. Col. Spry has arranged every thing relative to
putting the Royal Powder Mills into Repair —
Agreeable to Your Graces Orders, in the best —
manner the time will allow —

I beg to know whether Your Grace would have me
hire any Labourers for the Powder Mills at —
Waltham Abbey after these Mills are completed.

24 Sept. 1787

My Lord Duke
Your most Obed.
& faith. M^{ty} Serv^t
W^m Congreve
Dep. W^m Congreve

To His Grace the Duke of Richmond Master Gen^l of the Ordn^{ce}: &c.