

On Her Majesty's Service

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Report.

Gentlemen With reference to a safeguard being sent consisting of 12 P.C.'s & 2 P.S.'s to Her Majesty's Small arm Manufactory at Enfield Lock situate on the bank of the Lea River in Enfield Marsh & a Patrol of 6 P.C.'s & 1 P.S. to the Powder Mills at Waltham Abbey - so soon as your Order, relative to the Caution respecting Fire Arms, arrived on Tuesday last I immediately directed that Inspector Mellish in Charge of the Exterior District should wait upon the Superintendents both of the Small arm Manufactory & the Gunpowder Mills, and ascertain from them whether they considered the protection of Police necessary, & if they did, to send the number of P.S.'s & P.C.'s above mentioned, when they stated that they should be very thankful for the protection of the Police; there was no application made by them previous to the Inspector calling upon them. On sending to the Inspector yesterday, according to your direction, to withdraw the men from that duty, the Superintendent of the Small Ammunition requested that 3 Men might remain on that duty last night which the Inspector informs me he has complied with.

There are several hundred Muskets
& bayonets in the Armoury at times
previously to their being sent to the
Tower; the Muskets are proved
there first before they are sent
to the Tower, and the place is
easy of access.

I forward the two accompanying
letters which were sent to me
unsealed yesterday, from each of
the Manufacturers mentioned, addressed
to you.

J. Johnston
Supt.

To The Commissioners
of Police of the
Metropolis

Office of Ordnance
Enfield 8th March 1848

This is to certify that the arrangements made for the protection of the Royal Manufactory of Small arms, by Superintendent Johnson, and carried into effect by Inspector Mellish, have been perfectly satisfactory; and that I have requested that the same arrangements may be continued further evening.

R. W. Gurney,
Ordnance Secretary,

Captain Tulloh R. A. in charge of the Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey begs to inform the Commissioners of Police that he is satisfied with the precautions taken by the Inspector of the district for the protection of this Establishment and concurs in the opinion of the Inspector that it would be advisable to continue the same for a few days -

W. Gunpowder Mills
Waltham Abbey -
9th March 1848.

Received from

Bryn Elliott

WA (Civil - Town) Police

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