

number at fifteen shillings, and the number you deem not worth repairing with an Estimate of the probable expence of completing with accoutrements all the Arms you have finished after which we shall give you further Instructions.

We are Sir
Yours mo. Obed^t Serv^t
J E Howard

Peter Engels.

In Council - March 13th 1789

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st February to Mr Hindman has this Day been communicated by him to the Board. You would not have had cause to complain, if we could have been certified respecting the probable degree of trouble our appointment would occasion you, but as this depends on the number of Arms to be collected, and the refusal of the Lieutenants prevents us from forming any correct idea on that Subject we could not with propriety fix your Salary. and to advance Money without an Account rendered, is a practice that we are generally inclined to avoid. As the expiration of the Militia Law puts it out of our power to require Obedience to our direction given to the Lieutenants, we must have recourse to such public spirited Gentlemen in the several Counties as may be prevailed on to undertake the task of collecting the Arms - to which end we do by the Act herewith enclosed empower you to demand

(The Sign)