

legally taken for arming the citizens of this
state, if it shall be thought expedient, we cannot
think of taking the arms out of the public
depositories where they have been placed by
an express direction of the legislature - For
these reasons, which we hope may appear satis-
-factory, we must decline, Gentlemen, to fur-
-nish the arms you have requested - we
write this Day to Chester town and Easton
in the same manner, and without a more
evident necessity than has yet appeared we
shall continue to decline the further dispersion
of the public arms, from whencesoever appli-
-cations may be made, We are &c

James Bruce Presd

John Blair &

Griffin Lewis
Cambridge

Sir In Council September 20th 1793

95 We have hitherto been prevented by hurry of
business from answering your letter of 8th August
desiring to be furnished with arms for a volunteer
company of Militia - We at length make such