

Guildhall 24th June 1780

Ld.
 Mayor
 to
 Preside
 of
 Council

My Lords

I have the honor of your Lordships Letter of the 20th informing me, "that the Council is of opinion that a reasonable number of Inhabitants armed according to the nature and Circumstance of the Case, may attend the Peace Officers as Assistants to them for the preservation of the peace until the danger be over;" which I have communicated to the Court of Aldermen, by whose Directions I am to represent to your Lordship, that they foresee Difficulties likely to arise in the execution of their duty if the Military are to act independently of them, and therefore as well as to quiet the apprehensions naturally arising from a large Military Force continuing in the Capital, and not under the usual Control of the Civil Magistrate, they submit to your Lordships consideration, whether the order of the Adjutant General for them to act without waiting for the Direction of the Civil Magistrate should still continue, or whether it would not be more expedient in the present State of things to recall that Order, and subject them as usual to the Civil Magistrate.

I beg leave to subscribe myself with the greatest Respect

My Lord Your Lordships most obedient
 humble Servant B Kennet

Carl Bathurst.

Mayor

Copy
of the Lord Mayor's
Letter to the Lord
President 24th June
1780.

This letter was laid before
his Majesty's confidential
servants, who thought it
ought not (after the letters
which had already passed
between the President &
the Lord Mayor) to be
answered.