

Whitehall  
Council Chamber  
15<sup>th</sup> June 1780

My Lord.

I have been honoured with your Lordships Letter of Yesterdays date, and have laid the same before the Lords of the Privy Council, and am to inform your Lordship, that we apprehend Lord Amherst's Letter to your Lordship of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant has not been properly understood, for when he speaks of the Arms in the hands of the City Militia, or other persons authorized by the King to be armed, he certainly includes the Arms in the hands of the Citizens and Housekeepers, who by Virtue of an Order of the Court of Lieutenancy, are required to keep them in their Houses, and Col<sup>o</sup> Twisleton has put the proper construction on those Letters, by only taking arms from suspicious persons, or those who could not give a good account of themselves.

While the Military, necessarily for the preservation of the publick Peace, remain in the City, it will no doubt be proper that the Order of the Adjutant General for their acting without waiting for the direction of the Civil Magistrate should continue in force.

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Copy  
Letter from Lord President  
to Lord Mayor Dated  
the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1780

The attention paid by the Inhabitants in  
preserving the peace of the several Parishes is  
extremely commendable, yet the greatest  
care should be taken that any armed  
Housekeepers do not expose themselves to the  
Military, who in a tumult might not be  
able to distinguish them from the Rioters

I have the Honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships

most obed<sup>t</sup>

humble servant  
(Signed) Bathurst P.

Right Honble  
The Lord Mayor