To his Excellency the Governor of Maryland His Executive Council:

Whereas by an Act of Assembly passed at New-Edinbon or Assembly 1769. Chap. 725 a Nation left, it is provided that the several Officers from the Major Generals to the Commanders of Battalions to call out the Militia under their respective Commands; and shall swear out the Militia under their Command when so required by two justices of the peace near to any part where an invasion or threatened invasion has or is likely to take place and whereas William Bottineau and Jacob Greensfield of the place or Officers have called upon me stating they have sufficient proof there exists at this time a necessity of an adequate force to be stationed at the Town of Havre de Grace and its neighborhood agreeable to their demands I have this day called out the Militia of the 3rd Day, and shall proceed to station them at the same place favourable to annoy the enemy and to protect the property of individuals. I have also thought it necessary to call on the 4th Day, one Extra Battalion to be in Readiness of Wanting also agreeable to the said 3rd section and being institute almost of all the Munitions of War. and being Pressed by the Necessity requests and Petitions of the several Captains of the Regiment I have the Honour to Command to Petition your Excellency for a sufficient number of Arms to make as an efficient force.

Therefore I beg leave to state and am Authorised to say that Eight of the Captains besides Captain Courtenay will immediately send over
and send on to any place of deposit or arsenal that your Excellency and your Executive Council may the proper to give your order to order from your hundred thousand of arms for the use of the 2nd Regt. And if I may be allowed to speak, I will venture to say that your arms will never be disgraced by the present 2nd Regt.

I am with the greatest respect and esteem, your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Address]

M. Ninian Pinkney

Sir, you will confer a favour of important use if you will take before his Excellency and Council this letter, and if we should be so fortunate as to receive an order for any quantity of arms whatever, you will mention to me the particulars (that is) what sum to fill up the Bond for, such security as well be taken, the place where we shall have to send for the arms. This satisfaction shall be returned with gratitude, as well as the arms we are in want of ammunition if we can receive any it shall be in with the arms, properly taken care of the Powder and Lead is several stores in Harpers Ferry, all of which are obtained. I shall order in the morning to be prepared into spicery Cartridges and the value thereof accounted.
I feel myself thankeful to you for your kind attention to the 12th. Day, and feeling a good hope that you will continue the same, I understand myself yours respectfully,

Lind Bolt
42nd Day. M.W.