Dear Sir,

We were so justly proud for America in the first of the Invasion, as it obliged to draw from the counties of St. Williams, Tape, Jodon, & Harun, and the Secretary, that record out for protection of Potomac River in 1660. When we had set down to coming in the month of March, we had no arms from those counties, none of the arms, the arms were ever brought back so that they are now totally defenseless. The Mayor, etc., considering the protection of Potomac River, the public works of this place of great importance, etc., stationed there for the defense of them, have to require the authority of the Executive to Arm the Militia, as before the Invasion, and to establish an arm of arms of 1000, or 1000 hand of Arms and a place ready to be joined to their Hands upon the first of the first appearance, then will be important. As they would on the stand, I mean, before the hands of the military, I mean once have a very considerable supply of Arms coming from that, hope the demand...
The operation of ice will demand that
number being stopped here

Yours, of very

H. Esteen

From the Office of Mr. W. Crall, Esq.

July 10th, 1851.