

Head Quarters July 22^o 1757



I have received my Dear Marquis,
 your letter of the 20th inclosing me that you
 had received from Count de Rochambeau
 and the Chevalier de Ternay. As I speak to
 you in confidence I am sorry to find that
 the objections made by M. de Ternay are
~~of a nature to prevent~~ ^{of a nature to prevent} his entering the harbour, notwithstanding
 his superiority he will probably
 have. I certainly would not wish him
 to endanger his fleet in any enterprise
 not warranted by prudence and by a
 judgment proper of success and security;
 and I shall acquiesce in his better judgment
 of Maritime Affairs. But I should
 hope if he had a ^{reasonable} ~~reasonable~~ superiority he might
 possess the port - and certainly without
 this our operations must be infinitely
 more precarious, and in success much
 less ~~important~~ ^{desirable}.

Another thing that gives
 me concern is the non arrival of our
 arms and powder. Of the former we
 have not one half a sufficiency for our
 recruits, and of the latter (including
 the quantity expected) we were defective.
 Unless therefore our allies can lend
 us largely we certainly can attempt
 nothing - With every effort we can make
 we shall fall short at least four or

~~four hundred to five thousand arms~~ and ~~from~~
~~to~~ two hundred tons of powder. We must
of necessity my Dear Marquis ^{Marquis} ~~it is~~
to about the generosity of our friends, know
of them ~~with~~ whether they can assist us with
a loan of that quantity of arms and ammuni-
— I do not believe we can make out
with less; but before we ^{can} enter onto any
engagements we must ascertain what
they will be able to spare us — I entreat
you to speak to the Count on this subject
without delay and let me know the
result by express. If the arms can be
obtained endeavour to have them forwarded
as quick as possible to put into the hands
of the recruits — that we may be training
them a little and putting them in condition
to act.

~~The Count in his letter~~
~~to your effects~~ With respect to the Count's
desire of a personal interview with me,
— you are sensible my Dear Marquis,
that there is nothing I should more
ardently desire, than to meet ^{him}; but you
are also sensible that my presence
here is essential to keep our preparations
in activity or even going on at all.
— I entreat ^{you} to ~~make~~ ^{present} ~~impress~~ the Count
with a proper idea of this matter and
convince him with what pleasure I should
happily ^{meet him} ~~be~~ ~~convinced~~ ~~to~~ ~~with~~
get would not be injurious to our
affairs. I should have anticipated
his wishes —

~~Impart my sentiments to the~~
~~Count and to the Chevalier in doing which~~
~~you cannot spare the effort and~~

Assure the Count and the
Chevalier of all the esteem and attachment
I feel for them and receive the assurances
of the affection with which ^{I am} I. Chauguis
Yr. friend & servant

We are also very deficient
of cartouch boxes — try to
procure a loan of them. Should
we get the arms, and should
those we ~~as~~ ~~put~~ ~~arms~~ we will
make a point of replacing
the number lent.

* I am persuaded my Dear
Chauguis that however arduous you wish to
undertake ~~for~~ the reduction of a certain place, you
will not fail to give a candid and full view
of the difficulties — We owe to our allies we owe
it to ~~ourselves~~ — Col Hamilton informed you
yesterday ~~of the~~ ~~advice~~ ~~received~~
from New York of an intended embarkation
said to be destined for Rhode Island —
Maza Lee in a letter of the ~~20th~~ tells
me the English fleet had returned to
the Hook



Marquis de Fayette

228 July 1780

To the

Marquis de Fayette

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