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Portsm^d July 6. 1780

Sir. The Town cannot procure Fire Arms timely for our men to march, as I intend they shall set off on Monday. — The Town has apply'd to the Board of War to lend about 20 Arms for 10⁰. they will be responsible. — We cannot do it without permission of the Committee of Safety w^{ch} you will communicate & beg of them the loan of the number ment^d above.

As the Urgency of March^g. the Troops speedily is very great I doubt not the Committee comply wth the desire of the Town especially when it will facilitate the marching of a parcel of fine young fellows, who turn out here with spirit, and the Quota of this Town is half of what the Reg^t is Quotaed. — please to send me an answer soon as opp^{ty}.

I am in haste

Y^r m^d h^o s^ev^r
J^oseph Wentworth

Maj^r Gains

Maj. George Gains

at

Exeter

From Exeter

Wm. Gains

26 July 1782