Dear Sister—

Your Esteemed letter came to hand 2 or 3 days since, I am gratified to hear you are all well, agreeably to your request I called at Mrs. Dubary's store for the Braid. She has none of the color of the sample enclosed in your letter, it is all a shade or two lighter, Mrs. Dubary thought it would not suit for hair the color of yours enclosed, Should I be able to obtain any of the description you require I will send you some.

All is bustle here. Gen. Lafayette will arrive tomorrow, great preparations are making for his reception. The most splendid Ball ever given on this side the Mountains will be given in honour of the General.

The Ball room is decorated in handsome style by a number of Patriotic young ladies, who volunteered their services for the occasion, and you must know that our place stands unrivaled in the West for Beauty fashion & taste. about 600 persons are invited, & no doubt but the rooms will be full to overflowing.

Give my respects to all friends, I saw Maria McNair on her way Home, but only for a few minutes—I presume all is preparation in Pittsburgh in anticipation of General Lafayette's arrival. Our good City will be illuminated on the evening of his arrival, He will be received by the Military & a deputation from the Citizens & conducted to his quarters in a Barouche, a procefsion will be formed & conduct the General to a suitable place where an address will be delivered to him, &-Xc he will also visit the Museum which will be illuminated—(Where or in what part of your place will he look for a museum) Grand fire works will be exhibited Xc Xc Xc Xc Xc Xc too tedious to innumerate.

Give my love to your Father Mother Brothers & Sisters

G. M. D.

To

Miss Mary Davis,
Care Mr. John Davis,
Water Street
Pittsburg,
Pa.
OLD BILL OF SALE
Know all men by these present that I Jacob Widner of Cumberland County & State of Penna Hath granted Bargain & Sold unto John Hughes of Westmoreland County & P. State a certain Negro boy named Jack— for the Consideration of one hundred pound to me in Hand paid the Receipt Too Hereby Acknowledge and I the Said Jacob Widner do Warrent and defend Negro boy To the Said John Hughes against my heirs & assigns and Every other Person Claiming for Ever Witnes I have Herewith Set my Hand & Seal this Ninth of Feb in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four. Signd Seald Delivered in the presance of Jacob Widner Matt. Jack David McNair.

Allegheny Co. 1784

From the Carlisle Barracks War Order Book 1777-1778
INSTRUCTIONS for the Commissary Genl. of Military Stores.
All the Continental Arms that are out of order are to be collected, without delay, that they may be repaired, and render'd fit for Service, as speedily as possible.

Every Workman that can pofsibly be engaged, is to be employed for this purpose and as fast as the nefsary Repairs are completed, the Arms are to be packed in proper Chests, which are to be deposited in places of Security.

A sufficient number of Arm-Chests are to be provided, that the transportation of Arms from place to place may be render'd safe and convenient.

It is scarcely necefsary to add that the utmost diligence should be used in laying up an ample Store of Cartidges for the service of the ensuing Campaign and making every necefsary provision in your Department.

GIVEN AT HEAD QUARTERS THIS
30th DECEMBER, 1777
G. WASHINGTON

The above order was received by me the 27th day of January 1778.

Major Chas. Lukins, C. M. S.
Gave Capt. Irish a Copy of the above the 14th Feb. 1778.

C. L.

Sir

You will please to furnish the Bearer Sergt McClintock with fifty Stand of Arms, and an accoutrements complete for the use of the Guards in Carlisle. 
Your humble Servant 
James A. Wilson, Major Commdt 
Carlisle 29th Nov. 1799
Sir

I have just seen a Request of yours to Major Lukins for Fifty stand of Arms & Accoutrements for the use of the Guard in Carlisle.

I am sorry it is not in our power to comply with this request at present, as there are neither Arms nor Accoutrements in the Stores that are fit for Service—but will order a sufficient number to be repaired as soon as possible for your use—but youll’ please to procure an Order from the Board of War for them as Major Lukins cannot deliver any kind of Stores without, as I am going to Youk to Morrow if you think proper will lay your request before them and give Orders accordingly.

I am your humble Servt.

Benj. Flower Col. Commdt!

Carlisle C. G. M.

To

Major J. A. Wilson
Commandt’ of Guard at Carlisle
29th Nov. 1777.

Emma D. Poole,
Librarian