

From George Washington to Major General Steuben, February 26, 1779

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Sir.

Capt. Walker delivered me your favor of the 10th inst. with the Sequel of your Manuscript—  
Enclosed I transmit you my Remarks on the first part—the Remainder shall follow as soon as other  
affairs of equal importance will permit.

I very much approve the conciseness of the work—founded on your general principle of rejecting  
everything superfluous—though perhaps it would not be amiss in a work of instruction, to be more  
minute and particular in some parts.

One precaution is rendered necessary by your writing in a foreign tongue—which is to have the  
whole revised and prepared for the press by some person who will give it perspicuity and  
correctness of diction, without deviating from the appropriated terms and language of the Military  
Science—these points cannot be too closely attended to, in Regulations which are to receive the  
sanction of Congress—and are designed for the general Government of the Army. I am with great  
regard & esteem Sir Your most obedient servant.