

# Before anyone edits the Bill of Rights, the authors would like a word with you.

“LAWS THAT FORBID THE CARRYING OF ARMS . . . DISARM ONLY THOSE WHO ARE NEITHER INCLINED NOR DETERMINED TO COMMIT CRIMES . . .”

THOMAS JEFFERSON  
*Quoting Cesare Beccaria*

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“THE CONSTITUTION SHALL NEVER BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE PEACEABLE CITIZENS FROM KEEPING THEIR OWN ARMS.”

SAMUEL ADAMS

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“TO DISARM THE PEOPLE IS THE BEST AND MOST EFFECTUAL WAY TO ENSLAVE THEM.”

GEORGE MASON

“ARMS IN THE HANDS OF CITIZENS [MAY] BE USED AT INDIVIDUAL DISCRETION . . . IN PRIVATE SELF-DEFENSE.”

JOHN ADAMS

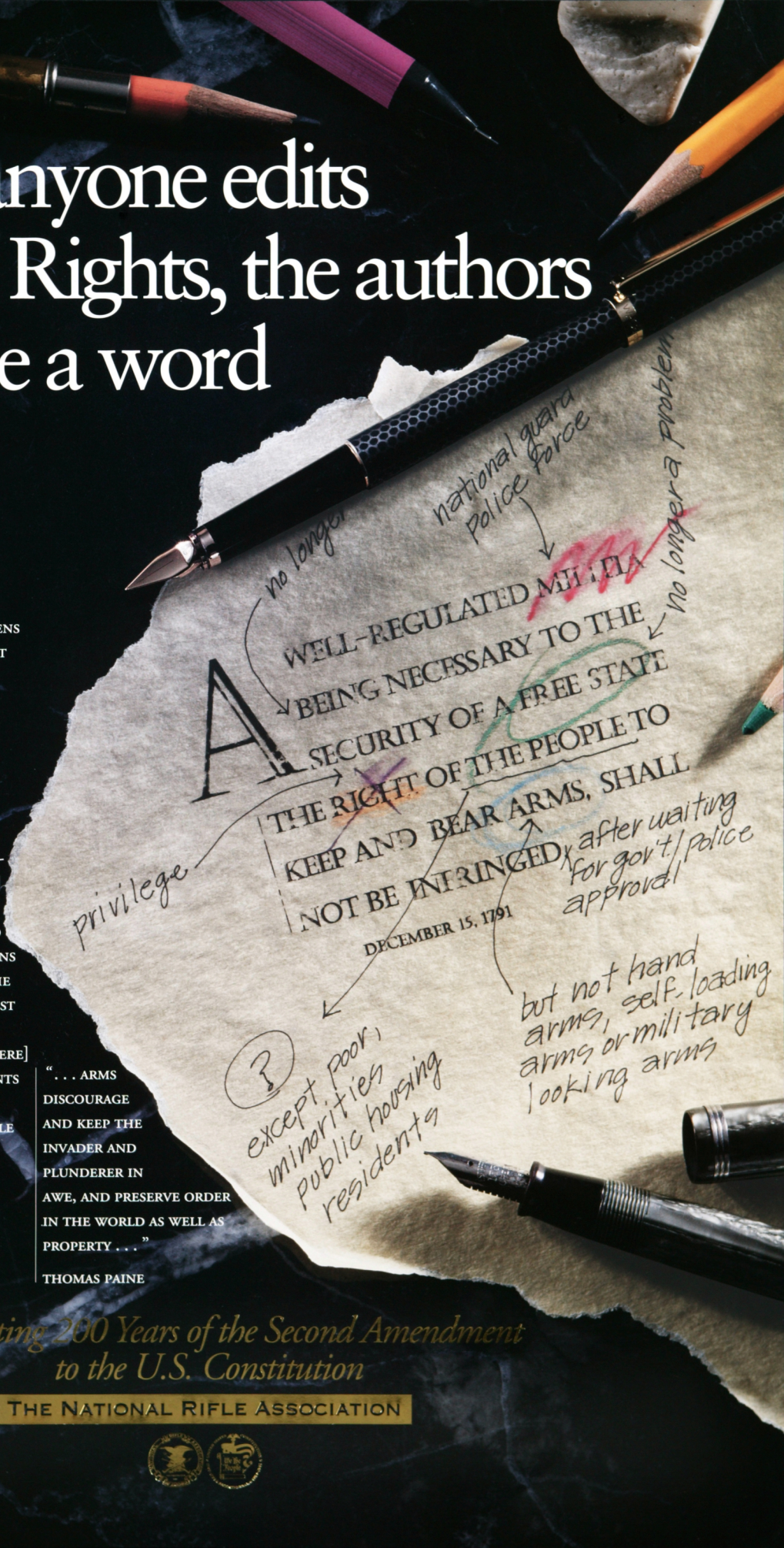
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“[THE CONSTITUTION PRESERVES] THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING ARMED WHICH AMERICANS POSSESS OVER THE PEOPLE OF ALMOST EVERY OTHER NATION . . . [WHERE] THE GOVERNMENTS ARE AFRAID TO TRUST THE PEOPLE WITH ARMS.”

JAMES MADISON

“ . . . ARMS DISCOURAGE AND KEEP THE INVADER AND PLUNDERER IN AWE, AND PRESERVE ORDER IN THE WORLD AS WELL AS PROPERTY . . .”

THOMAS PAINE



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