

that you will send me a proper Ball to be carried
 with my Magazine. What made me apprehend, that
 the Guns sent to Bethaven were only four Pounders
 was M Lewis misrepresenting to me their Dimensions
 & the Diameter of their Chase which he told me he had
 measured but I have received a Letter from him since
 advising me that on his reviewing & reexamining them
 at his Return in Compliance with my Directions he found
 he had not been sufficiently accurate in his first Measurements
 & that he had upon discovering his Error writ to you to
 acquaint you that he found the Diameters of the Bore
 of those pieces to be 3 Inches to & to desire you to order
 Ball to be made of the same Diameter, in that however
 he has again erred for the Diameter of the Ball ought
 to be always 2 Lines at least less than that of the Guns
 Chase so that instead of having the Ball made ^{3.7} you
 will please to order them to be only ^{3.5}. Be pleased to
 order present my Compliments to Capt. Abudnot & acquaint
 him with the Cause of my Suspicion & that if you
 approve thereof I will be obliged to him for his Men at
 that Rate. I should be glad you would get some Shot
 made for that small Trag. Gun at York & send them
 up together with the Gun & those Wheels from Williams.
 being by the first Opportunity. It was reported with us
 that 2000 Men were expected over immediately from
 Europe which I should have been glad to have seen con-
 firmed, if you receive any farther Advice concerning what
 Assistance we are to expect from home you will not
 delay to acquaint me therewith.

James