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Sir.

We expected the Carpenters Work & Iron Work were done to Capt. Layssey's Galley and thought that something was done towards the Rigging. Mr Smith furnished the Sails of a Brigg which, we understood were to be applied that Way, but we would have her thrown down & cleaned immediately and fitted with such Things as are absolutely necessary, the Times will not allow any Thing that can be done without. We have drawn an Order in your Favour for one Thousand Pounds. As to Advances for Rum, we have several Times spoken on that Article, and, if any has been supplied since the last Account, we request you'll settle it with the Officers who had it, for we shall not consent to charge the Public with it. We are desirous of paying the Officers & Men monthly, or, as often as is convenient but when Money is drawn for Pay, our Method is to do it on a proved Pay Roll; nor will we agree to do it in any other Manner. We are willing to leave a reasonable Sum of Money in advance, in the Officers Hands & have drawn & will draw Orders, at any Time, on Application & approving the Use it is to be put to, and, by this Method, we can have the Accounts settled from Time to Time, but we repeat our former Request that you will not advance large Sums to any of our Officers and hope you will attend to it.

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth  
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We inclose you an Order on the Treasurer for £ 1000, requested by your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. The Militia now at Camp are, by this Time, very desirous of being relieved and if they come away before others get up to take their Places, it may, probably, be very prejudicial. Wherefore we wish those who are now to go, may be as expeditious as possible. We hope the Loss & Waste of Arms may not be so great but that all who are to march may be armed by those who are now in the Hands of our Militia there, but to prevent any Disappointment, it is prudent that a Part of those you send should carry their Arms with them, some of them certainly must have good Guns. We inclose you Commissions for the Officers you desired and will give no Delay, at any Time you mention to us what Commissions are wanting, but as the Intercourse between us is now open, we do not hold ourselves justifiable in sending blank Commissions, nothing but the most pressing Necessity could have induced it.

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