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We are sorry that it is not in our Power to furnish the Soldiers with Blankets and every other species of Cloathing more to the Satisfaction of their Officers. The Blankets are very small and so is their Number, and if Col. Gist and Col. Smith will not receive them at the Rate of one for each Man, we would not have them delivered out otherwise, but shall send them to the Camp, for we cannot, by any Means, consent that Part of the Men shall have two Blankets and others of them not one. It was very generally the Opinion here, that the Shalloon sent you, would make very good Coates, and would doubtless, be much more serviceable, than you imagine: however, if you have an Opportunity of exchanging it for Linen on fair and equal Terms, for any Kind that will make Shirts, Overalls or Coates, it will be very agreeable to us, and if you can exchange a greater Quantity, we will send up the rest of the Shalloon we have by us. Some of the Matrapes here, had Synabrigs Coates last Summer, in Stead of Hunting Shirts, they were better pleased and looked better with them: this has induced us to design the Linen should be made up in that Manner in Preference of Hunting Shirts. We have enquired into the Cost of Tin and find the prime Cost in London used to be, for double 8<sup>d</sup> and for single 5<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Sheet. 3<sup>l</sup>. seems to bear but a small Proportion to the common Advance; if it could be exchanged for Lead or Linen, with any Regard to the old Prices, it would be by much the most desirable, if not, 6<sup>l</sup> for the double and 3<sup>l</sup> for the single we think, little enough, as the Price of imported Goods in general is. We send you, by Capt. Trueman £100. That and the Produce of the Tin, if you sell, reserving 5 Boxes of double Tin, will put you in Cash. It is very desirable to get Lead, we want as far as a Ton, if to be had, submit to the Price. —

We are &c.

Capt. Geo. Reports.

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Sir: We received your Letters of the 28<sup>th</sup> of March and the 2<sup>d</sup> Inv<sup>t</sup> both together. We wrote you the 2<sup>d</sup> by Capt. Ferrandis and by him sent a considerable Quantity of Cloathing with an Invoice. Our Purchase of Goods is not near so considerable as Doctor Wallace perhaps imagined, we yet want a great Deal, especially of Linen. Any Thing which is useful for our Troops and that General Smallwood can command belonging to the Continent we hope and expect he will. Our Endeavours to cloath our own Troops does not, we suppose, shut them entirely out from the Continental Provision and we have no Doubt, but that many of the Regiments are