

Secret Committee of Philadelphia, to whom our names are well known and with whom we signed a contract in February last for the furnishing of Ammunition and other necessary articles in your present situation, and further you may inform yourselves of Governor Cooke at Providence and Messrs. Nick & John Brown of the same place, for which last we have dispatched two vessels since the establishment of our house in this place.

We hope after your informations concerning us, be it from the Congress or the Generals of the Army, and in particular from Doctor Franklin that you will be satisfied in order to put confidence enough in us to consign all vessels you send for this port to our house, and we flatter ourselves to find the best sale possible for your merchandise; and send in return what goods you will think proper to order, if they are to be had in future.

We are able to furnish you at demand with cannon & gun powder, salt petre, salpe, lead, iron & brass cannons of all sizes, muskets, such as we have sent the Congress, being of the last mode for the Infantry of France, proved, well finished and perfected with double brace locks.

We have muskets at all proof from 12 to 22 livres per piece with bayonets, steel ramrods and boxes suitable for ball of 14 to 16 to the lb; all the muskets are uniform, of the same size and same model; we have also handrims and good gun locks, which are well finished and conditioned.

We have the honour of observing that there is only one house able to furnish you with the foregoing articles, and that we shall take upon us the risk and charges of putting them on board, and to let your vessels go out of our port freely; there are houses that we are trusted with and which we have in hands, not any other house in France shall be able to give you the like advantages, and furnish you with such ammunition, which we receive directly from the manufactories of the King.

We are able to furnish you also with all kinds of broad clothes, (fit for cloathing of soldiers) we have sent a quantity to Messrs. Browns of Providence) we have them of all colours, good quality and well adapted for the price of 5. 6 & 7 livres per ell, but the ballaring colours of the same quality will be somewhat higher, such as scarlet, purprian blue, yellow and green; and further we are able to furnish you with such clothe as will be desired, likewise with all kinds of blankets from 3. 4. 5. 6 & 7 livres per piece, also linnens for shirting the Troops from 30 & 50 sous per ell. We shall be able furthermore to furnish you in general with every kind of merchandise of the first quality and at the most reasonable rates; and you may assure yourselves that we shall dispatch immediately every vessel you shall think proper to address us, whether the Cargo is sold or not.

We have established our house in this place, thinking it the safest and most convenient port in France for the American trade, and we have entered in partnership with one of the richest and best houses for business in Nantes, the name is J. Leroy, Merchant upon Isle Feydeau; therefore in addressing your vessels to that house, by giving us immediate notice,

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