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Gentlemen

Before I returned to this Place Messrs Purviance had Sold their whole Cargo to two Young Men of this Town @ 15 for one Cost which is excessive high, notwithstanding which they have already parted with a great many of the Goods at a profit from that. I took the Blankets being about 250 at the same rate they gave for the whole Cargo & believe could get almost any kind of goods from them at first Cost I have got about 60 more Blankets which is all that I know of at present it is said there are some on Board a French Vessel at the Point but I have not been able to find out the Person they belong to, Should You think proper to give any directions about the purchase of other Cloathing you may depend I shall procure them on the best term Possible I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedt.

Hble Servt.

Jas. Calhoun

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