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Navy Yard Wash: 20 Feb: 1813

Sir

As it appears probable that we may not have a timely supply of 18^{lb}: round shot, for the purposes at present contemplated; it behoves ^{me} to state to you the reasons, why we ought ere this to have had an ample quantity on hand. viz

On the 8th of July last. I wrote Mr Foxall, among other requests to make for us 5000 round shot 18^{lb}: - 5000 ditto 24 Pounders 960 of the 18^{lb}: have since been received - and nearly all applied to the Ships &c. that have been equipped here. I therefore wrote Mr Foxall urging him to cast 600 at least, by Monday evening next. In reply he states that, he has been obliged to lay aside every other kind of work, to keep in reserve as much Iron and Coals, as will complete the Armament of the Adams - and further that, he apprehends that he will not be able shortly to get more from Richmond.

Finding that our supplies of shot came very slow from Mr Foxall, & some weeks ago (by permission of the Department) entered into agreement with Mr John E. Dorsey of Baltimore, for an immediate supply of shot viz: 3000 round shot for 18 Pounders - 12000 grape shot for 18^{lb}: and 3000 round shot 24 Pounders - I have some well grounded hope that, Mr Dorsey has ready for delivery a sufficiency for our immediate wants, and have written Mr D - for information thereon. My letter of the 18th to you, submitted a request that Capt: Gordon, be directed to inspect & receive such as may be ready - For still more surety of obtaining the supply wanted. I beg leave to suggest that we loan Mr Foxall, as much Coal as may be necessary. I have the honor to be

Yours
Hon^{ble} W. Jones.

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