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Mr. Purviance

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Sir I intended writing you on Thursday last on the Subject of Iron Ordnance but some unexpected business called me from home prevented my making the proper estimate of the Boring & other apparatus necessary for carrying on that Business, so that I could not say any thing with any degree of Certainty but now as I have fully considered the Matter I find that it will require about £200 Worth of Apparatus to go into the Business of Making guns, w. will be of little or no Value for any other purpose, the expence of Making Boring drilling & finishing compleat will be about £110 Currency a Ton. Any size in bore from 9 Pounds downwards may be cast at this Country Furnaces.

If any Gentleman who inclines to have any Information respecting the Manufacturing of Iron Guns I will give it Chearfully. Mr Purviance engage in it Myself.

I am Sir Your hum Serv.

Geo Mathews

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