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Agreeable to the Resolve of the Convention, I have been Endeavouring as Superintendant of the Salt Peter Works of this County, to Comply with the same, but have met with Difficultys in the Essay that I did not Expect from the Several Publication thereof, — I have got my Works Erected and Materials Collected for going on with it, I have been Somtime at Work but whether owing to the Extra, wet Season when I raised the Earths or its not Rising so Plentifully in our flat Clayey Lands as in those More Hilly and Dry. I cant tell, but cant find the Quantitys Contained in the Earths I have Tryed as has been Published, — I think I shall now produce Six or Eight Pounds Per Day and have hopes of more — I have three Boilers 70, 60 & 30 Gallions which we are more or less Every Day — I have weighed what is made and Fit for Sending away this Day & find I have Twenty five Pounds. which I hope will be Called good, — I fear my Sums is far Short of Many. but its all I could make found to this time, my Desire to serve is as much as any Condemned I hope failure in Quantity Cant be attributed to any Neglect in me, I shall Advise from time to time of my Sums

I have Sent a small Sample which Your Honours will have to Compare with the Productions of Other Countys

Jam Sirs
Your very Hble Sr
Amos Garrett

I have now ready and shall finish this week 50 Bayonets & shall Continue to make

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