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Sir

The Gentlemen appointed by your Excellency
& Council to inspect the Militia Acts, met today, but
did not proceed to business; they found themselves
embarrassed, the particulars they purpose informing
your Excellency by Express
By the close of the present Week, I shall have some
Supply's for the Troops, worth attending to, to wit
upwards of 200 yds Cloth, of different kinds, some
Linen, not much, upwards of 50 pr. Stockings, from
One to two hundred pair Shoes, 150 Hats; and a
few Blankets — One half of the Cloth I have
is Kersey not full'd — I have exceeded my
instructions in some instance, when I judged it
for the Interest of the State. — It would seem the
Law only intended these articles of Clothing &c. should
be collected in Smalls from the Inhabitants; I found
that Shoes, Cloth, & Hatts in Particular, was not
to be had in any quantity, but by buying up. &
setting the Tradesmen at Work — When people want
their Money often before the Work is out of their
hands. — I have done in this way for the Articles
— Hatts, Shoes & some Cloth, carefully attending to
the limited prices, as I considered it of very little
importance to the State in what manner they were
paid for, so they were procured. — If it be considered
in me as a work of supererogation, paying Money without
orders, I shall receive no damage by continuing the
holders of them, they being worth to sell, 20 P Cent more than

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