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Fort Columbus
Sept 30 1781

Mr Thomas A. Demill

Dear Sir,

I have here in
Castle Williams fifty four men
prisoners of War from Beaufort
County N. Carolina where you
are well known. Eight or ten of these
men have been supplied by friends
in your city with necessary ar-
ticles of clothing. Many of them
are greatly in need of shoes,
Under clothes, & Pants.

Will you do me the favor
to go to Mr. Smith Brown & Co.
A. J. Bruce & Co. & other houses
heretofore in the N Carolina trade,
and learn of them whether
they will not undertake to fur-
nish these men with such

articles of clothing as they may
need to make them comfortable,
upon such security as I can
offer them. Officers here are
allowed only ten dollars each,
& therefore we have not the
means to pay for them.

I will give
them an order on the Town of
Washington, or County of Beaufort,
or State of North Carolina, certified
by Col. Martin. The men named
know enough of the Spirit &
Honor of our people to feel assu-
red of certain payment.

Col. Martin has writ-
ten to Gov. Clarke, for \$10,000 to be
deposited to his credit in the
Bank of the Republic for this
purpose, & Hon. Simon Cameron
has assured him that it will
not be confiscated. Of the Six
Hundred men confined in

Castle Williams one hundred
& fifty are sick. Four have died
two of them last night.

Of my company eight or
ten only are on the sick list.

I need for them some little
delicacies, such as Brandy Pea-
=chee, Pickles, Lemons, Crackers,
Smoked beef, Tea &c. Will you
get me from some Grocer a
few articles of this sort, & send
me the bill.

Nineteen of my men
are destitute of shoes. If you can
get a house to send them, let
them be of the following numbers
Hammers Brogans.

1 Pa 5^o Soft leather

3 " 6

6 " 7

5 " 8

4 " 9 pairs

I wish also

45 P^s Boston Socks
45 " good Cotton Drawers
90 Common Calico Shirts
45 Blue or Gray Flannel Shirts
45 p^s Gray Patterned Pants
Some few felt hats, or caps

By giving this matter
your personal attention you
will greatly oblige me, & render
a service to the cause of
humanity.

Very Respectfully
Yours

J. Sparrow Capt.
of the
Washington Guards

If such a thing can be
had please send me for the
sick a bushel of corn meal.