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Lancaster Sept. 27. 1782

By some means, or other, the Original Return of the Arms &c. under my direction, belonging to the State, has miscarried;—I have here enclosed a Copy, and beg your Excellency will lay it before Council. — I hope the delay, occasioned by the loss of the Original will not be attended, with any ill consequences. —

I have also agreeable to my promise enclosed for your Excellency's perusal, a true Copy of the Original Invoice (as deposited in the hands of Gen. Hagen Command. Officer at this post) enumerating the Merchandise &c. which the British Store contained, at this place. —

I do not wish to make any remarks thereon, your Excellency, will readily see the quantity of superfluous Articles sent under cover of Cloathing & Table Stores, as it is term'd. — What a pity, early steps were not taken to detect & seize those Articles, — but a common saying runs thus "what is every body's business is no body's" — so in this case, — no official orders being given to examine the Stores, but on the contrary were suffered to be hawk'd about the streets and purchas'd by almost every Inhabitant under the idea — that as Authority took no notice of it, they were under no restraint from purchasing. —

I have the Honor to be with every respect & esteem
Your Excellency most Obedient Servant
A. M. Hubley J. L. C.