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Sir

I had the Honor of acquainting you by the Last Packet with the Arrival of the Four Companies of the Royal Artillery intended for the Relief of this Place, Pennsylvania and the Floridas; Two of those Companies are Quarters here, One at Philadelphia, and the Fourth ready to sail for Pensacola, but finding the Method of Transporting it thither with a Vessel chartered here too Expensive, I have taken the following Method in order to save Time and Avoid Expences.

Sicut Colonel James Embarks this Day on Board the Lynetrix Transport with Two Companies and will sail for the Thames without any loss of Time.

Captain Johnstones Company who remained on Board of the Eagle Transport will proceed to Pensacola in the same Transport the 22^d Inst. as soon as she has taken on Board her Proportion of Useless Artillery and Unserviceable Stores, and after having relieved Captain Gostling's Company, in her way to the Northward, she will come back to Amboy, and take Major Hays's Company on Board and pursue her Voyage to Chatham. I am informed that this Method will not Occasion a Delay of more than Five or Six Days.

The Detachment of Captain Johnstones Company for East Florida is at Amboy, from whence I shall send

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it to S. Augustine with the Transports which I am to send from
hence, after the 10th Regiment Arrives, and the Detachment which
is to be Reliev'd, will proceed on Board the same Transports
with the 24th Regiment for England.

The Proposals I had for the Transporting of a Company to
Pensacola, which I have subjoin'd appeared so Expensive to me
that I flatter myself that you will approve of the Method
I have taken. I have no Accounts as yet of the Arrival of the
other Transports with the Royal Artillery, but the Weather
has been so favorable that I make no doubt of their having
Reached their Destination long before now.

Some Time ago Lieut. General Gage apply'd to have
an Engineer sent to Pensacola, in consequence of his
Application Lieut. Campbell was sent thither, but finding
his being there no longer Necessary as he could be
employed else where more usefully. I have taken this
Opportunity to send him back to join his Corps.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect and
Esteem.

Sir,
Yr^o Obed^t Serv^t

