

War Department

October 21<sup>st</sup> 1809

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> has been received - and  
the accounts transmitted <sup>are</sup> in a course of adjust-  
ment and will, I trust, be soon settled, when  
any balance that may be due will be for-  
warded.

Some of the old powder lately sent you from  
West Point, as shall, on careful examination,  
appear unfit for remanufacturing, may be sent  
to the Magazine at Philadelphia.

Samples of the new powder received from you  
have been carefully run'd in dry weather,  
and its strength proved by several modes -  
and I have mortified to find the result of the  
experiments such as to show it to be unfit for  
reception as of standard proof. - By the provovette  
you were good enough to give me, the new  
powder is at least 20 per cent under what  
you informed me was the French standard  
proof; and by a new English Provovette, it

appears to be far below the English standard proof:  
In short it is not superior in point of strength to our  
common American old powder;—and as I requested  
you to make the powder equal in point of quality  
to what ought to be considered a suitable standard  
proof, I feel both disappointed and mortified at  
finding it so very deficient in quality—than what  
I had contemplated.

I am Gentlemen, respectfully

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