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Gentlemen,

Il have remained here longer than I intended in the expectation of being effectual measures for reducing the fortress of Scio now in possession of the enemy to contribute to that end seen on shore for months & at different times three hundred & fifty shells, together with a small quantity of powder for immediate use, not doubting that you had landed the powder & stores brought in the vessels ~~under you~~ hired by you for the expedition.

It was then with the utmost astonishment that I learnt by a notice which arrived last night from Colonel Fabvier, that he was in total want of Powder, & I was the more surprised at this as I pleaded yesterday morning, in the hosts of the Nelson. One of your transports powder sufficient for the throwing of 200 shells from those mortars, which have disgracefully continued silent for want of supplies and in the evening, I sent powder enough to throw 1000 shells more by the boat of the same vessel, which I however conclude has not yet been remitted to Colonel Fabvier. [1]

Permit me to say that this apathy or neglect, or whatever cause impedes the progress of the siege, is ruinous to your hopes & disgraceful to those in whom it originates & believe me that you & those acting with you & for you will be called before the tribunal of God & man for the evils that will befall the innocent & defenseless inhabitants of Scio, if the enemy shall thus be afforded time to invade the island & succumbs this garrison