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Sir

I am extremely sorry that it is not in my power to comply with the request in yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant. but such is the scarcity of grain in this quarter, that I do not know where I could purchase it even for the cash and in the way proposed I am confident that it cannot be procured. There is a quantity of Continentals Beef in this Town which perhaps the State might make use of if they thought proper. but of the propriety you are the best judges. I thought it my duty to give you the earliest notice of my inability to serve the State in supplying the Reservoirs, to prevent disappointments, which might take place, if my doing it was relied on.

I am Sir with the greatest sincerity your  
most obedient

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