

Joseph Gardoqui & Hijos to Arthur Lee
Bilbao, Spain, April 4, 1778
Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + Address

[Ar]thur Lee Esq^r
Honoured Sir

Bilbao the 4th April 1778.

On the 15th ~~ult~~ we adviced you the liberty we had than taken to value on your Account on Mr. LeGrand of Paris three bills ammounting to Livers 14599, the paymment whereof we Recommended to your care with a Request of your placing it's ammount at the Exchange of 77 ½ & 0 to our debitt in Riales 56733 & 29 mis of Vellon which Sum was duelly pass'd by us to your Credit: we also transmitted you under the same datte Invoice of 92 Balles containing 2296 Blanketts shipt on Board the *John* Cap^t Azaraiah Woodbury for Boston the ammount whereof if Right beg'd you would Credit us in Riales 67125 & 15 mis of Vellon all which must beg leave to confirm again advicing you with pleasure that the above Vessell departed hence with a fine wind the same day 15th & cordially wish may safely Reach his desired home; therefore continueing our Blankett Exports with all possible Expedition have now also to informe you our haveing shipt for Glowcester Cape Ann on the Brig *George* Cap^t Jobbe Knight as you will see by the within Invoice 75 bales containing 1926 fine large Palencia Blanketts consigned in Boston as the formers to James Warren Esq^r as such be pleased order the same to be Examined & if free from Errors after due Examination Credit us its ammount in Riales 55185 & 11 mis of Vellon with which your Account stands duelly debitted: Cap^t Knight was dispatched the 28th & the weather being favourable suppose sailed yesterday, of which should we Receive a true Account before this is Sealed up, depend on being duelly informed of a Governour.

You will see by the above Invoice that agreeable to what you are pleased to communicatte us in your very Esteemd favour of the 6th Instant we have Reduced our Commition to 3 & 6^t butt—Dear Sir besides our being allowed 5 & 6^t by all the American friends that we have workt for in the present troublesome times severall of whome have been & actually are Eyewitnesses of our trouble, as those Blanketts must be collectted in the Country Round about Palencia & the money must be Remmitted in Specie there [page 2] long before hand for the purp[ose][illegible] or by obliged to pa[text loss] freight thereof & Run the Risque of it, butt also to make [good] to the persons Employd in their collection their Expences & trouble the whole out our Commition so that at present we Reckon that half of it will be our proffitt, however at any Ratte, shall allways be proud to be honoured with your Commands & should you Resolve the continuance of the Blankett Exports, would be glad you would Insinuatte to us in answer how many you would have us order, this being the only proper Season for the purpose. We most cordially congratulatte you on the News Received here this post from Paris that the Honourable Doctor

Franklin had been presented to His Magesty as an Embassador of the Unitted Collonys in America, the truth whereof hope to have it confirmed by your owne pen;—

Our Brother is still at Court, where you may freely command him at foot you have a Memorandum of what will cost in this place a whole Soldiers white Uniforme & wish it may turn to some Account, butt if the collour of the Uniforme should be blue green or yellow in that case it will stand in 18 Riales more—

We most Respectfully Salutte you & are—

Honored Sir

Your mst aff^t hble & ob^t Servts.

J : G : H

Memorandum of a Soldiers full white uniforme with turnings & if the same Cloath, as given in the Spanish Service

the coat with Bottons & Ready made Riales	78.17.
the west coatt	43.17.
Breechees.	24.17
Hatte	11.17.
a pair of Stockings strong & good.	6
a pair of shoesd ^o ...d ^o	11.17
Riales of Vellon	172 17

[Address]

The Honble Arthur Lee Esq^f

At

Challlott

Pres de

Paris

[docket]

Soldiers cloathing in Spain