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Sir

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Valley Forge Camp 4th 78. 45

your letter by Nichols came swift to hand,
also the blouthing, which I delivered out yesterday—
you observed in your letter that vast quantities
of blouthing had been purchased by the Continental
Commissaries which you could not account
for the security in the army, I must confess
is a great mystery to us here—the green
cloth I shall set a value upon it, and
purportion it among the officers now in camp
belonging to 3rd Regt. as I think the
intent of the Donor is to give it to those who go
through the hardships of a winters campaign &
are deprived of the benefit of supplying themselves,
and not to those who are on furlough taking
their pleasure; if I am wrong you please to let me
know it, and I will see that those officers that
receive the cloth refund the value of their
overpluch in money which shall be paid to
those now absent— as to the money received
for the Soldiers Bounty I know nothing of any
but what was accounted for the 2 ~~Battalions~~
Battalions and when I recd the Regiments
I put the Receipts and money into paymaster
Loggs hands, have sundry times called upon
him to call the officers to a settlement; But
so many Casualties have happened to that
Corps that it has never been in his power to
bring them to a settlement, when the officers
come to Camp I will use my endeavor to
bring them all to a settlement—

In no order that the Soldiers Count send
how much money, when they must give
give 8 dollars for shoes that they buy
here of the Inhabitants and every other
article in proportion, they have now
four month^{ly} pay when paid them, shall
use my Influence that one half at least
be sent to their families —

I am Sir your Humble
Servant

Crook Poor

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Gen. Crook's Letter
Newmouth 1778