very much of not receiving an Acct. Curr.t from the house in Bristol this Ja 8 years & suppose there will be a great Difference in their Acct.s when Compared. This is all I can gather with regard to this Affair now, if any thing should hereafter Occur shall with great pleasure advise You. I am Gent.n Yr. most Obedient Hble. Serv.t

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Mess.rs Peach Elton Hill & Stevenson & James Gent.n

I have to Acknowledge Yr. much esteem'd Favour of 7.th Sept.r inclosing Power of Attorney &c. You may be assured every thing in my Power shall be done to have the Affairs here Settled in the best manner & with as much dispatch as possible, I could have wished the Acct.s had accompanied the Power as Nothing can be done without them; I have Applied to the administrators of Mr. Robt. Adair deceas'd for some payment, but as his Affairs are much involved, it cou'dn't be ascertain'd whether there would be effects enough to pay off ~~all~~ the debts, till a State of them were made out, it will be a considerable time before the debt can be recov'd at any rate as its only upon Acct. and an act of Assembly of this Province giving the preference to Country bonds & acct.s before foreign; however they make no doubt but the real & personal Estate will answer all the demands that may arise if there's any Letters in Yr. hands that passed between Mr. Adair & Mess.rs Sidgley & Hilhouse with regard to Interest on the Acct. shall be glad to be favoured with them as no Jury or Commissary here will allow Interest on an open Acct. without an express Contract for it between the Parties, all other Letters of the same tenor relating to other Acct.s will be Necessary in case of dispute; I hope all the Acct.s will be properly provid as I believe from Mr. Ringgolds information Some of the Gent.n here indebted to the Estate will dispute some part especially the Interest, which never will be recov'd without you can prove an agreement to pay it under their hands; I ~~havint~~ had time to apply to any other as the Letters came to hand so lately but shall immediately endeavour to prevail on Some to pay their Debts or some part before the Acct.s arrive: Mr. Geo: Maxwell on Patuxent who is indebted for Goods imported this Year will I believe pay immediately, Mr. Ringgold says he told him in the Summer he should ~~[illegible]~~ remit Bills for the Amt. in a little time; Mr. Michael Earle I find has made a charge for services done the Company in riding abt. procuring freight, for which he think's he's justly Entitled to some Satisfaction, I don't know the Sum, but suppose it can't be any thing Considerable; I believe there was some dispute between Mr. Gedder & Mess.rs S H & R abt. Insurance; Mr. Gidder says, They rendered him an Acct Current charging Insurance on tob.o he shipped them in the Spring, & some more he was to ship in the fall; afterwards they write him the Ship was lost