Mess.rs Stevenson Randolph & Chester
Bristol

July 24. 1770

The Isabella arrived here the 16th Inst. with 92 Convicts in Perfect Good health, 37 of whom were Retailed of at a very good price, the Remaining 55 went off by a whole sale at £9.10. Stg. I agreed to take 40 Ton of Pig Ridgelys Pig Iron in part pay & as much more as we please; it will be impossible to procure the 200 thds for the Betsey as you Revoke Yr. permission to Draw, & therefore think it will be much better to take the whole amt. of the convicts in that Sort of Iron (which I believe Yr. WS knows is Reckoned the best in the province) & ship it in the Betsey; it will amt. to 100 Ton which will load One half and fill her Up with what Tob.o we may pick up, what Mr. Ringgold may furnish on Acct. of the assignees and the Rest Lumber —

Mr. Page has Now 80 hhds Ready & I have 56 which will all along side in 10 days. I dont know what Quantity Smyth & Sudler has by them, but I believe Not many: The Ship will not be delayed an Instant for the Tob.o Mr. Page and Myself is to furnish and I shall Urge

Urge all the Other Gentlemen to Dispatch as Quick as possible; You'll please insure her full Load, which there's not the least Doubt of Securing and I hope in good Time. Recd. 4 Yr. WS Letter of the 30th April, which I shall fully answer in every particular & Return of the Ship

I am &c. IC

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Aug.st 5. 1770 —

I wrote you the 24th ult.o advising You of the Arrival of the Isabella with 92 Convicts in a very Healthy State and of their being all Sold on pretty good Terms; 55 of them which were Sold to One Man, are to be paid for in Iron, which will amt. to 100 Ton; this is to go on board the Betsey, which together with 80 hhds Tob.o at least (hope 100) Mess.rs Ringgolds is to furnish on Acct. of Rent of Servants, will be 4/5.ths of her Load, and the Remainder will be filled up with Tob.o and Lumber by Smyth & Sudler & myself. The Isabella has now only 40 hhds on board Owing to her not having her Iron which Mr. Spear has Delayed Sending. She has been now Delayed 10 days with 75 hhds along side, and allmost the Remaining part of her Load Ready: I have Sent off 2 Expresses and am now Going Over myself to hurry him, as