inhabited) finding the land Carriage so much easier and shorter, and the Expence in proportion smaller from the Number of return Waggons, employed all the Fall Winter and Spring in bring-ing Wheat and Flour, that they are Determined for the future if they can be generally supplied to come down here constantly; And as they sell for the Ready money, they are enabled to be punctual in their payments, ~~and~~ I find several in this Town who has been in the wholesale way some time has no very great reason to complain of their Connections with them: I mention this for your Consideration whether it would be advantageous to enter into a Scheme of that kind with those goods as come as cheap & cheaper from Bristol than from ~~London~~ &c. Such as Nails Coarse woolen Low priced Irish Linnens German Linnens Rugs & blankets, Duffills, Loaf sugar, Powder and Shot, &c. which would in General sell for 100 to 110 ⅌Ct. at 6 Months &c. which calculating the lowest advance at 66⅔rds ⅌Ct. ~~and~~ leaves a Gross profit of 20 ⅌Ct., and if the Returns are

made within the 12 months, which I am told is to be Done, would be worth Durning some risque and taking a little Trouble abt.

By the last Post, we find the Philadelphians has broke thro' their Association and I expect in a few Days ~~they will do~~ we shall follow their example here; if that is the case and you should be induced to send back the Elizabeth immediately I think a parcel of Goods, such as Glass, painters colors, Loaf Sugar Nails, hats and some other articles would run off to advantage as the Country is entirely drained of them ~~articles~~. I enclose a Scheme for some of those Goods in case you should be inclined to speculate that way and if they come in by the 1st March they can't fail of answering. You'll inform me immediately of yr Resolution with respect to this matter that in case they should come I may be prepared to receive them. —

You'll find by Spencer's coming home, I didn't think it at all necessary to keep him in the Country as I can Manage the Business with One at a much lesser expence, I shall only want a Clerk which