in a great Degree the price of Wheat & Flour; if there was any prospect of making any thing any where the might be loaded in a very little time, as the ~~Wheat~~ those Articles are; tho' the Wheat must be all bought on this Side, as the Eastern Shore ~~Wheat~~ Grain is not only a bad Grain of itself, but is Likewise hurt with the Fly, which would entirely Damn the Sale of it, ~~and~~ therefore not much assistance Could be had from Smyth & Sadler, with: it was in Flour. I shall look for the know ~~in~~ abt. the 20th of Next Month; In the mean time I will cast abt. and Determine what to Do with her.

I shall Observe Yr Directions abt. Consigning the Am Vessels to the Different houses up the Mediterranean.

I believe Smyth & Sadler Partnership will be Dissolved in a Little time; Sadler, (I find from Mr. Smyth) had some inclination to apply to me to be supplied with goods, but tho' his Means I have entirely Discouraged it, as at any Rate I shouldnt think him a proper person to be connected with. I mention this as Perhaps he may apply to you.

25th

I was a good deal surprized when I read that part of yr. Letter abt. the Exchange, especially as I had so roundly asserted, that I never had mentioned it to them, before the Isabella's Sailing last year. I went Over the Bay immediately and shewed them that paragraph of yr. Letter, ~~to which they~~ & begd to know if several Conversations had not passed between Mr Smyth & me, in which I thought the Matter had been settled. to which they made the old Answer of their not Looking upon those Conversations ~~as binding~~, (which Mr Smyth indeed never had forgot tho' they had asserted the Contrary) as binding.

When the Matter was in agitation last year they agreed that the Exch.g to that time should be settled @ 66 2/3d but intimated at the same time, that it should not rule for the future, and now they confirm it, by declaring ~~lately~~ they cannot think of Losing so much as the Difference of Exch.g would be, especially as they might have sold the Tob.o they furnished for our Ships at the price charged us, and bought Bills for their Remittance;

I couldnt help acquiessing that it would be a hardship on them; as I look on it when the proposal was made of settling the Exch.g @ 66 2/3d it was