Gentlemen

Balt Town 4 Jany 1771.

As attorney in Fact for the assignees of Sidgley Hilton & Randolph of Bristol Bankrupts, I took the liberty in mine of the 12 Oct last of applying to You for Bal: due to the Estate of said Gentlemen from the late Mr Lunan of your Place, whose administrators I was informd you were; but without any ans^r. owing I suppose to miscarriage. I have therefore requested Mr Jn° Mitchel to take the Trouble of delivering this, accompanied with Copy of the acco^t as transmitted me by the assignees, which I believe on Examination well prove right, as Mr Lunan in his last letter promises a speedy Paym^t of the Balance of his acco^t without taking Notice of ~~the~~ any Mistake. This was to Mo^s after my first application to him, Your ans^r thro' Mr Mitchel will much oblige &c—

To Messrs Jn° Inglis Jas Craig & Robt Ritchie Philadelphia

Balt Town Jany 1st 1770—

Gentlemen

I wrote you the 5th ult^o since when I have not rec^d any of yr^s; I then gave you a State of Matters with respect to the Restoration as they then stood, but have it now in My Power to inform you with more certainty, having since that been over the Bay. In my last I mentioned there was 100 or 120 thos sold Tob^o on Kent Island which I supposed might be got on Low Terms, but this I asserted from the information of Smyth & Sudler, which upon Their Coming to Minutely enquire into, turned out much less; Out of abt 50 or 60 which was the most Penny Hutchings bought between 30 & 40 for Cont & c^o and the Rest falls into our hands; However the great Quantity that is Made, has alarmed the Planters with the Apprehension of its being knock'd down to Nothing next Summer that great Numbers have engaged to get their Tob^o Ready as soon as possible, for which I have agreed to give 20 p^r Cent payable next June. Smith & Sudler engaged 150 thos at least John Page Jr. & Messrs Ringgolds has just now offerd to supply a Quantity; So that from ~~the~~ what I know of the above Quota's being already fit to Ship & the certainty of the Remainder being got ready as fast as the Weather will permit, induces me to ~~say with great confidence~~ hope & with great confidence too, that the Snow will sail in abt 2 months; It Depends entirely on the weather