will now have it as fast as the can take it, as private Inspection being establis'd and the people carrying it to the houses very fast. She will be full Loaded which I don't Suppose will be about 200 hhds. Every thing has happe=ned as unlucky as it well could Since she came in, in the first place, the weather tho' very moderate, was at the same time to dry, as to put it out of the Planters powers to get Tobacco Ready; then again when there was Sea sons for stripping and prizing the Load were so Very Bad, that it could not be carried to the Inspecting house or when there and Inspected the Navigation was entirely stopt so that Craft couldn't carry it to the Vessel; However as all these incove=niences must in a great measure be at an end, I have no Doubt but that She will be loaded now in a very little time. God knows she has plagued me enough, I have crossed the Bay back wards & forwards 8 Times since she came Ari=ved besides Riding at a great Deal to accelerate Matters, & what is Worse than all, Subjected to Numberless Vex=ations Disapointments, Occasioned by people who care not who suffers for their convenience ~~every Man will meet with what has any thing to do with the people of their Country~~

Subjoined is a memorandum for some things which you'll Oblige me if they are sent in the first Vessel —

Stevenson Randolph & Co
Chester Merch.t Bristol.

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annapolis 6 april 1771

Dear Sirs

I embrace this opportunity by Capt McLachlan via London to advise You that the Restoration will have 220 or 30 hhds onboard in a day or two & the remainder as fast as Craft can bring it; so that I expect she will certainly be able to sail by the 20 of the Month with a load not exceeding 290 hhds which they think she will carry with ease: The Quality of the Tobacco in general is extraordinary tho' light — If the ensuing Crop should turn out bad which may easily be known in the course of the Season, would it not be adviseable to purchase more than may be wanting for the load of

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