head of the River, where it is equal to the Elk Ridge —

The Coals will sell at 3 Dollars at least if not 4/6. and the Salt I hope to get 9/ or 10/ Plaj; You Ought to have Sent it in Bulk as the bags eat up all the Profit. You will please for the future Observe ~~as a~~ as a general Rule, with ~~the~~ ~~Hospitality~~ whenever the Ships can take it, to Send in the fall 2000 bis fine Salt in bulk, and 2 or 3000 bis Coal, ~~if~~ the Spring Ships to be Ballasted with ~~Coal~~ the last article. It will in General turn out to very good Acct. Inclosed you have Invoices And bills of Lading for 227 hhds Tobacco Amg £2465. 4. 10 3/4 Cury. Also for 49 hds Sed. of Mr. John Page, to go to his Credit for Goods ~~Shipt him~~; The Exchange of either cannot be fixd till the Different People of whom they are bought are settled with, before which Exchge may Vary: Invoice of Staves & Iron, the former Amg. to £57. 5. 4. Cury. Apply to the Acct of Goods 1769. the latter amg to £20 Stg. to Maryland General Acct. Some of the above Tobacco is for Rect. of Serv.ts but Smyth & Sidler have ~~not~~ furnished No Acct. of the Quantity. I have drawn the following bills on you viz. One for £100 Stg.

payable to Thomas Ringgold & Son, with which you'll please Tob.o purchase 1771 —

One for £27. 9. 4 Stg. to Ind. Kid out Eig. for Tonnage Maryland Duties &c. for the Restoration —

One for £51. 7. 1. to James Sutherland On Acct of Tob.o purchase 1771

One D.o £14. 7. 1. to Capt. Thomas On Same Acct. —

Also an Order in Favour of Wm Stevenson Esq.r for £150 Stg. it being for Moneys Applied to the use of S R & C. —

In Justice to Capt. Thomas, I can't Omit telling you, I never Met with a Master of a Ship, with whom I was better pleased, they for indeed so Well; If he continues to behave in the same Manner (Which I have no Doubt will be the case) we may think Ourselves Very well off to have such a Man in Our Employ.

Yr