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Dr Sir

Your favor of the 19th Inst: came to hand this morning I am well aware of the Disadvantage You must suffer from not having your Goods Earlier: I wish for Both ourselves the Ship had arrived as early as You could have desired, when She does make her appearance I shall take care No time shall be lost in forwarding what she brings for You —

When we meet we can talk Over, the Expence of Freight here, and Extension of the time of Credit at home; You'll not find me more unreasonable than You ever did before —

If I could procure a load of Tob.o for the Isabella, at such a price, as would afford a Reasonable prospect, of Clearing even a Freight and Commission (I want no more at this time) I certainly would prefer it to any Other thing You No, doubt are acquainted with the State of the Market in England, and as good a Judge as I am what that market will afford, to clear a Freight & Com.n; if therefore You think You cannot part with Your Tob.o at a Rate that one may Reasonably Suppose, will do that, it would be needless to treat at.t it, as Sooner than go one step farther, I would take the Chance of a Grain Speculation, or Charter the Vessell either to carry grain to the Eastward or Tob.o to London, a Freight of which I am Sure of getting in Virginia at any rate, Phaps in this province which even at an Under Rate, would certainly be much

Much better than purchasing at the prices Now asked, prices that would not only Run away with Freight and Commission but part of the first cost too. I should be glad if You'll tell me immediately the lowest farthing You would take for Your Tob.o; If it ~~on~~ as I can afford to give, I will gladly take it — My Reason for not mentioning any price is, that Phaps my Next advices from England may make a Very great alteration in my Present Sentiments —

Produce comes Down but Slow from the back Country the Wheat is Chiefly bought up by our own & the Brandywine Millers; Flour for the West Indies: Orders from the Eastward are very few, and low limited; Some to Philad.a for Wheat & flour in proportion; this from a house too, that is Phaps as much in the corn trade as any in England: I don't hear of one Irish Comission for wheat & flour; For flax seed and Staves only. Baltimore since it had any Business of consequence never knew such a fall for Scarcesity of Orders; I'll assure you our Commission Merchants look extremely blank on the occasion If a great many more orders than is expected does not appear in a Very short time, Produce will be extremely low, & Exchange Rise Not only from the same cause, but a backwardness also of drawing as freely as