A Charter to loading her on our own Acct. as the prospect, from the great growing crop and the bad times in England was by no means encouraging, & Wheat & flour at that time of the Year not to be had. However I hope we shall at least make a Freight if not a Commission, tho' at the same time I am apprehensive, this Cargo, will not turn out in Quality or Condition so good as when the Inspection law was in force; The Inspecting houses being suffered to get out of Repair & the Inspectors not under the tie of Oath or of making good any Damage sustained while under their care, are so extensively Careless & Negligent, that in another Year without an Inspection Law is enacted, things will be got to such a pass, that it will be hardly Safe to Meddle with Maryland Tob.o at all. The Assembly is now Setting & it is generally believed, this Session will not pass over without a Regulation of the Staple —

I wrote you some time ago, I intended putting 50 or 60 hhds of bright Tob.o in the Ship in the Ship, but unluckily, at the time I was on the Eastern Shore, the Country was so drained of it, that on my return, I could not get a hhd, tho' I offered Cash for it, and what I ~~[illegible]~~ extravagant price — The Tob.o Shipped by Mr. Buchanan & Mitchel & Gaither are of that kind and a few hhds of our own, that are 20/ are of a Superior kind to the Eastern Shore —



The Disappointment we have ~~[illegible]~~ fore met with In the payments for Goods Supplied People here, is certainly Sufficient to make us sick of that branch of Business & resolve to have Done with ~~with~~ it, at least with those, who have been remarkably behind hand. You Desire me to mention, who I think you ~~[illegible]~~ might continue to Ship to: Mr. Wm. Smith, Mr. John Merryman, Mitchel & Gaither & Gary & Somerville are very good men, & I am much inclined to believe they would have been more punctual, if it had not been for the peculiar circumstances of the times; Mr. Francis Sanderson too; He has made several payments already. As to Stanett & Son I believe we may as Well be Done with, I have often made application for payment, but to little purpose, as you'll see by the ~~Acct.~~ of moneys received from Sundries herewith transmitted. Mr. ~~Thomas~~ Ringgold & John Page are I think the only Desireable correspondents on the Eastern Shore — I have received 160 hhds Tob.o a piece from them — From Smyth & Sudler on their Joint and separate Acct. I shall get