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Dr Sir

Your Letter of the 27th Ult.o covering the Bills of Exchange came to hands two or three Days ago; as also did Yours of the 1st Inst. this morning, since which Mr. Kennedy has been hunting all the Stores to procure the things you wrote for; But so bare are they, that but few of them could be got, Bills of Parcells of which you have inclosed Amt. to £25.2.3 which I debite you with —

Corn is in no Demand here at present, therefore 'tis impossible to say what it would fetch. You may depend it will be very low. I my self was offer'd a Contract for 20.000 Bus at 2/3 Delivr in March & April, & a friend of mine tells me he knows a Gentleman who has bought 3000 @ 2/.

I hope your Sloop is safe and that you'll meet with the Millers in Cash; It will be very Acceptable to me — Jam

Dr Sir

Mr Jno. Page
Swan Creek

your Very hble Servt.
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I wrote you the 16th Ult.o Advising the Arrival of the Isabella with her Servants healthy at Annapolis the Day before. she got up here the 19th when unluckily two Ships from London with abt. 220 Convicts & Servants made their Appearance likewise; this with two parcels of Irish Servants that came in a day or two after & the weather setting in Very Severe has had such an effect upon the sales, that 22 of them still remain on hand, and the others Sold considerably under what I expected or indeed would have done if they had arrived at the usual time, Besides being obliged to give Longer Credits than usual. But one of the wholesale buyers made any offer, but that so low, I could not think of accepting it, especially as it was only for the choice of the Ship. As things are now they'll not average more than abt. £18.5.Cy. Pound —

Agreable to your Desire I endeavored to procure a load of Tob.o for the Ship but with.t success. The prospect of an Inspection law being enacted, induced most people to get rid of what they had on hand one way or other; so that upon a pretty strict enquiry in every parts of the Province, a very ~~[illegible]~~ small Quantity appeared to be left, but in the hands of the Scotch Factors, who would not part with it, but at a price that would