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Baltimore 21st Jany 1775

Since the sailing of the Ship William which was the 25th Ult^o nothing from you has come to hand — I now inclose you Duplicates of her Bill of Lading, the second of William Lux & Bowlegs Bill on Wallace Davidson & Johnson London £40. & Account of Sales of the ~~last~~ Convicts Amt^g to £1948.10 — the Collection of the greatest part of which I am Apprehensive will not be quite so easy as has been hitherto, as the People in general are now set above any kind of restraint

Since the William sailed, the Weather has been remarkably fine & soft the consequence of which has been, the Roads were almost impassable for Waggons, and little or no produce has been at markets, The prices therefore stat which together with the certainty of its falling again when a hard frost set in, induced me to stop purchasing — The Ships that are now ~~here~~ are mostly provided for — so that without a greater Number of them should make their Appearance than was ever known at this time of the Year, every thing that may be wanted, will be provided with great ease & ~~that~~ lower prices than has been giving this last 3 or 4 Weeks — I expect to see the Ship about the last of Feby. or 1st March — I will be provided so as to Dispatch her immediately —

1st of Sep^t Hodges Bill on Hanbury & Loyd recd by the above Letter

Dear Sir

Baltimore 24 Jany 1775

Your two Favs of the 21st was handed by Y^r Sloop last Night — The wheat is sold, but it is not yet quite settled whether the Price is to be at 7/ or 7/6. It will be fixed by that Time she is unloaded which will be I dare say To Night. —

I have been inquiring these 2 hours, for such a Vessel as Mr Warder wants — but can find only one that is totally disengaged & the Captain who has the direction of her, is not yet determined what Course he will take; I shall know his determination to Day, if I think its probable his Terms may suit Mr Warder, I will send over an Express immediately. If you should not hear from me in a Day or two, You may conclude nothing can be done.

Yr acco^t shall be examined & everything prepared for a Settlement ag^t You come over which if the weather is tolerable, I hope will be soon, as I cant adjust my last Year's Books so well as I would chuse with^t a Settlement of the Payments made on acco^t of S R & Co by You — I shall pay due honour to whatever orders you may draw on me — I know You'll be as sparing as possible —

Steven Hodges Bill for 6.6.7 shall be applied as you desire I am Dr Sir Your most Hble Servt

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To Mr John Page
Swan Creek