Money for, if possible by return of Post. Excuse
this trouble and believe me to be Dr Sir
To Mr David Sproat } Your very Hble Servt
Philadelphia } J. C.

Gent.

Baltimore March 29. 1775.

This I hope will be handed You by
Capt. John Delatour in the Ship Isabella
with a Cargo of Wheat and flour Amtg
to £4235-1.7 — As p Invoice and Bills
of Lading enclosed, which together with
the Ships Disbursements Amtg to £160.15.7
You'll please place to the Cr of the gene
=ral Acct. The Quality of this Cargo
You'll find good, and the dispatch
of the Vessel You cannot but be plea
=sed with, She having been just 15 days
delivering her Ballast and taking
in her Cargo. You were much de
ceived abt her Burthen She has no
hold hardly at all —

I have drawn on You the 14. Inst. in favor
of David Sproat for £200. & 22d in favor
of Thomas Shearer £40.0.0 & of Christopher
Johnson & Co £45.10.1. Could Money have
been got, I should have drawn more on You
~~to~~ have paid the debts I have contrac
=ted for this Cargo and to have pro
vided

provided for the Restoration, but I never saw
so great a scarcity of Cash — None is to be
raised here or Philadelphia for Bills, &
to get it in Payment of Debts, One may
as well expect Manna from Heaven —
Last Post brought me Yr Letter of the 16th
of January by which the acct of the sale of the
Snows Cargo and the great Rise in the price
of Tobacco gave me pleasure — I wrote im
=mediately on Recd of it to Virginia & the
Eastern Shore to be informed if any
thing could be done there — I expect ans
=wers from Virginia in abt 10 days, from
the other every Moment — If any thing
offers at either place, I shall imme
=diately lay hold of it for the William,
As for the Snow I engaged her to Mr
David Mitchel before Yr Letter came
to hand, one half to be loaded on King
acct the other half on our own, by him
with. charging any commission & I
expect her Cargo of Wheat & Flour will
nearly ready by this time: If I could
meet with a Vessel to charter, I would send
her up Patowmack and keep the Snow
for any Ctr that might be got or if
that could not be done in time, load her
here