Determination of the congress is known. It would be highly imprudent to enter into any engagements, As it is expected by Most, a Nonexportation will take place in a Very little time - If it does not, I am confident I can Dispatch Spence - & the Isabella too with what Tob.o I can pick up and complete with flour, long before September. However to do this a good deal of Assistance will be Necessary from You - As the assume an almost entire stop is put to the Payment of Debts. I have taken as great pains as possible, to get money out of the hands of those that owe us here, but have succeeded very indifferently & there is no Reason to expect it will be any better at least for some Months to come - I dare say, some of my letters wrote within this last fortnight, will alarm you not only from the general Acc.ts they contained but the probability of my leaving the Country immediately - I confess I was within an ace of Determining on coming home in the Snow - but the Moderation of our Convention, which You'll see by their Resolves, induced me to Wait for the proceedings of the congress - As Should they not stop the exports, the Business, [illegible] do this Summer would

not Prosper be quite so well Managed with my presence - My Situation here at present is very disagreable - I cannot join in the Measures that are now carrying on, and am therefore looked upon as an Enemy to America - Were any Riot or Commotion to happen here, I believe my chance with a few others, would be but indifferent - I think it is probable, with.out matters take another turn, I may [illegible] to stay as little in this town as possible for some time, I believe in some other Parts of the province I should be better off - However I would sooner suffer any thing than take up Arms -

I have applied to Mr Gough ab.t his Gloucestershire Estate - he says he will sell it, but does not know what Value to set on it - He talked of 2000℔ which induced me not to make him any offer - He refers the Gentleman to Mr James Russel & Hugh Hammersly of London for terms, which he will impower them to Make -

I shall write by every Opportunity & am Dear Sir Your Most Obed.t Servant

To Mes.r Stevenson Randolph & Chester Bristol - P C
& the Restoration Capt. Crawford -