& in my answer mentioned it in that light,
which however he set me perfectly at ease att.
by assuring me in the strongest terms, that
what he had done was in his own Name
that I was entirely out of the Question if it
had been otherwise he should have thought
himself the greatest Villain in the World
to have brought me into such a scrape, but
at the same time (said) he had the pleasure
to assure me, that the bills on Smith &
London, which he had indorsed had been
accepted by Smith & that both Estates were
liable & Smiths affairs were good at Bottom
he had not a doubt but they were safe. I
mention all this, tho' at the same time con
:fess it is from Memory, My Papers being 40 or
50 Miles from this & not having time to get
them, this Opportunity being immediate-
ly I am under no Engagements or Acc.ts of
W.S & Co. but what was Natural, with W.S
had most egregiously deceived me from the first.
My Brother ~~William~~ Daniel writes me, you
from your knowledge told him, that W.S owed
£3000 in Bristol, which together with what
he has taken out of the funds of my Brother
suppose £2200 & £600 of my Sisters, which
Mr. Bentley in his last letter dated some
time the beginning of last Summer, wrote
me

me, was still unpaid, makes £5800 — To Reconcile
his being so much in debt, I can only think of the
following way. The debts which were due him in
this country when he left it, I know has not produ-
:ced but very little in proportion; His houses
& lots remain unsold, therefore in fact by much
the greatest part of the stock he had to go into
Business with, was only the Ship Isabella & the
Amt. of the 1/4 of her Cargo of wheat, after deduct
:ing the Expence of bringing his Family to
England & supporting it there before he went
into Business, which could not be any thing
like sufficient to carry it on & pay the £2500
ever with the assistance of my money
which was in the funds & the Remittance I
made him of the first Payment for the Land
I sold here — He therefore Borrowed the Money
to take up the bills for the £2500 (I have some
Reason to believe from Mr Reed) and which
he assured me as I told you before, I was en
:tirely clear of — This £2500 I take for granted
is part of the £3000 you mentioned to my
Brother Daniel — £3000 More you know he
had to make up for his share of stock in the Part
:nership of Stevenson Randolph & Chester (I take
it for granted he had enough in his hand, with
what I Remitted the Summer 769 being the
last Payment for my Land, at least to make
up £3000 for my share & £500 over) to do which

my