no more than we know of, also that I am entirely
clear of any Engagement on his Acct. & that at
last when all his Affairs are wound up & settled
he should have enough to satisfie every body wh.
injuring You & me, yet his Conduct has been
so improper, both in his Silence abt. the State
of his own Affairs, which in a Partner is unpar-
donable and his taking My Brothers & Sisters
fortunes out of the funds, which he must be
sensible he had no Right to do and therefore
was unjust, that he cannot be suspected
if we withdraw all our confidence in him
& take every Step in our power to prevent any
Loss to us from his Misconduct — To View
it in the Most favorable light he deserves
Nothing less at our hands — If besides what
has already come to our knowledge he should
be little more in Debt and involved me with
him there is little greater Reason for breaking
off with him entirely. Even altho' Not a far-
thing should be left of a pretty fortune which
before I recd. Yr. last letter, I had all the
Right in the World to look on as my own.
Yr. Letter of Last July, gave me some lit-
tle suspicion that all was Not going on
Right, but as You did Not Descend to
Particulars, I thought it was Not of very great
consequence, & as I was married but 5 days
before I could Not persuade Mr. Galloway to part with his
Daughter, when I wanted to bring to England, I
was in hopes Matters could Not suffer much
If I put off my Departure from this Country till
this Spring — Now I am prevented by Mrs. Chew
Chester being pregnant & therefore Not in condition
to be carried to sea or to be left by me here, when the
horrors of civil War are approaching with too
great certainty And the probability great if we
parted Now, of Not meeting again for some consi-
derable time Perhaps Not till the Differences be-
tween Great Britain & the Colonies are settled
which God knows, from the present appearances
may take Years to bring about — Were Matters in
their old Channel of Peace & Quietness I should
be with you immediately, but the foregoing
Reasons obliges me to stay And therefore rely
ing on your Freindship & knowledge of the Busi-
ness & at the same time hoping you'll Not think
it too much trouble to transact it, I am in-
duced to take the liberty of transmitting you
the Power of Attorney, which will put it in
your Power to Examine into my affairs with
Wd and take such precaution as may secure
me in the best Manner Possible — In a few days
I have shall have the papers I mentioned before
when I shall write you more fully by the next
Opportunity and give you such information
Abt. my Fathers Estate — The Money in the
funds