between You & me either on our Joint & separate
Acc.ts and to pay them for My use, whatever
Money of mine You May have in Your
hands — Mr Randolph writes me he In-
tended Dissolving the Partnership the last
of December, I think I can safely likewise
must decline entering into any New
Scheme of business under the firm
of W S & Co or any other till all Mat-
ters are settled & Reduced to a certainty
& fixed footing — Believe me it is with
pain I write thus — But yet my Duty
to Myself my wife & the little ones I
may in all probability have obliges me
to Judge from what Appears And to
act in Consequence of that Judgment
in taking precautions ag.st every thing
that may happen ~~in a manner~~
tho' I am still willing to persuade Myself
You have long before this cleared up every
things to the satisfaction of every one concer-
ned & that with my best wishes for
Mr Stevenson & the children, I shall have
no Reason to Subscribe myself, But as I
have allways Done &c. Affe.t Brother
To Mr Wm Stevenson Bristol JC —

Dear Dan Maryland June 22d 1776.

I wrote You the 14th March Acknow-
ledging the Rec.t of Yr of the 24th & 29th of Nov.r
That letter together with a Power of Attorney, which
from what You wrote me I thought was necessa-
ry, I was in hopes would have been Delivered by
a Gentleman, who went from this to New
York to go in the Packet to Falmouth — But
he Was Disappointed — The letters were sent,
but as he Was a Witness to the Power of
Attorney, That was good for Nothing with.t
him & Since that time no Opportunity has
offered even for a letter. Even now I think the
Chance is not very good, of this getting to
hand — However I have Determined to try — as
well as with another Power of Attorney, which
I hope will get safe to hand — If it should — pray
get as Much out of W S's hands as You can,
As to a final Settlement, with him, I know
it cannot be accomplished till I come home,
which God Only knows when will be in
my Power — Mrs Cheston was brought to
bed att a Month ago, of a fine Girl & is
but slowly Recovering, so that was Every
other Obstacle Removed & this Opportunity
a good One We could Not embrace it — As to
leaving her here, While Affairs are situa-
ted