information, I had it in my power to give you, was of little consequence. At present, Commercial matters have begun to developpe themselves and some Judgment may be formed, at least of this season's business.

Very great Importations of dry & wet goods has already been made, so as to reduce the prices of all articles, as low as they were before the War, some few considerably lower. European Goods are Now Selling — French at 4/6 Cur.y for the Livre, British 2/- Cur.y for 1/- Ster.g. first cost clear of charges - Retailers get a profit of 20 ⅌ Ct. upon this. Lisbon Salt 1/- and the coarse Allum Salt 1/3 ⅌ bus: No English at Market - French will not Sell. Ironmongery Cutlery Glass Ware & coarse Goods of all kinds are most in Demand.

All the Importations have been made to Baltimore & the produce of the country besides a great Deal from Virginia is exported from it. This Cannot last, I conceive, the business in a few years will scatter pretty much in its Old way. The great want of almost every Necessary before the conclusion of the War, has hitherto occasioned a great sale and all for ready Cash or produce, But when the goods from Brittain arrive & those expected from other parts besides, I am inclined to think, they will go off slowly and at Low prices. This is so much the Opinion here, that Vessels have been sent off from Baltimore already to try their fortunes at other places. The Ship from Bristol by which I rec.d Y.r Last Letter, staid but one Day and was ordered to New York. In another 12 months, the trade will regulate itself and in all probability will be better worth following. I think the old hands were perfectly right in lying by for a little while before they adventured.

Various are the opinions respecting the Quantity of Tobacco in Virginia & Maryland. Many Suppose there is not a Quantity both of New & Old, equal to one full crop - Others again contend there must be considerably more. For my own part, from the Information, which has fallen in my way, I am inclined to believe, there may be a full crop on hand. High prices are giving for it - Virginia Commands 45/ ⅌ Ct. and Maryland from 32/6 to 40/- The European prices ought to be good to afford this, and yet, It is expected when the British Vessels arrive, it will be still higher. Our present crop of wheat is very good both in Quantity and Quality - Should Great Brittain be in want the ensuing year, as you Seem to Intimate she must, we Shall be able to supply her, and should you or any of your Friends be inclined to Speculate that way, I shall be very glad to serve you. I expect my brother Daniel every moment & shall on his Arrival fix him in Baltimore & tho I shall not be always on the Spot, myself, as I must reside at West River at least till the Ship I have now begun is built yet I shall pay very close attention to any business that we may be entrusted with. Should Vessels from your port be kept regularly employed to this I believe I shall want Annually a Quantity of such Goods as come best from Bristol - If it should not be inconvenient