"and that upon his return, I intended to get Some
"of the best Tob.os which I was in hopes from the
"prices Quoted from London by the June packet would
"answer pretty well" — Before my brother returned a
letter of May 11th arrived, in which you speak of
Tobacco in such a manner that I determined at
all events not to ship you a single hogshead —
the difficulty then was how to fill the ship
Crosby, as he had no Raft port, said he could
only take Masts & Spars between Decks &
to fill the whole of her hold up with Staves
& boards I thought never would Do; I therefore
persuaded him to cut a port if it could be
Done with weakening the ship, by which
means the hold could be filled with Spars
as well as between Decks — At this time
as Many Spars was engaged as the ship
could take between Decks; but as soon as
the cutting of the Raft port was determined on I sent
my Brother Down the bay again, where
he engaged 70 Laye Masts from 58 to
64 feet Long & from 18 to 22 Inches in the
partners & Spars for ~~top masts & yards~~
=pritts Lower Yards Top masts & yards suffici
=ent to fill her with abt. 28000 Tbls
Staves — With this Cargo I hope she will
at least make a good Freight, as the
Spars

Spars I think will be laid in reasonable. The Laye
Masts I give 1/6 Currency ℔ Running foot hewed to
8 Square & delivered at a Landing but a few Miles
from where the ship lies in Nanticoke River —
the other Spars from 9d to 1/3 ℔ Running foot —
the Expence of getting them on board will not be
much as the ships hands will do a great
deal of it. They are all to be Delivered by the
5th of next Month at farthest by contracts
and Some of them were ready a fortnight ago —
the ship left Baltimore 11 days ago & I dare
say got to Nanticoke in 2 days as the
wind was Right fair. The Amt of the Spars
engaged is Not quite £600 Cur.y. I have
Not a list of them here or you should have
it, but I shall be in Baltimore in 3 or 4
Days when I'll send it you — Since I last
wrote you and indeed for some time before, I
have been confined at home with an Inter
mittent fever, so that I have Not been able
to attend in Person to my Business, but now
with I should have Another Relapse, I shall
bend my whole mind to getting it Dispat
=ched — My Rum is Not all Sold yet the
excessive low price has been the cause —
However I shall endeavor to complete the
sales of every thing by the Sailing of the
ship, and I don't think it improbable I

May