Dr Sir

West River Maryland Octr 31st 1784

Three days ago I left your Ship Leviathan Capt Aselby in Nanticoke River ready to sail with the first fair Wind. Her Cargo consisted of 71 Large Masts & 54 Bowsprits Large Yards Topmast & round Spars Amts to £425. 0. 9 cwt. at 30000 Staves Amts to £168.. 17. 8 & 2809 Spanish Dollars £1053. 7. 6 in the whole ~~Amts~~ with Charges & Commission Included £1758.. 3. 9.—

By another Opportunity more Quiet than this in 7 or 8 days You shall have Duplicates of bill of Lading Invoice &c. —

I have Now to acknowledge Your favor of the 16th & 20th July & 6th of August covering Invoice & Bill of Lading of Goods p the Betsey Capt Stacy Amts to £731.. 14. 7 Stg to your Credit. It would have been lucky If this Vessel had Sailed from Bristol Something nearer the time you first mentioned. The Season is now growing late, tho' I am in hopes to run them off and you May depend I will Strain every Nerve to be punctual in remitting further. One thing you may depend on at least, that Not a farthing arising from the Sale of them shall be applied to other schemes of Business so as to interfere with the Remittances in time, as was too often the case with many that S R & C used to supply with Goods. I am now anxiously looking out for the Vessel you intended Shipping the Goods on board, agreable to my second order. If she does not arrive very soon indeed, the sale of the woolens will be lost for this season. It is rather late at present.

I have Just rec.d a letter from David Mitchel Surviving partner of Mitchel & Gaither, Informing me, that he does Not look upon himself as bound to put up with the loss sustained on the flour Made out of the Wheat p the Restoration 1775: and Shipped to Gibralter. You know he was one half concerned in the cargo, which was so indifferent & Damaged, that you were Obliged to spend & reship it. He insists that we shall take it at what it cost on board here. If he persists in this Demand, a Lawsuit will be the consequence & it will be necessary for you to furnish me with all the Evidence properly Authenticated by the Mayors Seal respecting the transaction that you possibly can, such as the Condition the wheat was in when it arrived in Bristol the fact of Grinding & reshipping it and the Acct of Sales from the persons to whom it was consigned at Gibralter. I am inclined to believe it is rather a Shuffle to put off payment, but at any Rate I must be fully prepared, should he be in Earnest. It is so late in the Season now or else I would go after him in the back Country, but next Spring I shall pay him a visit & in the mean time write him. —

I am very Sorry to find by this Vessel Nothing for Stevenson's Creditors. I really am afraid we shall be extremely puzzled with their Concurrence in the Settlement