1768 Feb. Recd. Mr. James Creelon

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Dear Jemmy

Since my last by Andrew of 7th Nov. I recd Your's by ye Isabella, Who arrivd here ye 12th Dec. after a very good passage, & was much surprizd to find She had only 300 hhds aboard, especially as Mr. Smyth had advisd She would bring 50 more, which I was certain She would be able to stow; Fitzherbert (Who I find was very busy & undertook to be chief Manager) made many excuses, that ye Ship was leaky, & was afraid to stow her in ye usual manner, that not having carryd Tob.o before, lost a great deal of Stowage &c &c, However I cannot help thinking (between Ourselves) that there was more rascality in it than any thing else, for ye sake of her bringing more Lumber, I could have wishd You had seen into this when You came from Phil.a; as even then You would have found they might have put ~~between~~ 15 or 20 more between Decks; I need not say what a loss & disappointment this has been, as ye very freight & Comm.n is above 100 Guin.s out of my pocket, besides having £500 less remittances, which You know was what I depended on to pursue our scheme to ye greatest advantage this year, nor shall We next ~~year~~ Summer have a 1/- more remittance for what is left behind, as ye ship would still have been loaded without it: I have landed 16 A ~~hhds~~, which have turnd out as dry as any Vessels & I do not imagine We shall meet with more damage than usual, I have been very lucky in ye Sales as I have sold & engagd most of her Cargoes from 2d 1/2 to 2d 3/4 which is a 1/4 ye.d more round, than I could obtain when She first arrivd, I shall if possible send all ye Rest Sales by her, with which I am persuaded they must be well pleasd.