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that I am heartily chagrind at ye shot of ye Ships not coming Home full of Tob^o^, it will bear a good price & wou^d^ be a more valuable Remitt^ce^ than any thing they can make, ye French have already contracted in London for £2000 hhds at 3 d/4 & as many more as they please to let them have, but this, entre nous; You must not think of so a thing as to keep ye Ship for ye new Crop, it wou^d^ eat up stock & block, if You send ye Ship home filled up with Wheat & Flour S & S^r^ will be able to Remit Bills of Lad^g^ no doubt from their Wheat collection, You must really press them & others who are indebted to Us, it does not signify they must either Remit with some degree of punc: tuality or We must drop ye Trade or put it upon a different footing - Pray write me frequently that I may know how our Affairs go on. I am Dr Jemmy

Your sincerely affect: Brother

Wm: Stevenson

P: S: We have at last got ye Power of Attorney done which You now have.

I have already mentiond to You that it wou^d^ be for our advantage to keep what ~~Remittances~~ Money You may receive on Acc^t^ of S & Sr Estate, which I wou^d^ have You do 'till You see Mr Randolph & get those who are indebted to agree to pay in Tob^o^, which You need not fix ye price of 'till You receive it, as no doubt ye longer You wait ye lower it will be as there are likely to be such good Crops; Mr Geo: Maxwell owes a Bal: apply to him I D^o^ dare say He will be glad to pay Tob^o^, perhaps He may be a good Correspondent to Us —

I hope You will be able to Remit me by ye Isabella ye produce of Y^r^ Land, when You consider how much I am at stake, You will think It is absolutely necessary for me to have all possible Remittances from every quarter, for Gods sake exert Yourself & press every body with: out distinction, You know I have launch'd out much further than I shou^d^ have done under expec: tation of large Remittances, & I have still gone further in purchasing ye William, which doubt not will be advantageous to Us & I am persuaded ye Trade must & will afford a handsome profit, adequate to our most