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by which We cannot possibly be any gainers, but must lose considerably (exclusive of ye disappointment) especially if We allow them to charge us 5 ⅌ Ct. Comm.: on their Remittances for discharging their own Debts, which We can never think of submitting to, We have therefore come to a determination if they do not chuse to do our Business on ye terms We propose that We will put it on a different footing (which We shall mention to You) nor shall We send them any Goods by ye Isabella, unless they make us very considerable Remittances between this & her sailing, They now have an opportunity of showing their intentions by ye Randolph & Restoration unless they expect themselves more than they have done hitherto We shall make a fine hand of those two Vessells, it was in consequence of Your advice, that You should have no difficulty in procuring a load of Tob.o for ye Randolph, that We sent both Vessells out, & that You might be put to no difficulty, upon an appearance of Wheat bearing a tolerable price up ye Medit.n, We orderd ye Randolph to take a Cargo of that by Restoration, (as being much ye smaller Vessell) to bring Home ye Tob.o, this We could then have no doubt of should it prove otherwise We shall not be to blame, tho' We must say it will be a disappointment We could not have expected.

We are fully persuaded it would be for all our Interests if You would undertake to manage our Business Yourself, & this You know was ye intention of Your going over, matters would then be confind within ourselves & ye advantage We should reap by it would be infinitely greater than You may be aware of, We beg therefore Your most serious attention to this & in order that You may fully judge of it, We now communicate ye plan We propose: Our intention then is to consign ye Isabella & her Convicts next Spring to S.t K.s, by which means We expect to draw ye chief of our Effects out of their hands (We mean ye Ball: for their Goods) as they will think themselves under ye necessity of providing a Load for her, were We not to consign her to them it might give them ye alarm & they might probably refuse putting any Tob.o aboard her as a Remittance, which would delay ye Vessells Sailing You perhaps to have great difficulty to procure a full load without their assistance, when ye Isabella is once dispatchd it will then be time enough to communicate our intentions, in ye interim You must not let a syllable transpire, You will consider that by that time We shall have a large sum due to us for Convicts & whatever they may fall short in furnishing a load for our Vessells, it will be in our power to give You orders to draw upon us to fill up, We shall therefore consign ye all Ship & all our future Vessells to You in order to make ye matter easy to You & that You may run no risk, in case any of ye Convicts should go in in an unhealthy condition, We propose Capt. Spencers staying in ye Country to assist You & act under Your directions, so that he will take ye further