1770 Aug. 6 Wm. & Thomas Stevenson to [illegible]

indeed I was much more disappointed at their remiss
backwardness in not remitting than at Your, as I was
sensible Your must have been purely from disappointment
& ye difficulty of collecting Money for Debts, when a Store is
broke up, whereas their could afford no such plea, no wonder
they are so tardy, when they keep their own Vessells constantly
running building & buying large Houses, as I hear Sudler
has bought & W^t Country Houses, Money must be found
for all these things & We are oblig'd to go without, however
I fancy they will repent it when too late, as I believe they
will hardly have so advantagious a Business ever thrown
into their hands again by more I reflect on their
conduct hitherto, ye more reason I have to determine that
they shall never do business for Us again, had they confind
their Trade within any tolerable bounds, they might have
conducted it to mutual satisfaction, but I can with
great truth say that our Business has been neglected
& only regarded as secondary to their own views, by which
means We have suffer'd many hundred pounds, nor has
our connection with them ever been attended with ye least
advantage tho' our Comm^n. have been so large, they have
never scarcely in ye least degree return'd it: We have in our Joint
L^r. to you advis'd You that We shall order ye Restoration to You

arrived & will go into Dock immediately W^e intend She shall sail
about ye 15^th of nept Month, it will therefore be necessary for You
to determine immediately, whether You will chuse to sell ye Convicts
Yourself or whether You will put them into ye hands of Lux & Bowlin
on ye terms they have offer'd, in either case You will as I before
mention'd, have a Cargo of Wheat & Flour ready to dispatch Her im:
:mediately, which as You are on ye spot We have no ocasion to
pay other Peoples a Comm: for doing, as You are to draw for
whatever Sum may be wanting to furnish Her load, perhaps
You may have made some collection for ye Goods of S.R.&C. &
may be able to run off some of those We shall now Ship You,
at all events You have a sure resource by drawing, & I must
just mention to You that whatever collection You may have
made on Acct. of W.S.&C. You will remit me Bills for that
& not apply ye Money to ye Restoration load, as ye partnership of
S.R.&C. must support their own Trades.
I think if Page is punctual a connection with Him will do
very well & We shall therefore continue to supply Him with
Goods, but You will take care to make a firm agreement with
Him in writing with regard to terms Interest &c, & let Us have a Copy
that in case of Death or accident We may have no disputes