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Mr. James Cheston

Bristol 10th. Augt. 1772

Dear Sir

This serves to hand You Messrs. Smyth Hudless several Accts., from ye time of our Ws. first connection with them settld to this day, as well for Goods shipd on their own Accts. as for Convicts we consignd them, for particulars We refer You to ye Accts. themselves, which You will find have been kept distinct & We flatter Ourselves will on examination prove right, if any errors or omissions We shall on Your advising us very readily rectify them:
We have repeatedly mentiond our objections to allowing any Commission on Tobo. shipd as a remittance for Goods, & have not credited it in their Accts. Curt., as We are still of opinion they have not ye least pretence to charge it, & indeed it appears by their own Letter of 21st May 1770 they think their claim founded only on ye risk & trouble they have with ye Convicts, as they say = We do not think ye Commissions on Sales & returns = of ye Convicts equivalent to ye risk of health & trouble We have = with them & if it was not for ye Commissions on our remittances = what shoud We have for ye trouble of looking after Your Ships = & collecting Your Tobo. together? – to this ye reply is very obvious & their claim must fall to ye ground, in ye first place We are confident every impartial person will allow that 10 ⅌ Ct. Comm. on ye Sales & returns for Convicts is a very ample one, secondly they never coud have any trouble in looking after our Ships as ye Captains were constantly aboard & had no business to leave them