1773 Feb. 19 Samuel Shuton to William Randolph

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I rec.d your Letter of the 20.th Novem.r by the Packet, the contents of which — really very much surprize me, as I ~~see~~ assure you upon my Honour, W.m, let his Future Scheme in Life be what it will, has never dropped ~~the least~~ any hint, from which I could gather he had either the least Intention of quitting the present connection, or prospect of bettering himself by so doing, Much Less acquainted me with the particular Matter you mention now to be in agitation: On the Other hand I am Much indebted to you for the ~~information~~, and You may Depend I shall comply with your Requisition of Secrecy as long as you please, altho if you had not enjoined it me, I should certainly have wrote to W.m immediately, insisting on a full explanation of the Matter, which I am clearly of Opinion he ought to have given the Mom.t the proposal was Made him —, My Sentiments of the tie by which Partners in Business, are bound, & the Duty they owe one another are perfectly consonant with Your, an Unlimited Confidence Ought certainly to take place in every Instance, of a Breach of that