1773 July 6 Stevenson & Randolph to James Cunningham

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Remittances, that We might not suffer for their neglect, it is with pleasure We acknowledge it has had ye desird effect & We also rest assured that You will persevere, 'till all those matters are brought within ye compass they ought to be, which cannot fail to give both You & Us infinite satisfaction & enable us to conduct our Business in ye most advantagious manner, ye Remittance by ye Restoration, those expected by ye Cæsar & Eliz.h afford a pleasing prospect & will put it in our power to lend You ye necessary assistance for dispatching our Ships.

We have not had time to examine Smyth & Sidlers State of ye Acct., however let them pay You what they acknowledge to be due & We will hereafter fall upon some method of settling ye matters in dispute; in ye mean time We hope You will endeavor to keep them to their promise of closing ye Acct. this Summer. We should have been glad ye Goods miss'ing by ye Eliz.h had been found, or We shall lose so much Money, as ye Breffett told us that he carried some of ye Maryl. Goods to Virg.a, which he left with some person there, with direction to forward them to You, ye only way as You observe will be to sell them for ye most they will fetch & paying those who have recd short of their quantity.

If Nelson cannot finish ye Ship so as to dispatch Her in all Decem.r before ye Winter sets in, it will be too late to send Her to Jamaica in this case, there will be no occasion to hurry Him, as We shall not want Her at Home 'till about May & We shall keep You advis'd of ye Market here, that You may load Her immediately Home with such Articles as We think most likely to an:swer, The Rigging Sails &c will be sent by our fall Ships, for Her load Home We would have You defer engaging it 'till You hear further from us, as there is no Knowing yet how our Harvest may turn out, tho' appearances are in its favor. We have only to add that We remain

Dear Sir

Your affec: Friends & Serv.ts

Stevenson & Randolph