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have the Command of her & that Breffett shall take to the Snow after Thomas has made another Voyage in her which we think to put in execution immediately on his return off the present Voyage with 60 or 70 Convicts & Servants to sail about the time he did last winter, so that if he arrives with you before the new Ship is dispatched he may then take to her of his mate to bring home the Snow, but should the new Ship be ready to sail before Thomas can arrive with you, you will be at no loss, having sent two Mates out in the Isabella of which you may take your choice at present we think Mr. Powell would be the most proper of the two, however Breffett will inform you of both these Characters

If you load the Isabella with Tobacco home, we shall dispatch Breffett in her early in the Spring to either Holland or Hambro with her whole Cargo & from thence to St Petersburg to load for this Port or else to take in a Cargo of Palentines and return from thence to Maryland as Breffett is acquainted in the Baltic we would by no means have him detained for the new Ship, as we think Tobacco will be both plenty & cheap we would have you by all means load her with that Article & dispatch her for Falmouth to the Address of Samuel Groube Esqr where the Capt: will meet our further instructions, in this case it will then be necessary for you to order all the Isabellas waterbacks Ventelator, Stove &c. on Board the new Ship which we intend shall take out the Convicts next Fall; Our reasons for this step is first the Elizabeths load will be full as much as we shall be able to make sale of before the new Ship gets home, which we apprehend must be loaded with Tob: in the next place the whole expence in Falmouth will be no more than 5 ℔ hhd discharging & reladering again, exclusive of this all other port charges which would happen here will be saved add to which the outfitt & difference of insurance &c., this is what appears at present to us, most for our general advantage, which if you approve of, and should put in execution we think we cannot fail of Success, on the Contrary