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can get our Money by any other means, We must therefore try what can be done in an amicable way & should We ever receive ye Money & You recover it in Maryld, We can but pay it back to ye Assignees, as We are justify'd in trying to secure our Debt wherever We can, You will take care to render Us a particular Acct of all Costs & charges that may attend ye prosecution of this Suit & We have only to hope You will soon get ye Money & remit Us accordingly

My Lord You have three Bills & protests as noted at foot, We must advise You not to take any more of Plowman's draft as this is ye Second of his returned, You will of course therefore get ye Money immediately with Costs & Damages on this & ye former Bill if not allready received -

The Elizh was not arrived by my last Ltr from Bristol, which surprizes Us much, Her unexpected long detention must be a great loss & disadvantage to Us, as We are in want of ye Money & had She arrived two Months ago We might by this time have been in Cash for chief of Her Cargo it would have been better for Us to have given 16/d for ye Tobo than to have it now at 14/ as We could have made more than ye difference in ye Sale, it being too late for ye Holland or German Markets, We shall now be under ye necessity of taking whatever ye French are pleas'd to offer, besides losing ye Sale of a great deal for Home Consumption add to this ye very heavy Sums We have been obliged to pay this fall for Goods, of which We gave You early notice, You might well suppose We should have occasion for Your utmost assistance, however I shall suspend my Judgement & not blame You, as I doubt not You must have good reasons for this delay, tho' We can at present account for it. I shall return Home in a Day or two; as I am afraid my stay here cannot be of any immediate service with Love to Dan I am with sincere regard Dear Jemmy

Your Affec: Brother
Wm Stevenson

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Howard on	Buchanan	42. 0. 0	do	7/9
Plowman on	Molleson	200. 0. 0	do	9/3
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