1774 July 4 John Page to James Buchanan

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Dear Sir

Swanscreek July 4th 1774

I Rec.d yours of the 2nd and would not advise you to send your Schooner untill you hear from me ~~again~~, unless Mr. Smyth can do a good deal for her. The Inspector at Lyons Bay will not Inspect any Tob.o I am told untill after harvest, which will not be untill the last of next week, I have only about 10 or 12 Hhds by me, and many of the Planters is just began to Prize, the wether being so dry all the Season before now, them that did not hand Pack their Tob.o away in Casks could not got it in Case and now suppose they are too busie about their Wheat. Therefore I am apt to believe it will be some time before I shall take many more Hhds some that have their Tob.o ready say they will keep it longer expecting the price to rise. I will do all that is in my power to get in what I can directly and as soon as I get a Lead for my Stock will send it over in her for the Elizabeth Capt. Thomas Spencer

As there is a Prospect for an non importation ~~[illegible]~~ place I ~~[illegible]~~ will send me out by

For
Mr. James Buchanan
Merchant
Baltimore

John Page
Swan Creek
1st July 1774