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Mr. James Chester

Dear Sir

Since our last of 18th Ult. We rec.d Your of 7th Feby. & have repeatedly wrote You, the state of Affairs here leaves us but little to say on that head further than to confirm our advices, that the Elizabeth will be dispatch'd with the Convoy the 20 Inst. & the Isab.a as soon as possible after her arrival here, which We hope will not be long first

We notice Your intention of being at home in Feby or Mch next wch We certainly cannot object to, as We find You think the climate so prejudicial to Your health, it wou'd no doubt be a mutual satisfaction to have all our old affairs settled. wch We mean to have done at all events & it will give us pleasure if You can point out any method whereby our further connection can be put on a better footing, this We shou'd be glad You wou'd do by first opportunity that We might have time to digest the matter & take our measures accordingly, & also inform us by whom & in what manner You propose the business to be conducted on Your leaving the Country either for a time or to reside here entirely, these are matters that require mature deliberation. tho You must be entirely sensible of the very great advantage Your conducting the business on the other side the Water, has been to all of us. We own We have our fears that matters may not go on so well in future shou'd You determine to continue in England, however this We must leave to Your own reflections & shall only add that whoever You devolve our business upon shou'd sometime before You leave the Country