me under brought to light – with respect to
this last Article, I would willingly persuade myself, Sir,
greatly endangered, as when I left England
W.S assured me he was Not in Debt – If he
Did Not deceive Me in that Assurance
had the Value of the Isabella the half of her
Cargo of wheat he brought in her from Italy
-laid of his Debts of houses & Lots then Clear
of beforehand – This was the light Appearance
-swaded to see his Affairs in when I left Eng
-land tho' young & thoughtless as I then was
of Depending entirely upon the Honor & In
tegrity of so Near a Relation, whom I had then
no Cause to suspect – I did Not take those
steps to be convinced of it, by other kinds
of proof than his bare word – This was
Matters circumstanced, when in abt 6 Months
after My Partnership commenced with him
which I think was the 1st March 1768 he
wrote Me of his Unfortunate engage
ment with the house you were in before
your connection with W.S & myself & that he was
at stake for £2500 Stg – altho' in that letter
he spoke of himself only as being at stake
yet I thought myself as a Partner
equally concerned and in My Answer
spoke of it in that light which however
in his Next, he set me perfectly at
Rest

by assuring Me in the strongest terms
that ~~only the bare assurance~~ that he had
done, was in his own Name, that I was
entirely out of the Question & that if it
had been otherwise he should have thong
-ht himself the greatest Villain in the
world to have brought me in such a scape
but at the same time (he said) he had
the pleasure to assure Me, that the
bills on Smith & London which he had
indorsed, had been Accepted by Smith
& therefore both Estates liable, & as
Smiths Affairs were good at Bolton, he
had not a doubt but that he was
safe – I mention all this, which
I have only on Memory, My papers
being ~~600~~ between 40 & 50 Miles
from this, and not having time to get
them, this Opportunity being immediate
to shew you, that there is hardly a
possibility I can be under any engage
ments ~~with~~ Jointly on Acct. of W.S & to
with W.S has Most egregiously De
ceived Me from the first – My Brother
writes Me, you from W. own Knowledge
told him that W.S owed £600 in his
Lot