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(Duplicate)

Bristol 2d June 1783

Dear Sir

My last to you was on the 13th Ult. by Capt Clarke of the Renown to which please to refer. I confirm my observations to you respecting our markets for Wheat & Flour to arrive here before August is all out would come to a very good market this Country has not for a series of years experienced so long & so dry a season. I am now selling a Cargo of Flour I recd a few days ago from Glasgow it is second & very smutty @ 18/ ⅌ Cwt.

If a Cargo or more can be bought & shipt on easy terms I could not think it a bad speculation provided it could arrive in any reasonable time, you will please therefore to turn this matter over in your mind & should you make a purchase you will please to consider me in it from ¼ to ½ as you think proper.

I have lately had an application made me by one Richd Burrow of Salisbury in Wiltshire who says he is heir at law to a very considerable Estate at Philadelphia & by Will also of a Mr ___ Brown who before his death had from a very young Man resided in Philadelphia where he carried on the business of a Merchant.

That he Burrow was going over, when the Rebellion broke out, with Capt. John Forten who used the trade from thence to this City. Forten said he knew the Estate well & that he would easily get him quiet possession of it, but Fortens Voyage from hence to Philadelphia having been altered to Jamaica the want of a proper person to advise with & the then critical situation of the times obliged him to abandon his intentions for the present.

I have had a good deal of conversation with him respecting this business (he having obtained letters of introduction to me from a Gentleman in Wiltshire) & thro' out he seems to be quite clear & fair, he has no money to spare but by distressing his family, is quite ignorant of business having never reached to any thing higher than a Gentleman's Coachman but now a small farmer, consequently he has no powers to act with, he therefore justly observes as that is his situation, & whoever undertakes this

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