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Mr James Charlton

Talbot Hill

Dear Sir

Inclosed is the Commission to be forwarded to England, with the plaintiffs interrogatories subjoined. After waiting a considerable time for the defendants interrogatories on Account of Page's absence & Lathbury's sickness, it was determined by Martin & Lathbury to file none at all — They apprehend, I suppose, that part of the cause is not very material — As the Commission is open, you had better copy the Interrogatories & have them shewn to the witnesses before they are examined — If Margaret Davis is dead, it will be proper to establish that fact, & that she was the person who was examined before the commissioners to prove the Bankruptcy — For this purpose an Interrogatory or two must be added at the Bottom of those already written, before the commission is delivered to the Commissioners. No particular form is necessary, & any man of common understanding may do it — Martin told me that last Term Ridgley moved for an Attachment (I think in one of your causes) & after some conversation among the Bar & Bench, the matter was given up on a Supposition that the Statutes of Bankruptcy did not extend to this country since the revolution — As he is concerned against you, he may exaggerate — I wish you would enquire particularly of Ridgley what passed on this Occasion — Since the General Court rose I have found no safe opportunity of writing to you — I waited a day in Talbot to get the Commission; for the sickness of the Clerk's principal assistant threw things into such confusion that it could not be had during the Term — I had long before sent