

Dear Sir

Gliefden Virginia Sep: 8: 1771

I have been under the disagreeable necessity of
Purchasing my Family goods & Clothes for my Slaves, these
two years, which has taken from twenty to thirty hog heads of
my Crop Tobacco to pay for them, the goods not being so good
as they ought to be in Quality, the poor slaves have suffered
greatly, therefore have made bold to send to you, for such goods
as we can not do without, if you think proper to send them
by Woodford, to be landed at Gliefden at warwick bay on James
River, I will endeavour to return you Tobacco by the Ship, or
get some freighted from Potomack to you or Mess: Perkins & Co^o
whichever sends the goods; The several letters wrote here before
on the subject we were upon when I had the pleasure of seeing
you at York, I hope you will answer as soon as possible,
that I may know my fate, whether I am to go on hastily in
selling my Lands in Istewright where I now live, together
with the Carolina Land, or whether Mess: Perkins & Co^o will for
honour take up my bills, which will give me an opportunity
by to sell them ^{for} two years credit, so as to keep seventy or
eighty Slaves at worke on my Mountain Land, which
will I am sure under good Management make hundred
thirty hh^{ds} of good Tobacco yearly; by this method will
able to keep two thousand Acres of the Land whereon we
now live, with twenty working Slaves to make grane; & the
Mountain Estate be employed in the Tobacco way altogether;
your kind answer to this will very much Oblige

Your Noble Servant

Robert Burnell

Turn Over & you will
see the Invoice for Goods —