

Dear Sir

Virginia July. 22. 1771

Since my letter to you by way of Bristol, I received a letter from Mess^{rs} Perkins Buchanan & Co^o Ship desiring me to Approv Capt Lelly in Loading of his by shipping him or them some Tobacco, but as I was engaged with M^r Cary it was not in my power to comply with their request, but would do any thing in my power to forward his Lading with any Interest that I had; you will know the value of my Estate, If the House should think proper to take up any Bills of mine that Cary may think proper to protest, I shall be very much obliged to those Gentlemen to take them up, & I will most certainly ship them Tobacco next year, though perhaps not so much as will pay the whole, & pay for the Goods; by this I expect you have received my letter, wherein I have laid down the whole plan at large to you, & those Gentlemen; I do not by any means intend to be largely indebted to any one, but as there is no disposing of so large an Estate for ready money, I only want Credit for a year or two perhaps it may be three before the whole money can be remitted, I have sold my Houses & Lots in York for £1250:0:0 which will lessen my debts so much, the Sole wight Estate, & that in Carolina, will not I expect near five thousand pounds by selling them for two or three y^{rs}. Credit, then the Mountain Estate of 12500 Acres with two hundred Slaves will be sufficient for my Family, I therefore intreat you, to use your Interest to prevail with the House to take up my Bills if protested; in this you will greatly Oblige

Your Hble Serv^t
Robert Burnell

2 Bills to Jameson
2 D^{os} to Mann Page Jun^r
1 D^o to R^o Baker
1 D^o to An Walker
1 D^o to John Dover