

and making me some remittances, neither of which he has ever complied with; in May 1779 I sent him sundries to the amount of 200 £ and more, as per Invoices enclosed in my last, with positive orders to remit me the neat proceeds, as it was necessary to my plan, all the articles arrived safe with Admiral Arbuthnot's fleet, and I have never received one word in answer to my letter, the last letter I received from him was dated Oct. 1770 by our friend Howard: Thus circumstanced, I must leave the measures necessary to be adopted to your judgment, relying that upon a full inquiry into the state of his business you shall find him industrious and industriously employed in any regular plan, or scheme, you shall think likely to answer, to permit him to go on, but under your care, and with your approbation from time to time. The neat proceeds of the last voyage as mentioned above must desire may be sent me by first opportunity.

I owned two vessels in company with Mr. William Taylor, the half of one, and two third parts of the other, the accounts of settlement, profits, or losses, I am totally unacquainted with.

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much have I been deceived, is evident to you, from the present posture of my affairs, thus confided to my son, the extent must be oblique to you, for your earliest information. The capital I entrusted to him, with prudent management, and an assiduous attention to improve, was what I flattered myself might have been made the means of support to a once happy family. which necessary provision I was soon convinced after my arrival in England, could only be obtained by the industry and assiduity of every one who had health to pursue and judgment to improve the various opportunities which were peculiar to the place I had left.

and now my friend I wish that the aspect of public affairs, were a subject of just confidence, after knowing public men, and public measures, our hopes and expectations on your side the Atlantic, have been raised beyond all probability of being answered in the event, experience confirms. when there is an apparent combination of the powers of Europe to reduce the commerce and humble the power and glory of

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