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some very good private, reduce it to about  $\frac{1}{3}$  that Number — The publick acc<sup>ts</sup> of this day are universally to be suspected — The Eye of the day now is, a French War is inevitable

There <sup>are</sup> 6000 prisoners now in York — a great Number at Halifax — besides those General Carlton has sent from Quebec under promise of not taking up arms again in Number I forget but it was some hundreds. —

Sir

Jan<sup>y</sup> 20. 77

I rec<sup>d</sup>. yours — I acknowledge to you that I have thro't my self hardly dealt by, in being left by you as I was — But if it has been owing to unavoidable accidents, I have not a word more to say — Respecting y<sup>e</sup> attempt I have made to recover my vessel & Cargo — One moment's reflection (I think) will convince you, that I have done no more, than what Justice to myself & faithfulness to those who committed y<sup>e</sup> Interest

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to my care, required me to do — & should I prosecute that matter any further, I believe you would have no reason to complain of me as an unfair Antagonist — But as y<sup>e</sup> Vessel & Cargo are sold, I shall pursue it no further — I have now no other Object in view but to obtain my liberty & return to Nova Scotia as soon as I can — Whatever assistance you may be able to afford me towards obtaining this point (whenever I apply for it) shall receive all proper acknowledgments from me — I will mention but one thing more; which is — That a hhd of Tobacco belonging to Capt. Atkins with he put into y<sup>e</sup> same Store with y<sup>e</sup> Percy's Cargo, was sold with it — He left me a power to receive his wages, & orders to sell that hhd of Tobacco & send all y<sup>e</sup> money to his friends at Barnstable — Now, I would beg the favor of you, to signify to your agents, or to whatever person has the care of the money w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Cargo sold for, that they would pay to me y<sup>e</sup> am<sup>t</sup>. of said Tobacco — as to the