

S I R,

Wednesday, 5 o'Clock.

“SINCE writing you, a few Hours ago Captain *M'Gachin* came to my House, and from some Conversation he mentions to have had with you, I am doubtful you have entirely misunderstood the Meaning and Intention of my Letter to you, and I would therefore wish to explain it: All I meant then was to state it to you, as I would wish to do to a full Meeting of the Committees of all the Three Counties, a plain Narrative of Facts, as they really, truly, and *bona fide* happened, without pretending to prejudge what the Committees might think fit to determine upon the whole, as I have all the Reason in the World to think that they will judge coolly, and without any Prejudice of Persons or Things. To their final Determination, my Partner and I will and shall *most cordially submit*, and only pray, no other Construction may be put on my Letter than as above, even if I have made any Slip in Writing, which I might very well do, having wrote in a hurry, as indeed I do now, and am,

S I R, *your most humble Servant,*

JAMES DICK.”

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London-Town, February 1, 1770.

“FROM further Conversation with Captain *M'Gachin*, it would appear as if your Plan about this Affair of Importation was to lay the *Blame* to Mr. *Buchanan*, and to make *him* the Sufferer: I do not in the least doubt, and most heartily hope that it will be otherwise, and that you will be disappointed in it, if such is your Intention, and that Captain *M'Gachin* has judged right of what you told him; but be the Consequence whatever it will, as I am satisfied that Mr. *Buchanan's* chief Intention was to serve his Friends more than out of any View of Profit to himself. I most solemnly declare, that I will most willingly, if I had not another Shilling left in the World, pay my Proportion of all Expence he may be put to on this Account: And I have only further to pray, that you would be so good, when you show, or read the State of the Case to any Person, or Persons, that you will, at same Time, read to them this, and what other Letters I have wrote on this Subject, in which you will very much oblige,

S I R, *your most humble Servant,*

JAMES DICK.

The Committee then examined the Papers laid before them by Mr. *Judson Cooledge*, which are as follow, *viz.*

1st, Invoice, Bill of Lading and Shop Notes, which appear to be dated between *September* and *October* 1769, of a Cargo of Goods, on Mr. *Buchanan's* own Account, for a Store at *Nattingham*, amounting £.479 7 0

2^d, The following Letters and Extracts, *viz.*

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