

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Hines & Factor  
Post.

London 1 August 1774

Gent.

We now wait on you to inform you that our J. Johnson arrived safe at home on Yesterday Evening & that we have had a meeting of the Underwriters who approve of our appointment & who have only to request that you will use all possible dispatch in forwarding all the Goods to London. they likewise join us in begging that no one Package may be opened. We are glad the order from the Commissioners went down on Saturday, it will hasten Barber's departure whom we hope to see here tomorrow. We believe the order was directed to our J. Johnson or Mr. Litcher if it was we hope you have so received it, if not we beg you will on receipt of this. We hope to hear from you tomorrow & are

Yours &c W. D. T.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Wallace Davidson & Johnson  
#the Packett.

London 2 August 1774

Gent.

The foregoing is a copy of my last Paper. Since which I have call'd a meeting of the underwriters, & have got three of them appointed to take the management of those goods, & toward I have not given up my right entirely in the disposal of them, my reason is for not doing it that I think I can forward the Sale by which means it will expedite the settlement & Recovery with the underwriters, I have had a great deal of trouble & plague with this Business already, most sincerely wish that the accident had not happened, tho we shall be no losers in the whole but gain nearly £100. as I have taken the residue which is £283.158 wrote the Policy for that sum so that we are equally intitled to every advantage that the underwriters are, & which will save ofhaps 50% of that sum. What to think of restituting the Goods I cannot tell. I have look'd over your letters & some others, who caution me not to ship any thing after the 20<sup>th</sup> of which together with the report of the steps taken with you will determine me against doing any thing untill I hear what are your determinations, at the general meeting, I find the time for your receiving Goods from here prolonged to a farther day, I will directly forward them but this assur'd I will not for any consideration directly or indirectly do any thing that shall fly in the Face of your resolves, I look upon the time as a very critical one, the Fellow who would take an advantage at such one would at any other sacrifice you all for the sake of that very thing could gain. If I am lucky enough to recover this money quickly for the Goods that was lost in this I shall have enough to make instant entries on whatever Tobacco that comes home to us & be enabled to keep it by us for next Spring's Market when we shall be able to obtain our own price for it, provided the Exports are stop'd with you, & in that case I think you ought to purchase whatever you can so that it is good & the price dont exceed 20% of your Money. I am of an opinion that the People being made acquainted with this matter would influence some of them to ship to us especially as there is not one except Hanbury & Grove who is able or can lay out of the duties but are oblig'd to sell immediately on the Ships Arrival. I am inform'd by some of Andersons

creditors that his affairs are in a very bad situation & that he must wind them up so that I think you ought to be industrious amongst his Friends & secure whatever of their Tobacco you can; perhaps you may get Love loaded to us the Wives Chester River Tobacco will sell very well and pay us a Commission that is worth accepting of; You will have nobody to encounter but Hollison; his Friends will be active you may be assured. I wrote you before that I had sold the Peggy Stewart's cargo. I am now making out the bills & which I think will please our Friends on Patuxent they shall come as soon as ever they can be got ready & which will not be long first indeed if it had not been for this Plague & a cold they would have been ready by this time. If the communication is stop'd between this & your country, I imagine that you will be attentive to your collections that we may begin on the accommodation of matters with a strong capital & if you manage cleverly & remit so as to pay punctually for what is past we shall be in Top credit & beyond the reach of envy.

I should not be surpris'd to hear that you made a Bon Fire of the Peggy Stewart as I have a hint that a certain J. W. has ship'd Tea on board of her & that Capt. Jackson applied to old Russell & told him that he was suspicious of it but Russell told him it was not his Business so that he got the 2<sup>d</sup> pt<sup>l</sup> Freight on Jackson's perishing to be uneasy Russell satisfied him by telling him it was Linens. I am suspicious that it is done up in that way to deceive; if he has been hardy enough to do so daring a thing I hope that you will adopt a proper punishment <sup>of the sort which will be a just retri- bution</sup> for him. We look for the Jackall every Hour & most heartily wish she would arrive that we might have some Accounts how the Kitty & Nelly goes on loading There is a stop to the purchase of Tobacco the people in Holland & so thinks their Friends here has given too much & have order'd them to buy no more till the ships arrive. I told that of the Peggy Stewart as bad as it was for 250000 & for a few fine M<sup>rs</sup> can give still our Friend J. Tyler has one of them & J. Hollander another Hollison has sold A Lighters of Jewels very high but is left in the lurch with the others Court has sold his very well & ship'd it together on their own Accounts, both he & Capt. Coon is gone to Holland I suppose to solicit Orders, they are expected to return soon as the Amrapote is to sail on the 20<sup>th</sup> without fail, what think you of the Ten thousand pounds worth of Goods that she is to carry do you think that they will be in time it would be an ugly affair to be sent back. I fancy it would cause another stoppage. You request'd that I would get the Merchants conduct authenticated respecting their behaviour about Petitioning, I am now about that Business & shall do it to your satisfaction, I could not before for particular Reasons. Capt. Nearn refus'd to take 11 chests of Tea after Kelly told he had sent them on board his ship & this day old Russell has been trying to prevail on Capt. Wicks of Chester to take them who much to his credit positively refus'd to take them. We have Acc<sup>t</sup> here from Boston by a Man of War that came express as late as the 6<sup>th</sup> July, we are all in confusion in consequence of the steps taken by Gener. Gage everyone dreading the Terror of a civil War which we fear is before this begun. Your cause is noble it's for liberty you struggle persevere, be steady & faithful to each other & the Almighty will be on your side. I will write you in a few days by Clark from Bristol. & in the mean time I am most faithfully

J. Barnes is out of soul. Dear Sirs &c J. J.