

that the Exchange was so much higher there than at Philadelphia, that it would on that account be worth my while, but that I also wanted to see M^r Kilby, that I might be thoroughly informed in what manner the Vouchers should be returned to him for the money advanced, in case our assembly should not repay him at their next meeting. But M^r Howell showed me so many good arguments, that if I went to N York and sold his Bills, it would sink the Exchange there immediately for M^r Watts's Bills, and that M^r Kilby might be a very considerable loser by the fall of Exchange from his doing a generous action. I told him I would not offer any of the Bills to Sale at N. York but as that did not seem to make him easy, I assured him that I would not go to N York at all, but would take another Opportunity of waiting on M^r Kilby, with which he seemed satisfied. I then told him, that I must carry down some money to pay the most necessitous of my Creditors, but that I would only sell a few Bills as the Exchange was so low, and would leave about £1200 in his hands to procure the money for me in two months time, as I imagined I could make the others I owed to easy, when I could assure them of having their money at a particular day: and as I must pay a Commission to some body, I would choose to throw it into his hands, and more particularly as I had no acquaintance in Philadelphia he very candidly told me that he had more Bills of his own to Sell than he could get money for, and that it would be more in the power of others to serve me than in his, and recommended Reese Meridith. I informed him that formerly I had dealings with Reese Meredith to the value of about 500 or £600, but that I had never before seen him, but that I had an invitation to dine with him next day and I would then leave the Bills with him.

I called next Morning on M^r Howell at his counting house, and soon after I came in he received M^r Kilbys letter of the 14th of August, which occasioned a great Surprize in us both, he at first read me some paragraphs and said he had done a very imprudent thing in paying me the money, which would forever ruin him with the General and M^r Kilby, and seemed to lay great Stress on M^r Kilbys saying "that if on the present Occasion Governor Sharpe can be accomodated with £1500 &c" as thinking from the manner of his expressing himself, that M^r Kilby threw the whole weight upon him, of doing or not doing what M^r Kilby himself seemed now averse to, whatever might have been his sentiments when he wrote to you of the 19 of June, and indeed he seemed in so much Agony and distress that I sincerely pitied him. We had recourse again to the Copy of that Letter, and M^r Howell compared it with