

Mr Kilbys of the 14. I persuaded him to be moderate and consider the thing coolly, and begged he might read all Mr Kilbys last Letter for that it was impossible to form any Judgement, from only reading parts of it and as we had conversed from the time of my coming to Town with great freedom and intimacy, I took the liberty of asking him, to allow me to read it over; but he told me there were some parts of it improper for me to see, to which I made no answer as I saw he was violently agitated by passion, but walked in the store till he should have time to compare that letter with the other with more attention than he seemed to me to have given to it. some time after, he came to me and insisted with great warmth that I should immediately return him all the Bills, I told him that it seemed to be a point that would require a little time to think on, and the only way for us both to form a true Judgement of what was proper for each of us to do, was to divest ourselves of all heat and warmth, that I was very certain from the Character I had always heard of Mr Kilby that he misunderstood him, that men in his Station and figure in life, were incapable of writing any thing with an Intention to lay people they had to do with under difficulties, that such a conduct would not be consistent with the character of probity necessary in much Inferior Stations, and that I could not apprehend that any thing Mr Kilby could write relating to the affair need be kept a Secret from me he then offered to pay me the £1500 that Mr Kilby had engaged for by his letter of the 19 of June, and that I should instantly deliver the rest for he was resolved to have nothing more to do with it. I told him that I could form no Judgement what I should do, till I had some time to think of it, and if he would not allow me to see Mr Kilbys letter, that he would be so kind to write out such paragraphs as he thought might be communicated to me, and I would by myself compare them with the Copy of his letter to you of the 19 of June and give him then my answer. he insisted before he would agree to do it, that I should give him my promise to bring and deliver up all the money and Bills except £1500 Sterling, I told him that I would not lay myself under any such Obligation, that as he had paid me the Bills on the Orders and taken my receipts for them, I could not see any way he could get them, but by informing and convincing my understanding to give up the very point in dispute. On which he went and directed his Clerk to Copy out N 5, but laid me under a promise that I should make no use of it in shewing it to any body without his consent, and that I should not mention the affair to any person till we should both have time to think of what was necessary to be done. I went to the Coffee house to go from thence to Reese Merediths, before dinner