

c. s. c. day & find I have seventy five pounds, which I hope will be called good, I fear my success is far short of many, but its all I could well send to this time, my desire to serve is as much as any concerned. I hope failure in quantity wont be attributed to any neglect in me, I shall advise from time to time of my success:

I am Sirs Your very Hble Serv^t Amos Garrett.

I have sent a small sample which your Honours will have to compare with the Productions of other countys: I have now ready and shall finish this week 50 Bayonets, & shall continue to make:

Original.

[Harrison (?) to Council.]

S^t Eustatia June 15th 1776.

Gentⁿ My last was of the 18 ult^o by Cap^t Calendar inclosing duplicates of the papers sent by the John Cap^t Speake, who sailed the 14th with 6000^{lbs} powder & 22 bbls Sulphur on your acco^t which I hope is now safely landed with you: By that opportunity I informed you of my having 6000 more left, 4000 of which I took down with me to this place, expecting a readier conveyance for it than from my own. On my arrival I found none but the Brig Friendship, which M^r Van Bebber had partly engaged on Freight for Virginia. In her I determined to ship also, but finding that I should be obliged to advance money for fitting her out, and every other extra expence, besides insuring her, I concluded it would be more to your interest to purchase her & receive 10 p^r C^t on the goods I could procure on Freight, especially as I could make the payment so convenient to you. accordingly I have agreed with Capt. Martin for her at £900 Maryland cur^y, have taken his Bill of sale & given him my two drafts of this date for £450 each on you at ten days sight, which you'll please to honour & pass to my debit, and at the same time credit me with the vessel. This purchase I flatter myself cannot but be agreeable to you. She is a fine new vessell, sails fast, and will be well fitted for another voyage, a cruize, or for sale as you may judge proper. The freight you'll have to receive will amount to half the cost, & should you be so unfortunate as to lose her the damage will be no more than if I had chartered and insured her:—I have shipped for you by this vessell 14100^{lbs} powder & 23 Bales Hollands Duck, (which is as much & rather more than the remainder of my money would purchase) amounting to £2674.. 7.. 4 your curr^y which you'll please to note in my account, Invoice & Bill lading therefor being inclosed: With this a