

favor of the American States. Now our Flag flies current c. s. c. every day in the road. The Merchants here are always complaining of Government untill they would give as much Protection and Indulgence here to us as the French and Spaniards do. The orders from the States and Great West India Company to this Governour for the Prohibition of the Export of Powder and other warlike Stores expires the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant. Its made publick and the Governour is daily expressing the greatest desire and Intention to protect a trade with us here. Indeed they begin to discover their Mistake and are now very Jealous of the French's running away with all their trade. All kinds of goods and warlike Stores are very Plenty here and much more Reasonable than they are at the French Islands and all your goods purchased here, and at a very great expense and Risque too, they are up to Martinique to be Reshipped to Maryland in your vessells as they all arrive here. Your Flower, Bread and Tobacco is all sent down here to be sold as this is allways the best Markett for your produce especially Tobacco which this is the only markett for. All these goods are burthened with a very heavy freight from Martinique here and never fail to suffer great abuses in the way. Hhds. broken all to peices and the Tobacco hove loose ashore & & indeed its lessened in value 50 p<sup>r</sup> Cent. All this I have often mentioned in sundry of my last letters to your Honourable House. I have enclosed all my own private accounts by three different vessells. I hope you have received some of them and Flatter myself they will be approved of as I must assure you I never omitted doing any thing that has ever been in my Power that cou'd serve my country.

Sirs. On M<sup>r</sup> Crockett's arrival here, I intended to have returned home and left him to settle my affairs here, but my circumstances are such that our Creditors would not consent to my leaveing this place untill our debts are discharged. I shall endeavour to content myself untill it may suit you to enable us to Wind up what we have done for our State here, and will render every service in my Power during my stay; tho' I must inform you that I dislike my Station, and would be happy if it was to be in my power to leave it very soon. I have endeavoured allways to Encourage all the Trade and Speculations that was possible to any part of the Continent and particularly to our State as perhaps you may have observed, and I have engaged into some concerns very largely, in order to enduce others to speculate to our State, Viz. in particular in two Ships ordered to be purchased in Baltimore and load out from there. One of them I engaged to be a fifth and the other a Fourth concerned, this was purely to serve my country, and my engagements otherwise will