

c. s. c. scarcely admit of my being concerned. This I inform you of with an expectation that you would take the Risque, Profit or Loss of my hands. The plans of the voyages are good and we will attend to and see them well managed &c. M^r John Crockett is to return and is the Bearer of this, he is well acquainted with all matters here that you may wish to be advised of and to him please to be refered. Should he at any time want a sum of Money to execute any orders he may receive, I hope you will not hesitate to let him have it as I assure you Gent^l that he will not call upon you for it unless it is to execute orders that he may receive from me or through my Recommendation, &c I shall in future send my letters under cover to M^r Crockett who will immediately wait on whom soever you may direct him to with them. Our M^r R. H. is at Martinique and has lately dispatched several of your vessells with very valuable Cargoes, &c I am doing all I can to send home Salt and have borrowed many large sums of money in order to join with Merchants here to hold part of their Vessells and Cargoes to induce them to send in Salt. We never had any orders to join your Honourable House into Partnership or perhaps we should have chose to Interest you before ourselves. Indeed as the saying is we are making one Nail drive another and shoeing the Horse, for when we were able to pay of one Debt it give us a Credit for Twice as much, which Credit we allways modestly made use off.

Cap^t Robertson of the Continental Brig Andrew Doria arrived here three days agoe and Saluted the Fort with eleven Guns the Salute was returned from the Fort with 18 Pounders and the Cap^t most graciously received by his Honour the Governour and all Ranks of People. Its esteemed here by the first Gentlemen a favor and Honour to be Introduced to Capt. Robertson. all American Vessells here now wear the Congress Coulours. Tories sneak and shrink before the Honest and Brave Americans here. Robertson and his officers and Crew make so good an Appearance in every Respect and such good order observed, that it gives the greatest pleasure to the friends of our States and strikes the Tories with terrour and confusion.

Gentlemen, We have the Honour to be
 Respectfully
 Your very Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}
 Van Bibber & Harrison.

St. Eustatia 19th Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen.

I Have this day wrote you fully and only mean by this to advise you that I have this day valued on you in fav^r of Capt.