

Copy of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hamburgs Acco<sup>t</sup>. inclosed received some time ago. The  
Affair of the six M<sup>ds</sup> of Tob<sup>o</sup>: & my Excha on M<sup>r</sup> Bell. for £10 in to York  
was favour must still remain unsettled, I mean that I cannot either in-  
struct You to refund the £3A. 10, 9 which You say You have received from  
M<sup>r</sup> Bell. as the Nett Proceeds of those Six M<sup>ds</sup> (tho I see no such Article  
in either of the Accounts that You transmitted to me) nor to present the said  
Bill of Exchange for Acceptance, till M<sup>r</sup> Bell's Agent or Factor here send  
me a Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Bell's Account which he promised to do several Months  
ago but hath not yet performed. his Promise, however if You have recei-  
ved that £3A. 10, 9 I am on the safe Side. I am obliged to You for gi-  
ving me a Hint how I may please our Cousin Sharp's Lady which  
I shall endeavour to do if I can get any Birds that are worth sending  
but really such Birds are very scarce in this Province. We have a Species  
called the Mocking Bird that is most in Esteem on Account of its Note  
but tis difficult to preserve them in a Cage longer than a Summer  
or two even in this Climate. As the Virg<sup>o</sup> Red Birds are not so tender &  
delicate I may possibly be able to send some of them to England this  
Fall. Tho few Masters of Ships will take any Care of such Passengers.  
I have several times procured some wild Turkeys to send to M<sup>r</sup> William  
but they have always died or been killed before they were large enough  
to put on board or before I had an Opportunity of transmitting them  
had two brought down from Fort Cumberland the Year before last  
when I was on the Frontiers which lived more than three Months then  
died. The Letter to Duncan Campbell was from M<sup>r</sup> Bidout & the  
purport of it was to desire him in Case he had been appointed Collector  
to wait on You & give or cause Security to be given on M<sup>r</sup> Bidout's Behalf.