

them. They have much more confidence in Maryland bonds, than in most of the securities that are offering, and I have the assurance of Hope & Co., Willink, and Cromelin & Sons, the principal houses, that they will communicate to me the first favourable change, and endeavour to introduce them into that market.

I have looked over the list of your engagements at home, which was enclosed in your last, with much interest, and I cannot but express the apprehension I feel, that unless the banks continue to come forward most liberally to your aid, that it will be impossible for you to meet your payments and your operations on the canal, must for a time *be suspended*. You ask, "what amount I can safely authorize you to draw on me for, and what dates shall be given to the several drafts." Ere this, you are in possession of my letters of the 5th and 8th inst. which contain a reply in anticipation, and a recommendation to apply promptly to the banks in the district and other places, for relief. It is with pain that I repeat that I cannot give you any encouragement of aid from the sale of bonds, or by further hypothecations, until a material change takes place in the European market. It cannot well be worse, than at this time, hardly any rate of interest will tempt capitalists to loan on American stocks, and sales are out of the question. If I offered your bonds at 80, I doubt whether any considerable amount could be sold. I have placed them before all the principal brokers to endeavour to effect sales, but have never named a low price, thinking it unnecessary in the present state of the market, and well knowing the injurious effects such a course would have on future sales.

The papers will inform you of the embarrassed state of the Bank of England, and of her application to borrow £2,000,000 from the Bank of France. It is generally supposed that the application has been successful; but the Bank of England has been compelled to give as securities 12 Paris bankers, and to them she pledges British government exchequer bills. The money has been borrowed for 12 months, and with commissions it is said will cost about 7 per cent. If the present difficulties continue, my situation with respect to my engagements for you will be most unpleasant. I have thus far met every engagement with the greatest punctuality; but have been much strengthened by my credits on bankers. Now it is with great reluctance that any of them will issue their acceptances, and Morrison, Cryder & Co. will not go farther, and in fact when I made my last bills on them, I pledged myself to pay those due 15th August without renewal. In a few days I intend to visit Liverpool, and endeavour to obtain a considerable credit from my friend William Brown. If I obtain it, it will be by favour, and unless a great change takes place, it will be only by favour, that I can get the bills discounted. This day, even sixty days ac-