

*Extract of a Letter from JOHN BUCHANAN to JAMES DICK and STEWART, dated the 20th February 1769.*

“ I AM now to acknowledge Receipt of your Favours of *September 2d*, and *November 18th*, and enclosed you have a Bill of Lading, for Goods shipped on your Account, on board the *Betsy*, as *per Invoice*, amounting *2738 l. 14 s. 7 d.* which I have passed to your Debit; I was afraid to send you, at present, such a large Quantity of Goods as you wrote for, not from any Notion that I am in the least Degree unsafe with you, but from the Apprehension that you would not be able to make such Remittances in Time, so as to make the Payment of them here not very inconvenient to me; I therefore at present have sent only Half of them, and I shall send the other Half by some Opportunity, in *July or August* next, which will be gaining *Six Months Time*, upon one Half of the Amount; this Method I apprehend will do quite as well for you, and will be more commodious to me, and I hope you will approve of it.”

*Extract of a Letter from JOHN BUCHANAN to JAMES DICK, dated the 25th Feb. 1769.*

“ IN regard to Messieurs *James Dick and Stewarts* Goods, which go by this Opportunity, I refer you to my Letter to them, as what I have done I think cannot make any Difference to them, or be any Disadvantage to them: I hope you will approve of it; if it should happen to be otherwise, it would give me the greatest Concern, particularly on your Account, as I have always had the greatest Esteem for you; it would really hurt me very much, if I thought you was in the least Doubt that I would not do every Thing in my Power to serve you.”

*Extract of a Letter from JAMES DICK and STEWART to Mr. JOHN BUCHANAN, dated 27th of May, 1769.*

“ WE wrote you the 19th Instant to the above Copy, since which we have your Favour of the 20th *February*, by Captain *Hendrick*, enclosing Bill of Lading and Invoice, for Goods on board the *Betsy*, amounting to *2738 l. 14 s. 7 d.* which Sum we have placed to your Credit. We have not yet received our Goods, as the Ship was obliged to proceed to *Patapsco* before any of her Cargo could be delivered; Should there be any Errors in the Invoice or Shop-Notes, they shall be duly noted hereafter: We are far from being displeas'd at the Manner of your sending our Goods.”

*Extract of a Letter from JOHN BUCHANAN to JAMES DICK and STEWART, dated July 17th, 1769.*

“ IT is reported here, that the Merchants of *Maryland* have come to the same Resolutions that the Merchants of *Philadelphia and New-York* did; that is, not to import any more Goods from *Britain*, 'til the Act of Parliament taxing the Colonies is repealed; in that Case, I conclude you would not have the Goods I intended to send you about the *Middle or latter End of August* next; however I suppose I shall hear from you by Capt. *Christie*, whom I expect in all this Month: So long as the Colonies continue in