

in this ticklish Situation in regard to the Mother-Country, I am really *afraid* to send Goods to any Body. The Ministry here have *certainly acted a wrong Part*: I believe they now begin to see their Error; and I hope, before it is long, Matters will be set to Rights, and every Thing will then go on in the usual Way: There is little or no Tobacco at present at Market, therefore the Loadings of the first Ship that come, will go off at very good Prices."

Extract of a Letter from JOHN BUCHANAN to JAMES DICK, dated the 1st of August 1769.

"I REFER you to what I wrote to Messieurs Dick and Stewart, in my Letter, dated 17th July; I am now to acknowledge Receipt of your Favour of May 24th last, wherein I observe what you say about my not sending the whole of the Goods, and I did not imagine, considering your Good Sense and reasonable Way of thinking, you would treat the Matter otherwise than what you have done."

Extract of a Letter from JOHN BUCHANAN to JAMES DICK and STEWART, dated 16th August 1769.

"I AM at a great Loss to know what to do about the Remainder of your Goods, whether to send them or not; I am in Hopes you will say something about it by Captain Christie."

The following Letters from James Dick, and James Dick and Stewart, on this Subject, to Stephen West, one of the Committee from Prince-George's County, were laid before the Committee, as follows:

Extract of a Letter from Mr. James Dick, to Mr. West, dated the 29th January 1770.

"I AM further to desire the Favour of you, to assist in procuring a Deputation of your Committee, in your County, for the Inspection of Goods imported, whether with, or contrary to the Association entered into, at Annapolis in June last. The Case, so far as James Dick and Stewart are concerned, is, they wrote to Mr. Buchanan for Goods, by Letter, dated the 15th or 16th November 1768—The Parcel being large, they could not conveniently be sent all the first Opportunity, but upwards of 3000*l.* were sent; the rest, by Mr. Buchanan's Letter of the 1769. were to be sent in July. Before he could have them shipped, the News of Association in Maryland came to London, which puzzled him to judge, whether he should then send them or not, as per his Letters of the 1769. and
J. Dick and Stewart, not expecting that they ever would be sent, took no further Notice of the Matter, writing their full Approbation of what he had done, per Letter, dated 24th May last, and to which Letter *J. Dick* received an Answer, dated 1st August last. *J. B.* still unresolved about whether it would be proper to send the remaining Goods or not—On Samuel Buchanan's Arrival at home, he, I suppose, depending on the Letter of the Association, that all Goods, ordered before the Date of the Association entered into here, might be imported, advises his Father to immediately charter