

charter a Vessel to carry out these Goods of ours, and others under the same Circumstances. I must here, in the most solemn Manner, declare, that neither I nor *Anthony Stewart*, by Word or Deed, directly or indirectly, ever desired or hinted to *Sam Buchanan* to send these Goods; but, on the contrary, were making out Invoices for Goods for the ensuing Year; one in case the Laws repealed, the other in case the Association was continued, when we received Letters, dated 15th September, by one Ship, and of the 4th October per the Packet, advising us of the Goods being ordered, &c. There having been some Noise made in our County about this Affair, to name the Authors is not worth while, *J. Dick* and *Stewart* thought proper to put something into the Papers, to make Matters easy. The Paper enclosed. As there are Gentlemen in *Anne-Arundel*, *Prince-George's* County, and *Baltimore* County concerned, we would beg a Committee from each County, to meet at *Annapolis*, that the Determination might be uniform, and not different, as possibly it might be, if the Committees met separately.

"I imagine the 7th of February might be a proper Day, but we shall fix the Day in this Week's Gazette; and what I pray of you, is, that you would endeavour to procure your Committee, or rather a Deputation to come to such a Meeting, at *Annapolis*: I have referred *John Hephurn* to you to assist, as he and *Mr. Magruder* have Goods on board. *J. Dick* and *Stewart* are most innocently led into this Scrape, and would forfeit double the Profit of all the Goods they have in, rather than be plagued arguing and defending, or even be obliged to have their Names once put in the Papers, or any where else about it. The Messenger waits, and I know you will excuse hurry,

I am, S I R,

Your most humble Servant,

JAMES DICK."

"P. S. I had not Time to look out the Letters to fill up some Dates—indeed some of them are at *Annapolis*. The Bearer is going further, please to order him to call on you for an Answer as he comes back.—The Vessel is chartered by the Month."

S I R,

"I RECEIVED yours of Yesterday's Date, and this is to enclose a Hand-Bill published to procure a Meeting of this County, at *Annapolis*, on Tuesday next, to choose a Committee to attend the general Meeting, which is wished might be on the next Day following, viz. Wednesday the 7th, which is hoped may be convenient and suit your County; and there is Reason to expect that a Committee, from *Baltimore* County will be there at the same Time. There is nothing expected, we hope, by any of all Parties concerned, but a dispassionate, open, candid and fair Examination of the true state of the Case, without Passion or Prejudice, but from a Conviction of what may be right and agreeable to the Terms of the Associations entered into, and the Design that might appear in any of them to evade or counteract the main Scope and Intention of the same; for our own Part we desire no other,

And are, S I R,

Your most humble Servants,

JAMES DICK and STEWART.