

Letter from Mr. *Judson Coolidge* to Mr. *John Buchanan*, dated *May 1, 1769.*

Mr. *John Buchanan*,

*Patuxent, May 1, 1769. (Copy.)*

S I R,

“ WHEN Captain *Christie* arrived here, there was a great Vacancy for a Store at *Nottingham*, Two Stores being broke up; for which Reason thought it might be agreeable to you to have a Store fixed there, under the Management of a sober young Man; but as there was no Goods shipped on Speculation, it could not be done any other Way than taking Goods from Cargo C B Store: As there was a good Opening, and in Consequence of Mr. S.B's approving of it, I have fixed a Store under the Management of a sober proper Person, which, with good Management, I hope will do very well. *Nottingham* is certainly a good Place for a Store to purchase Tobacco, and the Tobaccos there are in general very good; but as Cargo C B Store will want some Fall Goods to make a proper Assortment, I have enclosed an Invoice for some Goods, which be pleased to send per first Opportunity, either to *Patuxent* or up the Bay, as they will certainly be wanted—If the Store at *Nottingham* is to be continued, as your Son thinks, you will be pleased to send out the Goods, as per Invoice enclosed, for an Assortment for that Store, and charge them to the proper account. I have made out an Assortment of about 800*l.* Cost, which will all be sold soon when the Planters begin to deal, &c. &c.

*I am, S I R, your humble Servant,*

J. COOLIDGE.”

3d, Extract of a Letter from Mr. *John Buchanan*, to Mr. *Judson Coolidge*, dated *London, July 17, 1769.*

Captain *Judson Coolidge*,

*London, July 17, 1769.*

S I R,

“ I AM now to acknowledge Receipt of your Favours of *May 1st* and *17th*—Enclosed you have a Bill of Lading, for Goods shipped on board the *Industry*, Captain *Greig*, on Account of C B Cargo, amounting to 24*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* which I have passed to the Debit of that Account. As for the Store at *Nottingham*, I shall not determine about that 'til I see my Son, whom I expect by Captain *Christie*—I shall then also determine what to allow for the Expences you have been at on my Account. So long as the Colonies remain in the ticklish Situation they are in at present, in regard to the Mother-Country, I am really afraid to send Goods to any Body; and as we hear the *Maryland* Merchants 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: I was doubtful whether to send the abovementioned Goods for C B Cargo, and had the Amount been any Thing considerable, I should not have sent them,

*I am, S. I R, your most humble Servant,*

JOHN BUCHANAN.”

4th, Extract of a Letter from Mr. *John Buchanan* to *Judson Coolidge*, dated *London, Sept. 30, 1769*, which came with the above Goods, per *Errington.*

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Captain