

Mr. *John Buchanan,*
S I R,

Upper-Marlborough, November 8, 1768.

“ WE refer you to our last of the 26 *Ultimo*. The occasion of this, is to enclose you an Invoice of the Winter Goods we shall want the next Year, which will amount to about 900*l.* with the Charges—*If we can receive these Goods by the Month of July or August, they will be in Time*—(the Broad Clothes and Trimmings we should be glad to have as *soon* as we could)—We have been induced to encrease our Invoice rather more than we intended, from a Store of Mr. *Philpot's* being broke up in this Place, and a Store of Mr. *Ruffell's* that declines shortly. As we lay ourselves out entirely for this Business we would willingly have it in our Power to supply all our Friends that choose to apply to us for their Goods; therefore we shall greatly depend on your furnishing us by the *Time* we may expect them. We are, on all Occasions, your most humble Servants.
MAGRUDER and HEPBURN.”
Per the Fame, Capt. Creighton.

3d, A Letter from *John Buchanan* to *Magruder* and *Hepburn*, dated *London 30th Sept. 1769.*

“ INCLOSED you have a Bill of Lading for the Goods you ordered by your Letter dated *November 8th* last; and therein desired me *not to send them 'til the Fall.*”
J. B.

4th, Bill of Lading, Shop-Notes, and Invoice of Goods, amount to £. 837 7 3
5th, A Certificate from *John Buchanan*, dated at *London 14th October 1769.*

“ THAT those marked M H consigned to *Magruder* and *Hepburn*, were sent for by their Letter, dated the 8th *November* last, and were desired not to be sent 'til the Fall.”

In the Examination of this Importation, the Committee observing a great Lapse of Time between the 8th *November 1768*, and 30th of *September 1769*, not very usual among Merchants, desired the Favour of Mr. *Hepburn* to inform them if there were any Letters between those Periods that might account for the Goods not being shipped earlier: He repeatedly declared, “ There were no such Letters, nor any but those before the Committee, nor could he give any further Light into this Importation.”

Q. What Time did Mr. *John Read Magruder* arrive at *London*?

A. The 15th or 16th of *September 1769.*

Q. What are the Dates of the Shop-Notes of the Goods of M and H, by this Vessel?

A. (Upon looking into them) from the 26th of *September* to the 10th of *October 1769.*

The Committee of *Prince-George's County* produced to this Committee, an Instruction from the Gentlemen of that County, as follows:

“ WE do also depute and desire you, to insist that the plain Truth, and all the Circumstances of this Importation, with the Name of every Person concerned, be printed, that we, and all others, may be fully apprised of your Proceedings; and
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