

great Stroke as we do not see any person who is both Capable & Inclined to Oppose us in that Quarter nor Indeed in any other [of] the dependances of this Post.

I before wrote that Barthe is going to make his Residence at S^t Marys for some years therefore does not want anything [sent] up this way he promised me at parting to Convert all he Could Into Remittances for this year & I dare say he will do it. I Omitted mentioning that you send off without Loss of time in Bateaux & with Wintering men all you have to send. I note what you say about the Rum Rec^d of M^r Martin in paym^t of a Debt due you by Mess^{rs} Douglass & F[leming] I Realy Rec^d it on that Account only & gave a Receipt Accordingly. I'm Glad there is some Pork on the Way for me as Im disappointed in what I should have got from the Colonies, the Reason of which I'm not yet Acquainted with. Im perticularly happy to learn that I may depend on Seeing one of you this Summer. No matter shall be settled with M^r Grahams before that time nor shall any Threats whatever make me deviate in the Smallest Degree from what I think Right.

Our new Concern agrees with you in Sentiment that our Outfit should not be for one half what it formerly was among us all Separately & yet we have much Reason to Expect that the Returns will be Equal if not more than formerly that most certainly is the only means to be taken of Changing our Trade for the better. M^r James Ellis is now here & does not relish the Manner in which M^r Th^{os} Forsyth Acted for tho the Answer to the whole of us as a C^o might be necessary or you & him might have had Reasons for it, yet he should like you in private Letters wrote such of his Correspondants as he mean to Continue Supplying that he would provide their 6th Share & send it Immediately forward as by our Articles Each of us are to Furnish our shares at a Certain Price those who fail will have to go out of the Concern.

I'm thankfull to you for the Advice but I asure you at same time it never was my Intentions to Engage in any Joint purchase for the Concern Unless some Peticular