

owed us to yours, and as we fully relied on this trial of our ability & friendship being the last of the kind, so we hope your uneasiness will be removed and that having now nearly [merely?] but one Creditor to satisfy, your exertions and punctuality will be such as to never make us repent the unbounded confidence we have placed in you. Inclosed you will receive your Account Current till this date, also that of the late firm,⁶⁶ balance of the former £15059.5.10 $\frac{3}{4}$ and of the later £9261.2.2 $\frac{1}{4}$ both Currency & exclusive of Interest which as usual will be brought into Account on the 10th of April, to them we shall refer you for all outlays or payments since 10 of April last, which should you find right we wish you to confirm or if any Errors or omissions that you will be good enough to note them that they may be rectified and the Account approved. The magnitude of the two Balances is such as we presume will plead our cause with you fully as well as if we were to write Pages on the Subject, but there is a circumstance attending that of your own, which may not perhaps strike you and we shall therefore mention. It is that the whole of the Goods & Liquors supplied you since 1784 inclusive do not come to so much as the Balance of the Account, consequently we have as yet received no payment whatever, except to replace your drafts—you will allow this to be a singular hardship on us, especialy when it is considered that you have paid all others of whom you have bought anything during that period (H & G excepted) and perhaps to a greater amount than all our supplies—we are willing to believe that in future things will go on very differently and that at last our Turn has come to be considered as not only being in want but fully entitled to your utmost exertions in respect to our demand. It is in this hope & confidence that we have undertaken supplying your part of Goods for next year and that we mean in conformity to your desire to send you a Bateau Load of Rum early in the Spring.

We observe by your Letter of the 11 Nov^r that your

⁶⁶ Presumably this alludes to the partnership between Askin and the firm of Hamilton and Cartwright, concerning which see *ante*, 188-92.