French & Blake to Peter Van Brugh Livingston, September 23, 1760

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Sir,

We have now your esteemed favour of the 30th June, from Philadelphia, and by Captain Hunter, who arrived here the 18th. We received duplicate of yours of the 23rd of this last month, Captain Elliott, who are sorry to inform you has not as yet arrived, and of consequence the original is not come to hand; of both we note the contents, and observe our Mines were landed, and that you were then resolved not to take less than $600. J. Pope, we make not the least doubt of your selling them to the best advantage, and something when in cash for their freight, thereon we are not satisfied.

Captain Hunter, in his passage to this Island, was taken by a French Privateer in the latitude of Western Island, where it seems there was nothing at that time to offer them, which makes us apprehensive Capt. Elliott has had the same fortune to meet with one of them, if so, we hope she was Insured and that now or the other Gentlemen concerned will suffer no loss by any accident that may have happened to her, which
which will give infinite pleasure to hear as occasion offers.

Please accept our grateful acknowledgments for your kind recommendations of Mr. Francis Lewis of N.Y. which be assured we shall on occasions of great with due regard, or doubt not that had the ship arrived we would give you a demonstration of, as we could serve the gentlemen with such wine as they required and in every respect transact the affair to their satisfaction, however being as we imagine deprived of that opportunity of giving you further proofs than we now assert should you or friends please to honor us with your future commands we shall be equally ready to obey them.

Nevertheless I did not receive Duncan's letter wherein he ordered the two pipes wine and sent the beer on London for £58 — as we have two conveyances to give you advice in order get insurance made on them one by a sloop bound to Philadelphia and the other by Capt. Hunter to New York we shall ship said two pipes of wine if the snow industry James Garmen Master will sail for your place in about eight
eight days more will be about $35.

Our R. Fairies his respectfull compliments to the Gentlemen in your
Brothers, he did himself the pleasure to write to them sometime and
requests they would order a Ballance due to them in his Book, but
had not the favour of their reply; We will repeat the request by the
by mentioned Snow, and if agreeable to them shall beg you
reimburse the same our costs being the necessary occurense
at present remain with due respect Brest

Wheat 500l. Alumcni
I. Born 350d
Flour 900l. Proba
War 300l. Id
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Sir,

We are now at the 27: September since the forgoing yours
by Mr. Marshall Cap. Elliot is come to hand, he arrived the 24:
imstant. We refer you to what we have wrote Mr. Francis Lewis
& Co. in regard to the Ship and Cargo. as we are uncertain
& comp. In regard to the Ship and Cargo as we are uncertain
whether we shall be able to sell the Ship we shall defer Ship:
the two pipes of Wine for Lieutenant Duncan by the Industry Cap.
Cormor as mentioned in the forgoing for of misunderstanding We
should
Sir,

Martha shall then ship the said wassips in the same vessel by which we ship the produce of her and her cargo, advising you the necessary in regard thereto, which being done we thought proper to add, beg leave to remain.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

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