Robert Beverly to Alexander Donald, October 17, 1785

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Dear Sir,

I have received your vam, am much obliged to Mr. Burton for the trouble he has taken relative to the latter. Among children, at least those who will be put under his care, will be taken up in the mercantile lines. I hope Mr. Burton, friend in Glasgow, hath paid attention to his arithmetical & geographic talents.

July 1st. Mr. Gist writes that he had sold nine Chatham, at the following prices viz. 1 at 2/2 - 7 at 23/2 - 1 at 22. I did not doubt he should sell the remainder of that year's shipment at similar prices. From hence you will find the Rappahannock tob. is not in such low estimation here, as the gentlemen on James river generally suppose. I am never uneasy as to the disposal of my tob. in Europe; all I have to lament on the subject is, that I never make tolerable quantities of it. The gale on a Shetland W. preceded it hath curtailed my hopes very considerably; it from a long tour I have just made through the tob. countries in the mountains I find there will not be a very considerable export of it during the ensuing year. My opinion of Mr. Burton's abilities have been always favorable,
had not been conveyed as I am, my business should have no

case why this should not be landed in

hat weather is, that wherever it is taken, the air is admitted.

the part to spend, becomes nearly — this hath been an old,

I believe, in a just observation.

have some expectation that one of the sheriffs of Rockingham

county may probably, in the course of his collection, procure

the utmost of upwards of one hundred pounds.

I am not well known to the Goddess, otherwise I must re-

quest you to mention this matter to him, to him yours.

that as James James informed the Duke that I shall

been done. Each keep with the money to him. At some

time will answer every purpose.

which, as shown often told you, he said to you here, to

James, discover if it stands.

Robert Byrdeley
Blandfield 7th. Oct. 1785