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Robert Beverly to Alexander Donald, October 17, 1785

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Dear Sir

I have received yours, & am much obliged to Mr. Burton for the trouble he has taken relative to the tutor - as my children, at least those who will be put under his care, will be bred up in the mercantile line, I hope Mr. Burton's friend in Glasgow hath paid attention to his arithmetical & geographical talents.

July 5th Mr. Gist writes that he had sold nine hhd's more into the following prices viz 1 at 2/2 - 7 at 23^d - 1 at 22^d & did not doubt he should sell the remainder of that years shipment at similar prices. From hence you will find the Rappahannock tob.^o is not in such low estimation there, as the gentlemen on James river generally suppose - I am never uneasy as to the disposal of my tob.^o in Europe; all I have to lament on the subject, is, that I can never make tolerable quantities of it. The gust or whirlwind, w^{ch} preceded it hath curtailed my hopes very considerably, & from a long tour I have just made through the tob.^o 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 I not been connected as I am, my business should run in
y^e. channel - The reason why 100^o should not be landed in
hot weather is, that wherever it is broken, the air is admitted,
& the part so open, becomes mouldy - This hath been an old,
& I believe, is a just observation.

I have some expectation that one of the sheriffs of Rockingham
county may probably, in the course of his collection, procure
me horse to the amount of upwards of one hundred pounds.

I am not well known to the Treasurer, & therefore I must re-
quest you to mention this matter to him, & to inform him,
that as soon as I am informed of it, I see that it hath
been done I will transmit the money to him, w^{ch}. I pre-
sume will serve every purpose.

I shall, as I have often told you, be glad to see you here, &
I am, dear sir, y^e. most obed^t.

Robert Beverley
Blandfield 7th Oct. 1785

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