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Honour'd Sir

Charleston April 11th 1789

Your favour of the 5th Inst. I received by M^r. Chisholm, to whom I am much Indebted for his good Opinion and recommendation, I shall endeavour to act in such a manner as to meet with Your approbation, and shall hope for a continuance of Your Favours. I received of M^r. C. the Indents for which I gave a Receipt on the back of Order. The Certificate he had sent You before he received Your last. I have made inquiry and find it will be a Difficult matter to procure money on Loan on the Credit of the Indents, M^r. Calloch told me it would be impossible, He inform'd me he had sold the other day for one of our late Judges £1400 Indents for £100. Medium. I have had an application from M^r. Tunno for Yours, He will take them at twelve for one and pay the Money the 1st Oct. I shall not accept the offer before I make a further Trial of procuring the Loan on their Security, or for the premium offer'd with the Bond. The Mendue Masters inform me Horses will command Money, but don't sell for near their Value, Carriage Horses are not soailable as others

They sell to a great disadvantage. The Vessels in
port for Philadelphia are the Ship Philadelphia
which arriv'd this week, and Brig— Capt. Strong, who
sails this day. Captns Elliott and Snell are in from
N. York, Snell is ready to sail and Elliott expects
to sail in three or four days. There are two Brigs
expected from Philadelphia, Gorman & Finck, one of
which is said to be of the Bar. I can't learn of any
Vessel expected from N. York that will be here as
soon as the Brig. Capt. Sattus went from this place
in, with whom went the Hon.^{ble} Ralph Hazard and
Major Butler, She former charter'd the Vessel for
One hundred pounds, and had the entire use of his;
The latter had the Cabin and half the hold for £70.
She is expected here about the 5th Next Month.

M^r. Steward to whom she is consign'd says You may
have her on the like terms but can't engage her to
take You in a Beaufort, for if an accident was to
happen to her by the way, the Insurance would be
lost. I have a prospect of getting Capt. B. Tuckers
Sloop she is about 155 tons Burthen, has six Berths
in Cabin, and is a tight Vessel. I expect an answer
when she arrives from the Southward, I shall take
the earliest opportunity of acquainting You thereof.
Your Instructions to M^r. Chisholm concerning the
Fellow in confinement, shall be observ'd and executed by
Hon.^{ble} Sir
Your Most Obedt. Serv^t
Wm. Wilkie

Hon^{ble} John Keane Esq.

Hon^{ble} by
D^r Campbell

Beaufort

W. Ashli
Sept 11. 1789