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PREFACE

Cork has a rich history of national and international trade, enterprise and industry spanning several centuries. Since its establishment in 1971, Cork City and County Archives has received an extensive number of collections relating to this subject, however, surviving personal manuscripts created by Cork merchants are rare, especially for the pre-1800 period. The Richard Hare letterbook (MS U259), which was donated to the Archives over 30 years ago, is therefore a remarkably valuable record of the day-to-day activities of one of Cork's merchant élite.

A tribute is due to all of those individuals and institutions, public and private, known and unknown, who have ensured that the letterbook has survived intact for over 240 years, and that it has been made available to the public. Tributes are also due to our parent bodies, Cork City Council, Cork County Council, University College Cork, and Cork Harbour Commissioners, for establishing and supporting the City and County Archives, without which many local archival collections may have been lost.

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Transcriptions of the Hare letterbook with an extended introduction are available for consultation in the Cork City and County Archives and in the Local History section of Cork City Library.

ABBREVIATIONS

BRO	Bristol Record Office
CCCA	Cork City and County Archives
CCMM	Cork Committee of Merchants Minutes (1778–92 in Cork Public Museum; 1792–1818 in Cork City and County Archives)
CEP	<i>Cork Evening Post</i>
<i>Commons Journal</i>	<i>Journals of the House of Commons of the kingdom of Ireland, 1613–1800</i> (20 vols, Dublin, 1796–1800)
<i>Dublin Gazette</i> , 1759	List of Catholic signatories to a loyalty declaration to the crown published in the <i>Dublin Gazette</i> , 13–17 November 1759
<i>Exact list... 13th August, 1783</i>	<i>Exact list of the freemen and freeholders, who voted on the election for two members to serve in Parliament for the city of Cork: which commenced the 13th August, 1783</i> (NLI, P2054)
FDJ	<i>Faulkner's Dublin Journal</i>
Ferrar, <i>Limerick directory</i>	John Ferrar, <i>Ferrar's Limerick directory</i> 1769: containing merchants, traders and others, etc. (reprinted in <i>The Irish Genealogist</i> , vol. 3 (no. 9), October 1964)
GO	Genealogical Office of Ireland
HC	<i>Hibernian Chronicle</i>
HC, importers/exporters	Lists of importers and exporters with associated products published in the <i>Hibernian Chronicle</i> between 19 July and 30 August, 1773
<i>Irish Statutes</i>	<i>The Statutes at large passed in the parliaments held in Ireland, 1310–1800</i> (20 vols, Dublin, 1789–1800)
JCHAS	<i>Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society</i>
JRSAI	<i>Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland</i>
<i>Liverpool directory</i> 1774	<i>The Liverpool directory for the year 1774 containing an alphabetical list of the merchants, tradesmen and principal inhabitants of the town of Liverpool, with the numbers as they affixed to their houses</i> (Liverpool, 1774)

- London directory 1768* *The London directory for the year 1768. Containing an alphabetical list of the names and places of abode of the merchants and principal traders ... Illustrated with a large map of London* (London, 1768)
- Lucas, *Cork directory* R. Lucas, 'The Cork directory for the year 1787' reprinted in *Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society*, LXXII (1967), pp 135–59
- NLI National Library of Ireland
- ODNB *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (60 vols, Oxford, 2004; www.oxforddnb.com)
- Port News* A section within the *Hibernian Chronicle* detailing the arrival and departure of vessels, the cargoes carried, and the names of the masters
- PRONI Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
- TCD Trinity College Dublin
- TNA The National Archives of the United Kingdom
- UCC University College Cork
- Watson, *Gentleman's... almanack for 1772* Samuel Watson, *The gentleman's and citizen's almanack, compiled by Samuel Watson, bookseller, for the year of our Lord 1772* (Dublin, 1772)

INTRODUCTION

Little original source material on mercantile activities in Cork survives for the eighteenth century. Today, businesses from multi-nationals to sole traders keep careful records of all business correspondence. Copies are held electronically or in hard copy or both. In the age of the typewriter records were in the form of carbon copies and prior to that, records had to be kept manually. A practice arose whereby copies of outgoing correspondence were painstakingly entered in ledgers, which became known as merchant 'letterbooks'. Such books have been an important primary source for local history, genealogy, biography, landed estates, social and economic history, and for students of business administration. Cork, a major mercantile centre in the eighteenth century, is fortunate to have three extant works, of which the Hare letterbook is the most comprehensive.¹ It has been located at the Cork City and County Archives and its predecessor the Cork Archives Institute since the early 1970s, but its provenance prior to that is unknown. Extracts from it have been included by historians such as Thomas Truxes, David Dickson and Kenneth Morgan.² Having had cause to study the original when working on an MA thesis in local history at UCC, and having gained some expertise in interpreting it, I thought it valuable to proceed with a full transcription, making the entire manuscript legible to all.

At the time of the letterbook Cork was relatively prosperous, although having huge discrepancies between the social classes. Successful Protestant merchants and professionals lived within the boundaries of the old walled city or the extension to it on reclaimed land to the east, while some had commenced the move to the suburbs. Catholics mainly lived in the teeming slums centred on Mallow Lane to the north of the city. Politically the city was under the firm control of a self-serving Protestant corporation. In America at this time there was growing unrest at imperial taxation policies, but the colonies in the West Indies were flourishing, providing a ready market for Cork provisions.

Richard Hare (see Appendix 1) was the third son of John Hare and Margaret Bussell. On receipt of a bequest from an uncle, John had set up as a merchant in Cork

1 The earliest, William Hovell letterbook of 1683–1686 (NLI, MIC P4652 and CCCA, SM771), is a substantial work. The second, Butter accounts of a Cork merchant 1748 (NLI, MS 342), contains little of interest being mainly blank. The third is the present work, Letterbook of Richard Hare (ancestor of the Earl of Listowel) (CCCA, U259). A note on the inside cover suggests it may have at some stage been in PRONI, but they have no record of it.

2 Thomas M. Truxes, *Irish-American trade, 1660–1783* (Cambridge, 1988); David Dickson, 'Butter comes to the market: the origins of commercial dairying in Co. Cork', in P. O'Flanagan and C. Buttimer (eds), *Cork history and society* (Dublin, 1993); David Dickson, *Old World colony: Cork and south Munster, 1630–1830* (Cork, 2005); Kenneth Morgan (ed.), *The Bright-Meyler papers: A Bristol-West India connection, 1732–1837* (Oxford, 2007).

c. 1710, building up a successful export business. His two eldest sons joined the business but both died young, leaving Richard in charge. He was to expand it so successfully that at the time of his letterbook he was probably the largest import/export merchant in Cork.

The Hare letterbook is typical of its type, comprising a single brown-skin book measuring 250mm x 377mm x 40mm in fair to good condition, although some edges are worn and the starting and finishing pages show signs of water damage. It contains 843 letters over its three hundred and forty-six pages. There are gaps when for some reason working days are skipped, perhaps because the current ledger was temporarily mislaid or instructions were given to use up other ledgers for economy reasons.

Letters commence with a few in June 1771, none from 28 June to 26 July, then a continuous stream to 12 November, another break until 30 January 1772, and then continuity to the end of May 1772. Many of the letters relate to repetitive financial transactions and reports of market prices, but fortunately amongst the mundane there are some enlightening gems, including personal reflections on the conduct of business, family matters, comments on Cork city, estate management, efforts to purchase lands, and gossip with overseas correspondents. While the handwriting varies from the neat and legible to a faint and virtually indecipherable scribble, the grammar and spelling is generally excellent, indicating the high standard of education and literacy of the scribes. Such a standard compares favourably with other letterbooks of this period, suggesting that Hare himself was a well-educated man who insisted on his own high standards being replicated by his clerks and assistants. There are at least four scribes, one being Hare himself, another with a good hand probably being a professional clerk, the others perhaps include Hare's sons William and John, his nephew Richard Jn. and clerical employees in his counting house.

The copy letters had at times to be written under some time pressure while impatient sea captains awaited the release of the originals, and considering this they are remarkably free of spelling errors or cross-outs, although there are some errors in layout and numbering, such as when nos 18 to 21 appear out of sequence on pages twenty-one and twenty-two of the manuscript, with no. 22 reverting back to the correct page five, suggesting that letters were sometimes transcribed retrospectively, possibly from rough drafts.³ In no. 600 the scribe admits to an error by adding a note to seven letters that they 'are layyed 4 leaves forward by mistake'. Possibly due to the volume of outgoing correspondence two letters said to have been written in early August do not appear in the manuscript (see no. 272 and no. 284) demonstrating that although the scribes were good, they were not infallible. In another instance a note is made referring to a letter written, rather than the usual exact copy, possibly due to the original having been rushed out before the copy could be made (see no. 195). Occasionally the ship intended to carry a letter had left before receiving it, necessitating its return and

3 Other minor errors include: the page containing nos 5 to 7 is not numbered; no. 562 has a very understandable error when the first letter of 29 Feb. 1772, being a leap year, is dated 1 Mar. which is then crossed out and the correct date substituted. The manuscript page containing parts of nos 738 to 740 is incorrectly numbered 306 instead of 308. All subsequent pages are thus out by two.

Table 1. Number of letters written each day of the week and per month

Day	No.	Month	No.
Monday	76	Aug. 1771	147
Tuesday	183	September	79
Wednesday	94	October	145
Thursday	38	Feb. 1772	108
Friday	223	March	109
Saturday	212	April	80
Sunday	17	May (part)	85

Table 2. World-wide letter distribution

Location	%
Britain	65.6
Ireland (trading)	18.0
Ireland (estates)	5.6
Unidentified	5.2
West Indies	3.9
Europe	1.7

despatch by an alternative, with an opportunity to add to or modify the original (see nos 311, 321, 313 and 323). A feature of the correspondence is the evidence demonstrating how letters served multiple purposes. Rarely is just one topic covered; the state of the market, currency prices or freight opportunities are almost always added to the primary theme of a letter.

Table 1 divides the total number of letters written into the days per week and per month for each of the six months that are covered in the letterbook. Friday was the busiest day followed by Saturday, suggesting that they were preparing for the imminent departure of vessels, as shipping records show that Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were the busiest days for departures;⁴ as departure was wind-dependent this may be just coincidence. Thursday was rarely used, suggesting some type of half day may have been granted, or alternatively it may be due to the low level of ship departures on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Occasionally letters were written on Sundays for no obvious reason. August is seen to be the busiest month, due to substantial butter sales, followed by October when beef sales had commenced. The busiest single day was Friday, 4th October 1771 when twenty-eight letters were sent.

In total, Hare corresponded with 265 different correspondents, located as shown in Table 2. This clearly indicates the dominant role played by his English correspondents, although many letters to English merchants referred solely to trade in the West Indies or in mainland Europe. Figure 1 shows the distribution of correspondents throughout Britain and Ireland. London dominates, followed by Bristol and then Liverpool, which at this time was growing strongly and had just overtaken Bristol in importance as a commercial port. Elsewhere in England there were a few in the Midlands and one or two in the south-west. Somewhat surprising is the cluster of correspondents on the west coast of Scotland, who appear due to Hare's interest in the herring and rum trades. Within Ireland there are correspondents in all the main cities with the exception of Galway.

⁴ Of the 248 vessel departures listed in the *Port News* between Jan. 01 and May 27, 21% were on Sun., 19% on Mon., 20% on Tue., 14% on Wed., 8% on Thur., 6% on Fri., and 12% on Sat.

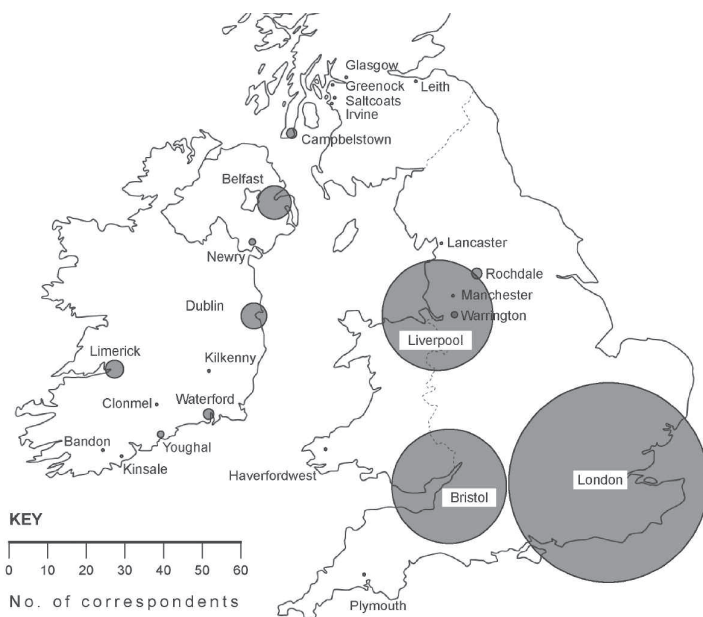


Figure 1. Distribution of letters within Britain and Ireland based on number of correspondents.

Some correspondents may only have been written to once, but the majority were in receipt of multiple letters with many receiving ten or more (Table 3). The merchants who acted as his bankers in London, Dublin and Bristol are towards the top of the list, indicating the time-consuming nature of the financial transactions he was forced to implement and document. If letter production continued at the same rate for the nineteen weeks not covered, in excess of 1,300 would have been written in the year, a substantial administrative burden and expense for the business.

Table 3. Correspondents in receipt of ten or more letters.

Correspondent & location	No of letters	Main topic(s)
Maitlands of London	36	Instructions on banking matters
Thomas Reads of Dublin	26	Instructions on banking matters
George Wilkinson of London	20	Tea and hops imports and hide exports
Robert Barnevelt of London	17	Butter exports
Stephen Ford of Liverpool	15	Grease butter and tallow exports
Samuel Munckley of Bristol	15	Instructions on banking matters
Thomas Ellis of London	14	Hops imports
Thomas & Simon Vokes of Limerick	14	Legal matters and provision of pork
John Tarleton of Liverpool	13	Butter, beef and tallow exports
Francis Woodley in Dublin	13	Legal matters
Robert Gordon of Bristol	12	Rum imports
Philip Roche (John) of Limerick	12	Rum sales
Buckland & Smith of London	10	Butter exports

EDITORIAL CONVENTIONS

The original eighteenth-century letterbook has been transcribed so as to make it as intelligible as possible to the modern reader. The following adaptations have been used.

The letterbook uses the British monetary units of pounds, shillings and pence (£.s.d), where one pound equals twenty shillings, a shilling equals twelve pence, giving 240 pence in the pound. On the rare occasions when money figures are spelled out, for brevity figures are substituted. Thus twenty-five pounds, three shillings and eleven pence in the manuscript, becomes £25.3.11. To avoid confusion zero pence is always shown such as £301.10.0 although the manuscript may have shown £301.10. The letterbook usually states whether 'Irish' or 'English' pounds are being referred to, and states the applicable conversion rate, which is seen to fluctuate around a seven per cent differential with the British unit always the more valuable. Almost every letter includes money figures. Trying to equate money values of a bygone era with today's values is a fascinating but complicated task, and remains a topic of much academic effort.⁵

In the heading for each letter an identifying number has been inserted followed by the page reference in the letterbook in italics, i.e. 1. / 1, 419. / 179, and so on. Subsequent references to a particular letter use this number. The date of the letter appears as per the original, but the day of the week has been added for this edition. Where stated, the correspondent's location is given, but if not given, where it can be identified from other sources, it is added in square brackets, with a question mark where there is any doubt. Letters in the manuscript generally had no introductory greetings although occasionally *Gentlemen* or *Sir* were used. All such greetings are omitted. Valedictions at the close of letters are terse, rarely extending to beyond *I am* with the occasional *with much esteem* etc. All such are omitted.

All items interpolated in the body of letters are within square brackets. Thus, for instance, [torn] and [obliterated] take the place of a word or words lost by mutilation, or defacement, and [blank] is used where the scribe intended to insert a word and did not. Where a word can be inferred with reasonable certainty from the context, it is printed within square brackets, but where there is some doubt a question mark is added. An illegible word or words are denoted by [...]. A strange spelling or mistake is indicated by [*sic*].

Occasionally letters contain notes written vertically on the left hand margin detailing how the letter has been despatched. Such notes are reproduced within angle brackets at the end of the letter.

Throughout the manuscript different scribes used different spellings. For consistency spelling has been modernised; thus *vessel*, *parcel*, *balance*, *market* replace *vessell*, *parcell*, *ballance*, *markett* etc. Place names are modernised so that *BBdoes*, *Hamburgh* and *Grenadoes* become *Barbados*, *Hamburg* and *Grenada*. Correspondents names are corrected when known to be misspelled; thus *Greg & Cunningham* replaces *Gregg & Cunningham*.

5 Such as: Lawrence H. Officer, 'What were the UK earnings and prices then?' www.measuringworth.org (accessed October 2008); John J. McCusker, *Money and exchange in Europe and America 1600–1775* (North Carolina, 1978), pp 252–3.

The syntax of the manuscript is faithfully reproduced. However punctuation has been simplified consistent with modern usage, with each sentence commencing with a capital and ending with a full stop or question mark. Paragraphing generally conforms to the manuscript in which a new paragraph is indicated by indentation or by a long dash or space. Original capitalisation has not been retained, and most capital letters are lower-cased. The frequently used words *Bill*, *Invoice*, and *Bill of Lading* vary in the manuscript and for consistency have all been capitalised. Similarly, references to the most commonly recorded provisions have also been capitalised including butter, beef, pork, herrings, rum etc. Obvious errors such as the (very rare) unintentional duplication of a word have been corrected silently.

Abbreviations are silently expanded except those still used today (Messrs, inst., ult., co.), and those of months, proper names, and titles (Jan., Joe, H.R.H.). Abbreviations have been reproduced as follows: where a contraction is made up of one or more of a word's first and last letters, a full stop is not used (Mr, Dr), but when the contraction is made up of the first few letters of a word a full stop is used (Capt., Rev.). Superior letters within abbreviations are brought down to the line and missing letters are supplied, where they are in the middle of the word. Thus *w^{ch}*, *ab^t*, *oppo^r* become *which*, *about*, *opportunity*. If the superior letter is not in the middle of the word, it is brought down to the line with a full stop, but the missing letters are only added (in square brackets) if the meaning is still obscure. Thus Cap^t becomes Capt. and m^o mo[nth]. However superior letters within personal names are sometimes retained to save space such as *R^d* and *Th^o* for *Richard* and *Thomas*. Abbreviations containing an apostrophe are expanded, so *can't* and *annex'd* become *cannot* and *annexed*.

Unusual weights and measures abbreviated in the manuscript are expanded such that hhd^s, firk^s and bar^l become hogsheads, firkins and barrel.

The ampersand (&) is used extensively and is retained. The long tailed *s* (f) which is used throughout the manuscript is replaced by the modern lower case *s*. The runic thorn although rarely used is replaced by its modern equivalent, thus *y^e* becomes *the*.

To emphasise their significance and to distinguish them from place names, ship names are printed in italics; thus *Liverpool* is a vessel and not the town.

Footnotes identify individual persons, business contacts, places, ships etc referred to in the text at their first mention. The absence of a footnote indicates that no useful data has been found.

Letters often contain almost verbatim repetition of sections of earlier letters. For brevity such repetition is not reproduced but a note within square brackets is added, referencing the letter where the text is reproduced in full. Similarly the full name of the London bankers *Robert, Alexander & Robert Maitland*, which is always used in the manuscript, is shortened to 'Maitlands'. Also many letters between no. 520 of 20 February 1772 and no. 626 of 13 March 1772 relate to legal problems relating to the purchase of an estate. These letters are technical and add little to our knowledge of trading activities. Accordingly they are omitted and a note [Relates to the legal case; see no. 520] is substituted.

Many letters relating to trade with Europe are sent via London with a request to the recipient to 'forward to them [the European merchant] the inclosed [*sic.*], which seal after perusal as I refer you thereto'. For brevity such repetitive statements are reproduced as [Please seal and forward...]

Hopefully this work will be of interest to both general and specialist readers, and will throw some more light on these interesting times of growth and dynamism in the city of Cork. It may also rescue from obscurity not alone Richard Hare and the Hare family, but also other Cork merchants of the eighteenth century, many of whom have hitherto been relatively unknown.

My last was the 15th March since which received none [from you]. I have drawn on you a Bill for £200 payable in London favour Allen Marlar & Co.² at 8¾% is £217.10.0 to the credit of your account. I shall draw on you as sparingly as I can.

New Butter broak 48/ to 52/ as in quality but as the buyers seem this day [to] be fully supplied I think the price will fall in 2 or 3 days. We have not much here for sale. The last best Cargo Beef sold here was at 39/ per barrel payable in Oct. Pork cannot be made up under 50/ per barrel. We have no Herrings here for sale.

I this day received your favour of the 13th. Your Bill favour Knox[?] & [...] the former Bill on D[elahoide] & Digby's³ hands since been sent back, whether the Bill on Willcocks & Co.⁴ had been paid or not although I desired them to endeavour to get

1 The correspondent's name is obliterated, but no. 53 and no. 54 show it to be Samuel Delpratt, a Bristol merchant and ship owner who traded from Kingston, Jamaica in the mid-1750s. One of the largest Bristol sugar importers, he at times worked in partnership with Edward Foord of Kingston, his father-in-law. He died at sea in 1783 on a return voyage to Bristol (Kenneth Morgan (ed.), *The Bright-Meyler papers: A Bristol-West India connection 1732–1837* (Oxford, 2007), p. 413 (henceforth cited as Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*); Kenneth Morgan, *Bristol and the Atlantic trade in the eighteenth century* (Cambridge, 1993), p. 191 (henceforth cited as Morgan, *Bristol trade*).

2 See no. 53.

3 The Delahoides were Huguenot refugees who arrived in Cork after 1685. They were quickly accepted into Cork society; Rowland Delahoyde served as sheriff in 1704 and mayor in 1708. William Delahoide became a prosperous general merchant and linen manufacturer. He also conducted a profitable business in the issuing of notes. John Digby who had managed the firm, continued to trade using the Delahoide & Digby name until at least 1773, when it is listed as an exporter of butter, beef, pork, tongues, salmon and candles and an importer of staves, salt, tobacco and chairs. Thereafter he traded under his own name from premises on the South Mall, and was still active in 1790 (William O'Sullivan, *The economic history of Cork city from the earliest times to the Act of Union* (Cork, 1937); *HC*, importers/exporters; *HC*, 16 Oct. 1776, 8 Feb. 1781 and 23 Sept. 1784; R. Lucas, 'The Cork directory for the year 1787' in *JCHAS*, lxxii (1967), pp 135–59 (henceforth cited as Lucas, *Cork directory*); Síle Ní Chinnéide, 'A new view of Cork city in 1790', in *JCHAS* 1989, p. 5).

4 William Willcocks (1736–1813) of Morrison's Island, a prominent Cork merchant with a large butter export business. In 1776 his vessel the *Peter & Paul*, loaded with perishable goods for Lisbon and Gibraltar, could not sail due to contrary winds. This delay resulted in it being caught up in the embargo placed on all shipping from Cork at the onset of the American Revolution. Later in the war he took out a letter of marque as a privateer for his vessel the *Friendship* of 170 tons burthen on the Cork to Leeward Islands route. Subsequently he was declared a bankrupt in 1782 resulting in the sale of his goods. He bounced back to form a new partnership, Bryan & Willcocks, again at Morrison's Island. In 1791 he successfully defended a legal action for fraud brought by one Owen McCarthy, a butter buyer, and despite his somewhat chequered career subsequently served as mayor of Cork in 1793. He later moved to Canada where he was appointed a magistrate in York (now Toronto) and later York's first postmaster (Richard Caulfield, *The council book of the corporation of the city of Cork* (Surrey, 1876), p. 716 (henceforth cited as Caulfield, *Council book*); TNA, T 1 522 and HCA, 26/68; *HC*, importers/exporters; *HC*, 4 July 1782 and 29 Sept. 1791; Lucas, *Cork directory*; *Exact list... 13th August, 1783*; *History Ireland*, March/April 2010, pp 24–26).

payed from Mr Trant,⁵ as I know it would be more agreeable to [you]. I mentioned my not charging commission to you on Bills was because this was a particular attention to him & as I chuse to have the general part of your [...]⁶

Our produce is at present so very high that I fear it will deter your friend to favour me with an order but hope it may be otherwise [...] when I shall be glad to be favoured with his commissions, or if he thinks the high prices at present to answer his purpose, his orders shall be accepted to the best of my powers.

Best Cargo Beef sold this week a 39/ payable in Oct. Pork is a 50/ per barrel. Best Butter 48 to 52/ but expected to fall next week. Herrings none for sale.

3. / 1 FRANCIS WOODLEY ESQ., [DUBLIN]⁷ SAT. 22 JUN. 1771

I paid Mr Deane £1100 this day. He is very urgent for money. Mr Hen[essy?] thinks it best that you bring down with you a command for Sir Robert⁸ to [...] the fine etc. I apprehend the lands of Longford was a purchase by his fat[her] from the executors of Wilsons. Sir Robert has now had £4000 from me, and I hope enough remains to pay off the encumbrances.

4. / 1 JAMES BASHFORD, BELFAST⁹ SAT. 22 JUN. 1771

My last was the 1st ult. New Butter has kept up at 48 to 52/ but will fall next week. Beef and Pork keep up high. As I have not a frank I trouble you to send the enclosed to Messrs Henderson & Ewing.¹⁰

5 See no. 95.

6 This, the first page of the manuscript, is in poor condition, and this letter is virtually illegible.

7 Woodley was Hare's attorney, with offices in the South Mall in Cork and at Golden Lane off Great Georges St in Dublin. A son-in-law of George Hodder, mayor of Cork in 1754, he became a freeman in 1764. He represented Hare in a major legal case as detailed in no. 520 (Lucas, *Cork directory*; Watson, *Gentleman's... almanack for 1772*; Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 779; *Exact list... 13th August, 1783*).

8 Sir Robert Tilson Deane (1747–1820) became a freeman in 1768. He represented Co. Cork in the Irish House of Commons 1776–1783 and was admitted to the Irish Privy Council in 1777. He succeeded his father as the 6th baronet of Muskerry in 1770 and in 1781 was raised to the peerage of Ireland as Baron Muskerry. His wife Anne Fitz Maurice was a descendant of the Barons of Kerry and Lixnaw. Hare was in the process of purchasing a substantial estate from him at a cost of £19,672, and Hare's will of 1785 mentions the estate in Limerick purchased from Deane (Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 831; Registry of deeds, Dublin, Book 290, p. 18, no. 188799 of 31 Aug. 1771).

9 Bashford was known to import wheat from America (Norman E. Gamble, 'The business community and trade of Belfast 1767–1800' (Ph.D. thesis, University of Dublin, 1978), p. 301, henceforth cited as Gamble, *Belfast*).

10 John Henderson (d. 1793) was a Belfast merchant involved in both the linen and flaxseed trades with North America and the salted-provisions and rum trades with the West Indies. The firm Henderson & Ewing with Belfast ties was active in America in 1762 (Thomas M. Truxes (ed.), *Letterbook of Greg & Cunningham, 1756–57: merchants of New York and Belfast* (Oxford, 2001) (henceforth cited as Truxes, *Letterbook*), p. 116; Gamble, *Belfast*, p. 125). John Ewing was another prominent Belfast merchant. He subsequently gave up trade to form the bank of Ewing, Holmes & Co. In 1783 he is listed as an agent of the Dublin Insurance Co., and in 1785 as one of the eleven members of the Linen hall committee (Gamble, *Belfast*, p. 69).

5. / [-]¹¹ BUCKLAND & SMITH, LONDON¹² SAT. 22 JUN. 1771

I refer to my last of the 18th inst. & being since without any of your favours, the present serves to accompany the annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 160 fullbound & 50 coarse firkins Butter, shipped for your account on the *Susannah*¹³ of Cork, James Parker master, the amount £339.2.2 to your debit, & this day I have drawn the inclosed Bill on you to my own order for £313.19.9 str at 2 months date, which with exchange at 8% balances the same. Please to return me the Bill accepted.

Capt. Parker is cleared out & ready to sail first fair wind. He has got in all about 700 casks & firkins Butter on board, & there's another vessel likewise ready for your place with 950 more. The buyers seem now to be almost compleated therefore I expect a fall in all kinds next week, whereof you shall have advice.

Having occasion to remit Messrs Rob Alexⁿ & Rob^t Maitland,¹⁴ the above Bill is drawn to their order.

6. / [-] MARTIN & PEILE, LONDON SAT. 22 JUN. 1771

I refer to my last of the 18th inst. & being since without any of your favours the present serves to accompany the annexed Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for 50 fullbound and 52 coarse firkins Butter, shipped for your account on the *Susannah* of Cork, James Parker master, the amount £161.5.8 to your debit, & this day I have drawn the inclosed Bill on you to my own order for £149.6.9 str. at 2 months date, which with exchange at 8% balances the same. Please to return the Bill accepted. [Concludes with the last two paragraphs as in no. 5]

7. / [-] WHITTAKER & WHITE, LIVERPOOL SAT. 22 JUN. 1771

Inclosed is Bill of Lading for 36 casks & firkins Grease Butter shipped to your address on the *Two Sisters*, Peter Fry master, by order & for account of Messrs Geo, Ja^s, Ben & Jn^o Walmsley of Rochdale.

8. / 2 MR JOS[EPH] COOK MON. 24 JUN. 1771

The Cunninghams to whom you let part of Ballinvriskig¹⁵ called on me this morning to inform me that Mr Campion threatens to distrain them as well as the [other] tenants

11 The manuscript page containing nos 5 to 7 is not numbered.

12 A cheesemonger of 8 Lower Thames St (*London directory* 1768).

13 In 1787 Simon Lampert was the master of the *Susanna*, a trader on the Cork–Bristol route (Lucas, *Cork directory*).

14 Robert Maitland and his sons Robert Jn. and Alexander were West India merchants at 13 Kings Arms Yard, Coleman St in the city of London. They traded mainly with Jamaica where they had estates. Hare used Maitlands almost exclusively as his London banker. Hereafter they are referred to as 'Maitlands' (*London directory* 1768).

15 A townland of 689 acres near the village of Glanmire and six miles north east of Cork city, see also no. 806 (www.seanruad.com, accessed Apr. 2013).

for last Nov's rent. This would be very hard on those who owe nothing and are about rebuilding the old house and intend immediately to lime the ground. I hope you will prevent Mr Champion from disturbing them as they owe nothing.

I hope you will pay the balance of my last Nov. rent agreeable to promise, as I am to pay Sir Robert Deane in a few days for my purchase.

9. / 2 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, LONDON

SAT. 22 JUN. 1771

My last was the 14th & advised my Bill on you for £100 at 9% your account. Above you have my Bill on Buckland & Smith £313.19.9 str. & on Martin & Peile £149.6.9 with which do the needful.

10. / 2 MR JAMES BAILLIE ESQ., GRENADA¹⁶

FRI. 21 JUN. 1771

My last was the 12 Dec. with Invoice of sundries per the *Newrys Assistance*¹⁷ for account of Alexander & James Baillie Esqs. I now inclose you for their account, Invoice and Bill of Lading for the like quantity of provisions for their account. Provisions of all kinds are very high here & scarce.

11. / [-] MESSRS WILLIAMSON & THORNTON, GRENADA¹⁸

FRI. 21 JUN. 1771

Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Lading for 50 firkins best new Rose Butter & 88 barrels Herrings shipped on the *Success* to your address by order & for account of Tho^s Edisforth & Co. of Lancaster. I repacked the Herrings, as when shipped at Lancaster there was not sufficient salt to preserve them.

Antigua Rum 4/2, Barbados & St Kitts 4/, Grenada if good 4/.

12. / [-] MR THOMAS ELLIS, [LONDON]¹⁹

TUE. 25 JUN. 1771

My last was the 19th inst. advising that I had not done anything in your order for hops, neither could I since, as those who have any for sale hold them up at £6 & the quality no ways answerable to your directions, therefore I declined buying. Very little

16 James Baillie (d. 1793), born near Inverness in 1755, followed his brother Alexander to seek his fortune in St Kitts. Having become successful merchants, they expanded by purchasing the Hermitage estate in Grenada in 1765, resulting in James settling there as manager, while Alexander remained in St Kitts. In 1770 they were joined by a younger brother Evan and commenced trading under the name A. J. & E. Baillie of St Kitts. They were heavily involved in the slave trade; selling Africans in Grenada to the amount of £120,000 in the eighteen months to June 1772. James later moved to London to become a commodity merchant and financier. Evan also moved, but to Bristol where he was to become one of that city's leading merchants (Douglas J. Hamilton, *Scotland, the Caribbean and the Atlantic World, 1750–1820* (Manchester, 2005), pp 84–111).

17 Invoice in amount of £94.14.4 as per no. 430; the ship's name may more correctly be *Newry Assistance*.

18 The manuscript page containing nos 11 to 13 is not numbered.

19 Hops merchant of 63, Borough (*London directory* 1768).

spirit has hitherto appeared in our buyers to purchase at advanced prices, most people being divided in opinion about the accounts lately received from your place respecting said article. Therefore under the present circumstances I do not think to refuse £6 for yours, unless I should see any further cause to the contrary.

13. / [-/ MR GEORGE WILKINSON, [LONDON]²⁰

TUE. 25 JUN. 1771

Since my last of the 19th inst. am favoured with yours of the 11th 13th & 15th ditto & have honoured your two Bills for £328.10.0. I understand the calfskins advised to be have been bought are intended for Ostend which is a new market for such goods to be sent to. Your order for 500 doz at 4½^d or 1000 at 4½^d was noted but I cannot obtain any under 5^d and probably they may not come lower, especially as so large a quantity is going to a foreign market which otherwise must have gone to England. I sold the rest of your hops before receipt of your favour of the 15th, viz. 6 bags at £5.15.0 & 7 at £5.12.6 per cwt. and should not have been able to do better since, most people being divided in opinion about the accounts lately received from your place respecting said article, on which very little spirit has hitherto appeared in our buyers to purchase at advanced prices.

I have sold 4 bags of your Turkey cotton wool at 10½^d, 3 chests of the green Tea per the *Royal Charlotte* at 5/4 & 2 ditto at 5/3, one chest of the Bloom per the *Lancashire* at 5/10, one chest of Hyson at 9/ & 3 chests fine Bloom at [torn], but could not get more, although I stood out for 8/, the buyers think it [too] high at 7/6. A few more of the same kind would find ready [sale]. I cannot obtain 6/ for any of your remaining Teas per *Lancashire* & *Barmouth*. Neither have I been able to put off one chest more of the Bohea.

Annexed is Invoice and inclosed is Bill of Loading for 100 cow hydes shipped for your account on the *Susannah* of Cork, James Parker master, amounting to £54.8.2 which is to your debit. I got them at the present weight, which I take to be much more your advantage than taking them at what they weighed in the season. Said vessel is cleared out and ready to sail first fair wind. Inclosed are certificates for the Teas. Also the smalts for Mrs Kingston²¹ who refused to pay as she complains of the quality & promised to write you this night about it.

20 Wilkinson is likely the merchant of 11, Pavement, Moorfields although another of the same name is listed as a haberdasher at 81 Queen St, Cheapside (*London directory 1768*).

21 Not identified.

14. / [3] WILLIAM HUGHES, LONDON

TUE. 25 JUN. 1771

My last was the 11th inst. advising that a large quantity of calf skins had been bought up at 5^d which I understand are intended for Ostend, tis said 1400 or 2000 dozen.

I am since favoured with yours of the 13th inst. ordering 400 [doz] of 36 lbs at 4½^d which was duly noted, but I've little or no likelihood of succeeding at that price, although they might reasonably have been expected at it, if the above quantity had not been bought for a foreign market, which otherwise must have gone to England. Therefore are held up stiff at 5^d & I think the sooner you extend your limit the better.

15. / 3 LAURENCE MAHON, [LIMERICK]²²

FRI. 28 JUN. 1771

The cargo of Rum is arrived & I have picked out 5 puncheons for you. I have not got the gauge as yet from the officer.²³ The price is 4/2, 3 months or 4/1 cash.

16. / 4 MAITLAND AND BODDINGTON ESQS, [LONDON]²⁴

FRI. 28 JUN. 1771

I received your esteemed favour of the 11th, also one from Mr Wilcock. Rum will not sell here for cash except for a very low price. Its mostly sold at 3 months and if you chuse it I will remit precisely at 3 months after the sale is finished. The *James & Rebecca* arrived here the 25th. I have landed the Rum. Some of it is pretty good. I have sold part as under and hope to run off a good many of them at same price, but as many of them are low I shall be obliged to sell them in proportion lower. However much depends on the quantities that may arrive.

I this day received a letter from Messrs Wilcock and Marson, advising that they had a vessel²⁵ loading Rum at Mt Serratt²⁶ would take about 230 hogsheads on their account and desired I would keep you advised the prices here as you would order her to such port as you may best approve of. The price here will depend on the quantity that may arrive. However I hope if its good I hope the price will not be under 4/. If you send the cargo to me you shall have the remittances as above or sooner.²⁷

PS. I have shipped on the *Success* of Boston, Joseph Budd master, provisions for Messrs Alex and James Baillie's estate²⁸ to the value of £101.13.0 this currency. You'll please to observe their directions as to insurance.

Exchange to London 8¼% to ½

10 at 4/2, 11 at 4/1, 8 at 4/²⁹

22 A merchant at Main St, Englishtown in Limerick city (Ferrar, *Limerick directory*).

23 Indicating that he had not got the 'volume/quantity' from the revenue officer who kept track of all rum imports.

24 Merchants of 17 Mark Lane, in which Richard Maitland was the principal; they had estates in Antigua (*London directory* 1768).

25 The *Nancy*; see no. 61. It would appear that Wilcocks & Marson were based in St Kitts.

26 Montserrat in the Leeward Islands.

27 No. 414 shows that Hare was entrusted with this sale.

28 In Grenada; see no. 89.

29 These are the rum sales referred to in the text of the letter; meaning 10 puncheons at 4s 2d per gallon, 11 puncheons at 4s 1d etc. Such figures frequently appear unannounced at the end of letters for sales of teas and other provisions as well as rum.

17. / 4

MR THOMAS ELLIS, [LONDON]

FRI. 28 JUN. 1771

Since my last of the 25th inst. to which refer, am favoured with yours of the 19th inst. and duly note the contents. I have not been able to do anything in your order for hops for the reasons before mentioned, but as our buyers now begin to stir a little, have sold 2 bags of yours at £6.2.6 and 7 at £6.5.0 per cwt., and hope to put off the remainder on agreeable terms.

[There is a gap from 28 June to 26 July 1771.]

18.³⁰ / 21MICHAEL MILLER & SON ESQS, BRISTOL³¹

FRI. 26 JUL. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 4th & 16 inst. & observe the mistake in overdrawing 5/ for which you have my Bill annexed on Mr Samuel Munckley.³²

Bingham is a great villain. This day two of the men that were assisting him called on me in their way to Dublin to the commissioners, where they intend to complain of his not giving them one penny.
<per Capt. Gardner>³³

19. / 21

FARRELL VAUGHAN & CO., BRISTOL

FRI. 26 JUL. 1771

It has been an omission that I did not ere this, remit you the balance of the Bill you sent me which was paid being for

£21.17.8

Cost of wafers 5 lbs at 7/ = £1.15.0

Box	1.1	– 1.16.1
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Balance		<u>20. 1.7</u>
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Above you have my Bill on Mr Munckley for £18.11.10 str. at 8% is in full for the above balance. Little if any tallow in Cork ~~for~~ sale. Our slaughter is expected to commence late, as we had a bad spring & dry summer, which hindered the fattening of the cattle. Best fullbound Butter 1st quality 49/, 2nd quality 46/ & third do. 44/.
<per Capt. Gardner>

30 Nos 18 to 21 appear on pp 21 and 22 in the manuscript with no. 22 reverting back to the correct p. 5.

31 Michael Miller Snr was a shipowner and partner in Miles bank 1752–85. He was rumoured to have come to Bristol from Switzerland. They traded in sugar from Jamaica as commission agents. (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 424; Morgan, *Bristol trade*, p.195).

32 Samuel Munckley (b. 1723 in Exeter), was apprenticed to Richard Farrell in Bristol, but quickly became one of Bristol's most influential West India merchants. In 1768 he was appointed to the prestigious position of Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol. The following year he became a partner in the Harford Bank, and the first president of the 'West India Club' where he was generally styled 'The Chancellor'. In politics, a Whig with sympathies for the American colonies; in religion, a Presbyterian. He resided at 53 Queen Sq. (BRO, Society of Merchant Venturers records; Morgan, *Bristol trade*, pp 38, 95, 186, 191 and 194).

33 Master of the *Pitt Yacht* which sailed to Bristol; see no. 81.

20. / 21 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 26 JUL. 1771

Since my last of the 5th inst. I am not favoured with any from you. I wrote Mr George Champion in regard to his order transmitted me by Jack (who I suppose is still at Bristol).³⁴ I thank you for your kind recommendation of me to Mr Champion.³⁵ Our Rose Butter is now at 44/6 to 45/ the middle price & I doubt it will be lower this year as a great demand is made for the London market, as well as for several foreign parts. Beef is almost all gone. I sold 200 barrels Cargo the last week at 40/ cash.

I have drawn on you for £0.5.0 favour Michael Miller & Son Esqs. I have also drawn on you for £18.11.10 favour Farrell Vaughan & Co., both my account.
<per Capt. Gardner>

21. / 22 ROBERT GORDON ESQ., BRISTOL³⁶

MON. 29 JUL. 1771

My last was the 8th. Your favour by Captain Wilson came to hand the 22nd. I lost no time in landing your Rum & shipping your orders. He went down on Friday but could not sail till 28th.

Inclosed you have Bills of Lading & Invoices viz.,

MN ³⁷ amounting to	£776.17. 8
GB amounting to	21. 8. 3

I procured him 130 firkins Butter for Kingston,³⁸ which was all he could take. Of your Rum I have sold as under mostly payable in 3 months. I hope to finish the sale in 2 or 3 days. You should send the stoutest as it's best liked here & sells in proportion. My son John³⁹ not yet arrived. Captain Wilson told me that the ship he was to come in, was up at the quay.

I think good Jamaica Rum will hold up to the prices yours is sold at. Inclosed is certificate for the Rum.

<per Capt. Gardner>

34 Hare's son John, who returned to Cork on the 6 Aug.; see no. 79.

35 This led to business with Champion, see no.152.

36 Apprenticed to his uncle William Gordon, Robert Gordon became a merchant and shipowner himself, becoming the third largest sugar importer in the city, a Burgess of Bristol, and mayor in 1773. Managed fourteen slave voyages between 1751 and 1767. In 1774 he owned the Windsor plantation in St James's, Jamaica (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 356).

37 These are distinguishing marks which were carved into barrels and mentioned in Bills of Lading.

38 The main port in Jamaica, and wealthiest city in the British Caribbean before 1775 (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 33).

39 Hare had two sons. The younger, John (Jack), was at Bristol at this time; see no. 20. The elder son William (1751–1837) became the first earl of Listowel in 1822. He also had two daughters, Mary and Margaret Ann.

22. / 5 HENRY BRIGHT ESQ., BRISTOL⁴⁰

TUE. 30 JUL. 1771

My last was the 10th. I had a letter from Mr Welsh⁴¹ requesting Invoice. Keep the Bill on hand a few days that he would send a man with the money, if he could not get a bill to discharge it.

I have drawn a bill on you favour Rob^t Powell for £98.8.9 str. at 8% is £106.6.3 being the amount of sundry shipped the 4 Dec. by order & for the use of Mr James Smith, which he ordered me to draw on you for, as I have done.

I suppose the contrary wind has occasioned Jack to be still troublesome to you.

Butter 44 to 49/ as in quality.

23. / 5 WOLFORT, VAN HEMERT & CO., LONDON⁴²

TUE. 30 JUL. 1771

Since my last of the 21 Dec. I have none of your favours. This day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £137.11.7 str. to which please give due honour and charge the same to W. Hendrik Berkhoff of Amsterdam, forwarding to him the inclosed, first sealing the same after perusal, as I refer you thereto. The above £137.11.7 at 7¾% is Irish £148.4.9 & balances

for your 50 casks butter	£144. 5.2
& 3½ guineas paid to Capt. Neal	3.19.7½
	<hr/> £148. 4.9½

24. / 5 STEPHEN FORD, LIVERPOOL⁴³

TUE. 30 JUL. 1771

Since my last of the 5 inst. I have none of your favours. The present serves to accompany Invoice & Bill of Lading for 18 casks & firkins Grease Butter, shipped for your account on the *James* of Cork, Tho^s Bean master, amounting to £21.10.3 to your debit. This is a full proportion of what I collected since my last. Said article has been lately advanced to 34 to 34/6 per cwt. owing to the scarcity & the orders being divided into many hands here from your parts. Scrapings are also advanced to 30/ & I doubt not will be higher. Rose Butter first quality 49/, second 46/, third 44/ per cwt. Coarse second quality 42/6, third 39/6. Large casks second quality 40/0, third 38/. There are scarce any first at all of the Coarse. Your remittance for £56 I passed at 8¼% making £60.12.5 Irish to your credit.

40 Henry Bright (1715–1777) was born in Worcestershire and apprenticed to Richard Meyler, a hooper, in Bristol. They jointly established a West India mercantile business, with Bright moving first to St Kitts in 1739 and then to Jamaica, where he built up a successful provisions and slaving trade. In 1746 during a return visit to Bristol he married Sarah, only daughter of his mentor Meyler. He managed 21 slave voyages between 1749 and 1766. Purchasing estates in Jamaica, he returned permanently to Bristol in 1751 and only retired in 1775. Like his Bristol colleague Samuel Munckley, he was a Presbyterian and active in Bristol Whig politics. He became a founding member of the Harford bank, and served as mayor in 1771/2. He lived with his black servant called Bristol at 28 Queen's Sq. On his death he is reputed to have left a fortune of £50,000. His brother William (1717–1798) set up as a merchant in Cork in 1773, but did not last long (*ODNB*; Morgan, *Bristol trade*, pp 145, 186 and 191; Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, pp 24 and 120; *HC* importers/exporters; *HC*, 12 Apr. 1773).

41 John Welsh of St Kitts; see nos 69, 272 and 359.

42 Lukeman van Hemert and John Wolfort, merchants at 55 Old Bond St (*London directory* 1768).

43 Stephen Ford was a merchant at 3 Manesty's Lane (*Liverpool directory* 1774).

25. / 6 JOHN NORTH, LIVERPOOL⁴⁴

TUE. 30 JUL. 1771

I refer to my last of the 23 inst. since which have none of your favours. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 3 hogsheads glew, shipped for your account on the *James* of Cork, Thomas Bean master, amounting to £87.18.6 to your debit. Said vessel is cleared out and ready to sail first fair wind. The remaining 6 hogsheads shall be sent by the two next vessels that offer. [Concludes with butter prices as in no. 24.]

26. / 6 ALEX HARPER, [KINSALE]⁴⁵

WED. 31 JUL. 1771

Agreeable to yours of the 22 ult., above you have account of 9 puncheons choice Antigua Rum laid by for you as [promised?], which I now send you.

I have yours of this date. If you chuse the puncheons Jamaica please to advise per bearer who informs me will call too morrow for the other two puncheons.

27. / 6 MR JAMES SCULLY

THU. 1 AUG. 1771

I received your favour with your opinion of the land I purchased. I shall finish the purchase in a few days the requisits being now ready for that purpose. The 10th of May I remitted your father⁴⁶ Bills to complete the £500. I should be glad you would consult with him and advise me at what price now Beef may be expected to be made up, that I may advise my friends. I shall this year be able to take all your Beef from you, which I hope will be agreeable to you. We have not much old on hands.

28. / 7 RICHARD WATT ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]⁴⁷

WED. 31 JUL. 1771

My last was the 20th. Your favour per Capt. Hindson came to hand the 22^d. I lost no time in landing the Rum and shipping the provisions. Nothing offering on freight, he sailed the 26th. I can't give you encouragement to send the *Martha* to seek freight as but little Beef remains for sale and no Herrings. New Beef will not be had before the end of September or beginning of Oct.

Inclosed you have account of Capt. Hindsons disbursements being £33.18.5 to your debit. You have also inclosed certificate for the 20 puncheons Rum of which I have sold as under and hope in two or three days to finish the sale. I am glad to hear Mrs. Savage⁴⁸ is better.

1 at 5/3, 1 at 5/1½, 9 at 5/1, 4 at 5/, 1 at 4/11½, 1 at 4/11, 2 at 4/10 & 1 at 4/9

44 John North was a merchant at 11 James St (*Liverpool directory* 1774).

45 Possibly related to John Harper, senior partner in the Cork bank Harpers & Armstead, until he retired c. 1870. The Harper family is mentioned in Cork Presbyterian records (CCCA, U87).

46 Roger Scully; see no. 87.

47 Richard Watt (c. 1724–1796) became one of Liverpool's wealthiest merchants. He made his fortune in sugar plantations. At the time of the Hare correspondence he was also a substantial shipowner. He stayed with Hare on one occasion during a stop-over in Cork (see no. 695). He settled in Bristol in 1782. On his death he left upwards of half a million pounds to two nephews (Gomer Williams, *History of the Liverpool privateers and letters of marque, with an account of the Liverpool slave trade* (Liverpool, 1897), pp 150, 296 and 297 (henceforth cited as Williams, *Liverpool privateers*; Speke Hall, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speke_Hall, accessed April 2013).

48 Elizabeth, the wife of another Liverpool correspondent, Richard Savage (Liverpool archives, www.liverpool.gov.uk, accessed February 2013).

29. / 7 MR JOHN BRADSHAW

WED. 31 JUL. 1771

I received your favour of the 16th and 500 tickets in your lottery.⁴⁹ I expected two persons would have taken the whole and that I could have ordered as many more, but they would take only 300 and will take more when they dispose of the 300. Indeed they tell me that Coppinger did not desire payment till after the drawing of the lottery is finished and then he took from them such prizes as they purchased in payment and I find I must do the same. As they are safe I must take my risk on myself but I expect you will not look on these as payment of your account. The other two hundred I will keep if they don't take them.

We have no alteration in the price of provisions here since my last. Good Antigua Rum sells at 4/1 to 4/2. Barbados 3/10 to 4/.

30. / 7 MR H[UGH] CONNOR

WED. 31 JUL. 1771

I received your favour of the 9th. Keating lives a few miles out of town. I sent frequently to the house he comes to when in town, and when met with, put off payment from day to day. I wrote to him that I would be obliged to trouble him for the Bill and with much difficulty at last got payment in cash. Annexed you have account balanced by my Bill on Maitlands for £15.6.5.

Beef and Pork is dearer here than with you. I have no measure of influence or commissions with the sugar houses here.

31. / 8 ALEX JOHNSTON ESQ., AND SON, [LONDON]⁵⁰

WED. 31 JUL. 1771

My last was the 18th May since which received none from you. Meeting an opportunity of shipping the 200 boxes candles to St Eustatia,⁵¹ I have shipped them on the *Hannah* as per the inclosed Invoice & Bill of Loading the amount £298.3.0 str. to your debit. She sailed the 28th. She touches at Dominica but will have no delay there. I am looking out for an opportunity to ship the 2nd order and shall embrace the first that offers.

Please to send me 10 barrels of refined saltpeter and when I know the cost will remit you for the cost.

49 Lotteries were a popular form of gambling in Cork. Luke Shea won £20,000 c. 1800 and was known thereafter as 'Lucky Luke' (James O'Shea, 'The Sheas and the Cork catholic merchant community, 1750–1800' (Unpublished MA thesis, University College Cork, 2007), p. 48, henceforth cited as O'Shea, *Merchant community*).

50 Alexander Johnston (c. 1698–1775) was born in Kirkcudbright, Scotland, settled in Barbados where he practiced medicine and planted sugar. In 1731 he moved to London and set up as a wholesale druggist with a shop in Magpie Alley, Fenchurch St. Johnston developed a keen interest in exporting quack medicines to America. A descendent claims the importation of 'Turkish rhubarb', an effective laxative, was particularly lucrative. He purchased an estate in Dumfries but leased it out. On his death in 1775 he was described as one of the City's oldest merchants (David Hancock, *Citizens of the world: London merchants and the integration of the British Atlantic community 1735–1785* (Cambridge, 1988), pp 52, 54, 107, 141, 142, henceforth cited as Hancock, *Citizens*).

51 A Dutch possession in the Leeward Islands.

32. / 8 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND, [LONDON]

WED. 31 JUL. 1771

Since my last of the 21st I am not favoured with any from you. Inclosed you have the following Bills viz.

On Wolfert van Hemert & Co. for	£137.11. 7
ditto on Thomas Elton	31.17. 9
ditto on John Lonsdale	39. 7. 9
ditto on John Teasdale	32.17. 1
ditto on Isaac & Thomas Smith	32. 3. 0
	<u>£273.17. 2</u>

I have drawn a bill on you favour Hugh Connor for £15.6.5 str. my account.

33. / 8 JOHN FOSTER, LANCASTER

TUE. 30 JUL. 1771

My last was the 17th inst. to which refer. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for 18 casks & firkins of Grease Butter shipped for your account on the *James* of Cork, Thom^s Bean master, for Liverpool amounting to £21.7.5 which is to your debit. The ship is cleared out & ready to sail first fair wind. This is a full proportion of all I could procure since my last, the price has been lately advanced to 34 to 34/6 per cwt. owing to the scarcity & number of buyers, Scrapings 30/ and I doubt not will be higher. Eating Butter keeps up & greatly demanded.

34. / 9 JOHN LONSDALE, HARLINGDEN NEAR ROCHDALE

TUE. 30 JUL. 1771

I received your favour of the 14th inst. with a remittance in Isaac & Thos Smith on Jere, John & Rob^t Boyds for £50 which at $7\frac{3}{4}\%$ exchange makes £53.17.6 to your credit. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 7 casks Scraping & 10 firkins Grease Butter, shipped for your account on the *James* of Cork, Tho^s Bean master, amounting to £31.15.4 which is to your debit. [Proceeds with butter prices and comments on the butter market as in no. 33]. I intend to go on collecting all I can on the lowest terms & will ship you a proportion as ready.

This day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order payable in London for £39.7.9 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at $7\frac{3}{4}\%$ makes Irish £42.8.10 & balances your account.

35. / 9 JOHN TEASDALE, MANCHESTER

TUE. 30 JUL. 1771

I received your favour of the 14th inst. & note the contents. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 7 casks Scraping & 10 firkins Grease Butter shipped for your account on the *James* of Cork, Tho^s Bean master, amounting to £35.8.0 makes at $7\frac{3}{4}\%$ £32.17.1 str. for which sum I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order at 21 days payable in London. [Continues with scarcity of butter and increased prices as in no. 33.]

36. / 10 GEORGE, JAMES, BENJAMIN AND JOHN WALMSLEY, ROCHDALE

TUE. 30 JUL. 1771

My last was the 14th ult. Annexed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for 7 casks Scraping & 10 firkins Grease Butter shipped for your account on the *James* of Cork, Tho^s Bean master, for Liverpool amounting to £34.7.2 which is to your debit, & this day I have drawn on your friend Mr Thomas Elton of London for £31.17.9 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 7¾% balances the same. These Scrapings compleat your order for that article. [Continues with scarcity of butter and increased prices as in no. 33.]

I will go on collecting all I can on the lowest terms, & intend shipping you a proportion as ready. Please advice if you would have any more Scrapings sent. They are also advanced to 30/ & I fear will go higher for the reasons above mentioned.

The 9th inst. I drew on Mr Elton for amount of the last parcel £62.19.8.

37. / 10 ISAAC & THOMAS SMITH, ROCHDALE

TUE. 30 JUL. 1771

I refer to my last of the 8 inst. The present serves to accompany Invoice & Bill of Lading for 7 casks Scraping & 10 firkins Grease Butter shipped for your account on the *James* of Cork, Tho^s Bean master, amounting to £34.12.10 which is to your debit & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £32.3.0 str. at 21 days sight payable in London, which with exchange at 7¾% balances the same. [Continues with scarcity and high butter prices as before.]

I intend however to go on collecting all I can on the lowest terms & intend shipping you a proportion as ready unless you direct the contrary, of which shall be glad of your advices.

38. / 11 THOMAS ELTON, LONDON⁵²

TUE. 30 JUL. 1771

My last was the 9th inst. I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £31.17.9 str. at 21 days sight by order & for account of Messrs Geo, Ja^s, Ben & Jn^o Walmsley of Rochdale, to which I doubt not your giving due honour.

39. / 11 RAWLINSON & CHORLEY, [LIVERPOOL]⁵³

FRI. 2 AUG. 1771

By last post I received your much esteemed favour of the 21st inst. The character my provisions have obtained afford me great pleasure as it results from my constant care and diligence in inspecting my business for above 30 years past, and always esteeming the interest of my friends the surest method of promoting my own. If you are pleased to favour me with your commands, I shall charge you as low as possible but notwithstanding I foresee it will raise such an opposition with your old friend that he will probably under ship me, as he did some time since when I first had orders for Lancaster, when I could

52 A haberdasher at 21 Milk St, London (*London directory* 1768).

53 A partnership of John Chorley & Thomas Hutton Rawlinson, based at 54 Hanover St. Later as major Liverpool shipowners they were very active privateers during the American war and also formed partnerships with other Liverpool merchants to take out letters of marque (*Liverpool directory* 1774; *Lloyd's Register of ships* 1783; Williams, *Liverpool privateers*, pp 228, 254, 257, 263 and 668).

make it appear he gave an higher price per barrel Beef by 18^d per barrel more than he charged. I only premise this that you may not conceive a bad opinion of me.

If this should be the case & if it should I will only desire to demonstrate the impropriety of such proceedings, by giving you an opportunity of comparing the prices I charged my friends in your place at other times with his charge, but I must request that you would not mention the contents of this letter to him, unless such an event should happen.

In general I give my friends 6 months credit, & as much longer as I can with any convenience to myself, but always look on myself to have a liberty to draw after 6 months, but in case the quantity of Butter shipped is out of proportion with the beef etc. I shall expect to draw for such overplus proportions in 3 months, as I charge only the cost of the butter for which I always pay ready money & frequently buy more than those who buy on credit, though indeed tis not always that Butter can be bought on credit. I have within these few days bought 2000 firkins butter 1st quality at 48/, 2^d 45/6 & 3^d 43/6.

There are not 1000 barrels Beef in this city for sale of which I have about 400. I sold 200 barrels of Cargo Beef last week to a merchant here at 40/ per barrel cash & could sell the whole at same price, but I chuse to keep them for my friends, although I don't charge them so much notwithstanding the time of payment. Pork is very scarce, best Cargo at 49/ to 50/. No good Herrings here for sale.

I shall only add that if you favour me with your commands, I shall endeavour to merit the continuance thereof, & esteem you among the number of my best friends.⁵⁴

PS. As a proof of the quality of my provisions by the inclosed [...] you will see what advantage has been attempted against me.

40. / 12 MR THOMAS CALVERT, [LANCASTER]

FRI. 2 AUG. 1771

My last was the 16th with Invoice of sundry shipped on the *Kingston*. I have drawn a Bill on you for £150 payable in London to Ja^s Harrison at 8% is £162 to the credit of your account. The middle price of butter is 45/6 per cwt.

41. / 13 SIMPSON BAIRD & CO., [GLASGOW]⁵⁵

FRI. 2 AUG. 1771

I have your much esteemed favour of the 22nd. The present prices of Rum are as under & as we were pretty clear before the new arrived, I think the price will not be much if anything lower. About 400 puncheons now here for sale of which 300 in my hands & as I expect the sale of the next that will come here this year, I hope to support it better than when it comes into hands that are obliged to put it up to auction in order to raise money for duty.

As to sugars tho' our sugar houses are now in want, yet as they combine⁵⁶ together

⁵⁴ Hare again tried to gain their custom in no. 694.

⁵⁵ A general merchant partnership that failed in 1772.

⁵⁶ The three main sugar refiners in Cork were Denroche, Byrne & French of South Mall, Nicholas Mahon of Grand Parade, and Nicholas Therry of Cove St (Lucas, *Cork directory*).

they will scarce give the price they can import at, & will have 6 months credit. Good Philadelphia staves sell at £6.10.0 as in quality & other kinds in proportion. We have no Herrings here for sale at present nor do I hear of any expected. The first that come will sell well. [Continues as previous with reasons for high cost of butter, shortage of beef and high cost of pork.]

Jamaica Rum	4/5 to 4/6 & advance per overproof
Antigua	4/1 to 4/2
Barbados, St Kitts, Nevis, Mt Serratt, Grenada	3/10 to 4/4 as in quality
Butter for the West Indies	43/6 per cwt. 3rd qual
	45/6, 2nd do
do for London market	49/ 1st quality
Butter in coarse casks	38/ 3rd, 40/ 2nd, 42/ 1st
do in coarse firkins	43/ 1st, 41/ 2nd, 39/ 3rd

42. / 14 MR WM DINHAM, [BRISTOL]⁵⁷

FRI. 2 AUG. 1771

By the last packet I received your esteemed favour of the 21st & thank you for ordering of ship *Elizabeth* to me. As to Herrings I don't know of any here for sale except about 100 barrels within inspection I was obliged to return after I had them in my cellar.

There are not 1000 barrels of Beef in this city for sale & our cattle will not be fit to kill before Oct. I have about 400 barrels & could sell them a 40/ as I sold 200 of them last week for that price to a merchant here for cash, tho' I don't charge my friends so much. You would do well to advice what you may want as speedy as possible as I shall not think it prudent to keep it on hands much longer.

Some freight now offers for Jamaica⁵⁸ but the 1st ship that comes will get it. Indeed tis not above 200 barrels. [Finishes with prices of pork, butter and rum.]
<per post & copy by Gardner>

43. / 15 MR VAN HENGEN

FRI. 2 AUG. 1771

My last was the 12th advising of my Bill on you for £100 at 8¼%. Exchange is now only 7¾%. I since received your favour of same date & observe your directions about the *Hillary* which shall be observed when she arrives. I had a vessel arrive this week that left Milford⁵⁹ about the 26th at which time I don't find the *Hillary* was there.

I must observe to you that if she has any other West India produce than Rum it cannot be landed here, unless landed first in Great Britain.⁶⁰ I think sugar would sell

57 William Dinham was a merchant in Passage St (BRO).

58 Jamaica, the largest island in the British Caribbean, was physically isolated from other British territories lying a thousand miles west of the Leeward Islands. In 1775 its population was 18,000 whites and 165,500 slaves. It was the fulcrum of the British Atlantic empire producing more sugar and its by-products, molasses and rum, than any other area, and was the most important destination for Cork provisions (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, pp 31 and 32).

59 Milford Haven in west Wales.

60 Direct importation of most produce from the West Indies to Irish ports was forbidden under the British Navigation Acts until 1780.

well here, as our sugar houses have no great stock. I fear your vessel will not sell here. If not I shall procure her as much provisions as I can for your place. [Concludes with butter prices and current strong demand; lack of herrings and price of beef and pork.]

44. / 15 MESSRS DAVID & STEPHEN MOYLAN AND EDWARD FORREST, [LISBON]⁶¹

FRI. 2 AUG. 1771

When your favour of the 5th of May last year came to hand I was on my departure for England and did not since examine the account but doubt not its being right. The outstanding accounts are large but hope many of them are not desperate, yet I would be glad to receive a proposal from you to purchase them from me and as I am for bringing my affairs into [...] as possible, I will accept of any reasonable proposal you may make.

I some time past desired Mr John Moylan to write you to ship me from 500 to 800 tons of St Ubes⁶² salt at the freight of 10 to 15/ str. per ton, but as no old salt was to be had, and the new not fit for shipping at my limited price, you desired a renewal of the order which he has sent you, and I now confirm it with this [condition?] that you must ship me 500 tons as soon as possible. Agree for the freight as low as you can without limitation giving the preference to British ships and advise me in time that I may insure it if I think proper. The other 300 tons you are also to ship if you can get the freight at 15 or even 17/ per ton.

As the slaughtering season is coming on and I have no salt I beg you will exert yourself to get freight for 500 tons as soon as *possible* the salt is fit and the remainder before the end of September or middle of Oct. at the latest. Pray recommend to your friend at St Ubes to be careful to have the dryest, whitest and largest grain that can be obtained. Your Bills on me for the cost payable here or in London shall be duly honoured.⁶³

<per post & copy per Capt. Hill>

45. / 16 THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, [LIMERICK]⁶⁴

SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

Agreeable to your order I have sent you by Tho^s Neenan 8 puncheons best Jamaica

61 The Moylan family of Cork had a presence in Lisbon at the time of the earthquake there in 1755. A letter from the House of Roberts & Moylan in Lisbon to a Cork merchant dated 21 Nov 1755 was one of the first indications to the citizens of Cork of the scale of the devastation there. Stephen Moylan (1737–1811) served his apprenticeship in Lisbon. He was the son of John Moylan (1706–1791), a prominent Cork Catholic merchant with premises at Kyril's Quay. His elder brother Francis (1735–1815) became bishop of Kerry and later bishop of Cork. David Moylan (c. 1745–1780) his first cousin, the son of Denis, another prominent Cork merchant, joined him in Lisbon as an apprentice of Edward Forrest, also of a Cork background and an established Lisbon merchant house. Stephen subsequently moved to Philadelphia, where he became a confidant of George Washington (O'Shea, *Mercantile community*, pp 53–57 and 70).

62 St. Ubes, the modern port of Setubal south of Lisbon, the preferred source of the large quantity of salt required in Cork for preserving provisions.

63 Hare's urgent order was not attended to. It still had not been supplied by 23 Sept.; see no. 244.

64 Thomas Vokes Jn was a merchant at Russell's Quay in Limerick, and Simon was close by at Quay Lane. The Vokes were prominent in Limerick at this time. The family also had a presence in Cork as a Simon Vokes is listed as a merchant of Crosses Green (Ferrar, *Limerick directory*; Lucas, *Cork directory*; *Exact list... 13th August, 1783*).

Rum. I charge you but 4/5 for them beside the degree, it being the same that Mr Roche⁶⁵ had 16 puncheons at.

My limit for calf skins was 5^d at which I bought but I now hear some are purchased at 5¼^d, but it is very uncertain if I could obtain that price. I expect an order but am certain it will not exceed 5^d per lb.

46. / 16 JOHN CONNELL, CHARLEVILLE

SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

I wrote you some time since about skins, to which you did not think proper to give any answer. As I am paying a large sum I must request you would discharge your notes which are due some time past viz.

1 due 9 April last for	£22. 7.10½
1 due 19 June	64. 8.11½
	<hr/> £86.16.10

I am now landing a cargo of Rum.

47. / 17 MR JOHN EWING, [BELFAST]

SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 19th. I assure I endeavoured to put off your Rum as quick as possible but the buyers would not buy, only to supply their present want, on expectation of a fall when more should arrive, which has been the case. However the most of it is addressed to me and I shall keep up the price as much as possible. I hope soon to finish the sale of yours. It is now as under.

I have remitted Messrs Allen Marlar & Co. £500 str. for your account at 8% is £540 to the debit of your account. [Continues with the state of the butter market.]

Your bro[the]⁶⁶ shall be advised the currency of this market. I have got cash for a good part of your Rum that is sold at 3/10. Sold 2 at 4/, 13 at 3/11 & 28 at 3/10.

American wheat 24/ per barrel of 2.2 ⁶⁷
do flour 15/ to 16/
Staves £5 to £7.10.0 per thousand on quality.

65 Philip Roche (John) had his father's name added to distinguish him from another of the same name. The Roche family was originally from Cork. His father John (1688–1760) married into the Stackpoles, prominent Limerick merchants, and emerged as that city's foremost Catholic merchant, richer even than the Creaghs. He supplied the West Indies with provisions, bought their sugar and rum, and engaged in smuggling and privateering during wartime. Philip continued his father's successful enterprises and was a competitor to Hare in the supply of provisions from Munster. In 1783 he was the major supplier of 'wet' provisions to the English forces in America, supplying pork and beef to the value of £30,500 and £6,850 respectively. He died 1797, and in 1800 his nephews Stephen and James established Roches Bank in Cork, the city's first Catholic bank (*History Ireland*, May/June 2007, p. 23; Ferrar, *Limerick directory*; Jim Kenny, 'The Granary' in the *Old Limerick Journal*, no. 29, 1992, pp 5 and 6; O'Shea, *Merchant community*, p. 68; Eoin O'Kelly, *The old private banks and bankers of Munster* (Cork, 1959), pp 88–94, henceforth cited as O'Kelly, *Private banks*).

66 Possibly Robert Ewing (Gamble, *Belfast*, p. 288).

67 Presumably 2½ cwt. In 1740 the corporation of Cork purchased 1,000 barrels of New England wheat each weighing 2 cwt and a half at 30/ per barrel (Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 602).

48. / 17 MR JOHN HENDERSON, [BELFAST] SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

My last was the 26th with sales of your Rum. I am favoured with yours of the 28th. When your brig *Oliver*⁶⁸ arrives you may depend I shall make the most of her cargo. If any of it is above proof, it will be equal to Jamaica, but if not above proof altho' it should be near proof, I think it will not bring above 4/2. I shall be careful to sell the 5 puncheons by themselves. Butter first quality 49/, 2nd 45/6, 3rd 43/6 to 44. Some few of the last sold at 43/. Herrings none at market.

Since writing the above Capt. Mc Cormack has arrived and called on me but too late for the Custom House [...] Monday.

Please send the inclosed to Mr Ewing.

49. / 18 MESSRS PRENTICE & TALBOT, [LONDON] SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

I have your favour of the 19th ult. advising an error in the exchange of the Bill drawn on you, which I cannot discover & believe on a re-examination you'll find there is none, for £75.8.11 Irish at the exchange of 8% most certainly makes £69.17.2 str. the sum drawn for. [Gives butter prices.]

50. / 18 MESSRS GARNER & WILLIAMS, [LONDON]⁶⁹ SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

I received your esteemed favour of the 19th ult. ordering 200 firkins Rose Butter into 100 first, 50 2nd & 50 third, not exceeding 48, 46 & 44/ per cwt., which was duly noted, but the first quality cannot be had at your limits being now stiff at 49 to 50/ per cwt. occasioned by a great demand for your market, and the quantity going of this kind very little in proportion to the other sorts.

The 2nd and 3rd I expect to obtain at your limits and intend shipping them next week on the *Pallas* of Workington, Rob^t Kelsick master, the quality whereof I hope will please, as it will be picked out of a larger parcel, and could with you had given liberty to ship second instead of first, as I think they could not fail of answering better at the present difference in price. The coarse kinds are also advanced, firkins 40 to 45/ and large casks 38 to 43/ as in quality.

51. / 18 MR ROBERT BARNEVELT, [LONDON]⁷⁰ SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 12 ult. I have none of your favours. I expected to have completed and shipped the remainder of your order ere this, but the scarcity of the coarse firkins prevented. However I now hope to ship them in a few days on the *Pallas* of Workington, Rob^t Kelsick master. [Concludes with butter prices.]

68 In no. 332 to Alex Harper of Kinsale, Hare promotes Antigua rum from the *Oliver* at 4s. 4d. per gallon, suggesting she was coming from there. Other correspondence indicates the total consignment was 186 puncheons, a very significant cargo worth about £3,000 with £75 due to Hare on commission.

69 Corn factors at Bridgeyard, Tooley St (*London directory* 1768).

70 Barnevelt was a cheesemonger at 118 Low Thames St (*London directory* 1768).

52. / 19 MR STEPH. FORD, [LIVERPOOL] SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

My last was the 30th ult. to which refer. Since am favoured with yours of the 22nd ditto, accompanying a remittance on your account for £70 in Will Clark's Bill on Raymond Williamson Lowe & Fletcher, London, which I have passed at 8% making £75.12.0 Irish to your credit. Butter keeps up.

53. / 19 MESSRS ALLEN MARLAR & CO.,⁷¹ [LONDON] SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

Above you have my Bills for £500 for account of our mutual friend Mr John Ewing of Belfast for which you'll please to credit his account.

My Bill on Delpratt	£200
do on Maitlands	300
	<hr/> 500

54. / 19 SAMUEL DELPRATT ESQ., [BRISTOL] SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 22nd of June I am not favoured with any from you. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Allen Marlar & Co. for £200 sterling payable in London at 8% is £216 to the credit of your account.

The middle price of Butter is now 45/6 to 46/ per cwt. and I think will scarce be lower as a very great demand is in this Kingdom for that article for the London market. Not much Beef for sale. I sold 200 barrels last week at 40/ each and could have sold the whole, but kept it for my friends, to whom I charge it lower and at the usual credit. Pork is scarce and dear at 50/ per barrel. No Herrings.

55. / 19 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON] SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

My last was the 31st ult. since which am favoured with yours of the 25th. I have this day drawn a Bill on you favour Allen Marlar & Co. for £300 str. and yesterday I drew a Bill favour John Cuthbert⁷² for £50 both my account.

56. / 20 MESSRS MARTIN & PEILE, [LONDON] SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 29th ult. am favoured with yours of the 22nd & 24th ditto and note their contents. I intend shipping your order of the 25th July in a few days on the

71 Robert Allen established a business in the 1740s operating from 22 Ironmonger Lane, Cheapside. By 1754 the firm had become a partnership, Allen & Marlar, with the addition of William Marlar. Their primary interest was in the export of linens but they also acted as intermediaries in Ireland's salted provisions exports to the West Indies. This letterbook shows they acted as a clearing house for Hare, particularly relating to trade with Belfast. The firm eventually failed in 1781 (Truxes, *Letterbook*, p. 62; *London directory* 1768).

72 John Cuthbert was a neighbouring Cork merchant at Merchants Quay who became a freeman in 1756. Hare in his will of 1785 refers to him as 'his friend'. A butter exporter and rum importer in 1773, he was later active on a committee striving to lift the embargo placed at the onset of the American war. By 1787 Cuthbert had semi-retired and, like Hare himself, was serving as one of the Cork Wide-Street Commissioners. On his death in 1817 he is noted as 'one of the oldest merchants in the city' (Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 697; *Cork Mercantile Chronicle*, 2 May 1817; CCMM; Lucas, *Cork directory*; GO, MS 802/1).

Pallas of Workington, Rob^t Kelsick master, and what may be short of the coarse firkins will make up with second quality fullbound. I intend likewise if possible to ship your order for 225 casks & firkins per same opportunity, and shall observe your further order for purchasing 500 more in the best manner for your interest. [Describes the butter market.]

PS. Hereafter I will not pay any P[ort] charges.⁷³

57. / 20

BUCKLAND & SMITH, LONDON

SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 22nd ult. am favoured with yours of the 15, 19th, 22 & 23 do & duly note their contents. I intend shipping your order of 5 July in a few days on the *Pallas* of Workington, Rob^t Kelsick master, & what may be short of the coarse firkins will make up with Rose Butter agreeable to your directions.

I have noted your new order for 200 firkins Rose Butter 1st & 2nd quality at 48 & 45/, but at present nothing can be done therein, the first quality being stiff at 49/ to 50, seconds 46/ & thirds 44/ per cwt. [Further price details follow.]

With respect to the deff[icit?]'s on Rose butter per Parker.⁷⁴ I believe you will find it more or less pretty general, for as it makes pickle, so it decreases in weight. Henceforth they shall not be pickled, & only the [dirt?] lightly taken off the heads.⁷⁵ The [...] on the former parcels of coarse Butter was deducted on each firkin & the weight put down so much less.

Captain Kelsick is not to have port charges & I shall always avoid it if possible.

58. / 22

JOSEPH BROSTER, LIVERPOOL⁷⁶

SAT. 3 AUG. 1771

My last was the 19th ult. I am now favoured with yours of the 24th. If any person here has advised the prices lower than I charged you, it must be for articles of an inferior quality. I assure you the Butter cost me what I charged you. Indeed that article fell soon after 2/ per cwt. The Pork cost me 22/9 per cwt., the cask & salt very dear & the Mess Beef is at the price made up last winter, altho' Beef is advanced here 3/ per barrel but many make up Mess Beef of an inferior quality to which I would not brand my name on.

Not much freight offering at present for any place. Not much freight offering for the North side. I have an order for about 120 barrels in which are 20 boxes candles & soap. We don't expect our slaughter will begin before Oct. as the bad spring and dry summer has hindered the cattle to fatten.

73 Port charges included miscellaneous fees for custom clearance and documentation, pilotage, the use of wharfs and equipment, carterage and portorage, and health clearance. Such fees rarely exceeded five per cent of the operating cost of an eighteenth-century ocean going ship (Truxes, *Letterbook*, p. 173).

74 Captain James Parker, master of the *Susanna*; see nos 5, 6 and 13.

75 The cover of the butter firkin.

76 Joseph Broster was a merchant at 4 Atherton St (*Liverpool directory* 1774).

59. / 23 ALEXANDER HARPER, KINSALE MON. 5 AUG. 1771

I have your favour of this date & credit your account with the two inclosed Bills viz.

Rich ^d Hutchison on Rob ^t Horne	£51.14. 6
Your Bill on Rob ^t Dalrimple	11.16.10
	<hr/> 63.11. 4

at 7½% £68.6.8 to your credit.

Annexed you have account of a puncheon of Jamaica Rum, which I desired the cooper to chuse for you. Bohea Tea is 3/. Green 5/6 to 5/10 as in quality. I have 4 chests Hyson Tea 9/. They are small contain only 16lbs each.

60. / 23 MESSRS BUSH & ELTON, [BRISTOL]⁷⁷ MON. 5 AUG. 1771

The 16th ult I advised you that I had shipped 200 firkins Butter your account on the *Charming Kitty*. Inclosed you have Bill of Loading and Invoice for the same. You have also sale of the hoops⁷⁸ with proceeds for your credit £46.7.1. I was obliged to make a considerable abatement on the [coiled teeve?] hoops after I sold them on account of most of them being decayed and rotten.

<per Capt. Gardner>

61. / 23 MESSRS THOM[AS] AND W[ILLIAM] PARKER, [LEITH] MON. 5 AUG. 1771

My friends Messrs Wilcock & Marson shipped. 220 hogsheads Rum on board your ship the *Nancy*⁷⁹ consigned to me, freight to be paid 4^d per gallon in Cork (your ship to pay all charges of loading and reshipping at Milford) this expressed in the Bill of Loading. As Capt. Smith has not his [charter packs?] I am at a loss to settle this matter otherwise than by the Bill of Loading. Therefore Capt. Smith and I have agreed to leave the [issue?] in my hands after deducting a Bill I have given him on Maitlands for £300 str. at 8½% is £325 this currency. The remainder will be accountable for when settled which I apprehend may be done by application to Messrs Maitland & Boddington of London on whom the gentlemen at Milford drew for the charges at Milford.

The Rum gauged here

23807 ½ gals at 4d	£396.15.10
thy Bill deducted	<hr/> -325. 0. 0
	71.15.10

When you letter with these gentlemen⁸⁰ I will remit you a Bill for what shall appear due you.

77 William Elton (1740–1819) arrived in Bristol in 1755 and was apprenticed to George Bush, a cooper and wealthy West India merchant, who was married to a sister of Henry Bright, another of Hare's correspondents. Elton joined his master on completing his apprenticeship, forming Bush & Elton which traded with Ireland, South Carolina, Africa and the West Indies. In 1772 with others they proposed the advance of £10,000 to 'finance the purchase of three to four cargos of negroes a year' (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, pp 424, 439 and chart facing p. 20; Morgan, *Bristol trade*, pp 37, 99 and 148).

78 Wooden hoops for use in the manufacture of firkins.

79 As in no. 16.

80 No. 124 and no. 129 show attempts to resolve this problem.

62. / 24 WILLIAM HESKITH & CO.

TUE. 6 AUG. 1771

I have your favour of the 27th & shall embrace the best opportunity I can judge, of purchasing your order of Butter. I think the Butter made next month will be preferable to what is now made, altho' it may perhaps be a little higher than at present. They now ask 47/ for the best 2nd quality. Tallow very scarce. It sells here at 46/ to 47/. You may depend on having good Butter. Tanned hides of 30 lbs 10 to 10½^d.

63. / 24 THOM CALVERT, [LANCASTER]

TUE. 6 AUG. 1771

My last was the 2nd inst. I am this day favoured with yours of the 30th ult. ordering sundry per the *Mary*.⁸¹ I shall lay aside 200 barrels best Cargo Beef. No small Beef or Herrings to be had. Butter is on the advance. I offered the price this day that I bought at yesterday but could not get it. I fear I must advance 1/ per cwt. I have 50 barrels small Cargo Beef for an order I had by one some time past. If an opportunity of shipping them should not offer, you shall have them.

Let me know by return of the post, if you would have Cargo Beef or Pork instead of the small Beef & Herrings. I don't believe there are 500 barrels Beef or Herrings in Cork for sale. I sold 200 barrels last week at 40/ cash & could have sold the whole at same price, tho' I think to [missing].

64. / 25 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND, [LONDON]

TUE. 6 AUG. 1771

My last was the 3rd. Inclosed are R^d Hutchinson on Rob^t Horne for £51.14.6 & Alex Harper on Rob^t Dalrimple for £11.16.10. I yesterday drew a Bill on you favour T & W Parker for £300 str. and accepted de Kates Bill on me dated [...] 20 July w[hich] I believe is for £55.19.0. If the Bill of £11.16.10 should not be paid please to return it with protest.⁸²

65. / 25 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]⁸³

TUE. 6 AUG. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 30th ult. Inclosed are J. Watson on Strangman⁸⁴ for £60 and John [...] on Step. [...] for £8. My friend Mr J Henderson of Belfast has consigned me a cargo of Rum.⁸⁵ He requests of me to give him a credit at Dublin for £2000 for which I have desired him to draw on you payable at 31 days sight which you'll please to honour. I shall be careful to reinburse you by the time this becomes due. You'll please at your leisure to send me the set [?] of Dublin tickets.

81 She was consigned by her owners to Grenada (see no. 177) and sailed on 1 Sept. under Captain Kettle (see no. 191).

82 It was not paid; see no. 155 and no. 169.

83 Thomas Read was a leading merchant based at Linen Hall St, a trustee of the Royal Exchange and on the Committee of Merchants. He handled most of Hare's banking requirements in Dublin (Watson, *Gentleman's... almanack for 1772*).

84 See no. 467 for details on this Quaker family.

85 The cargo of rum on the *Oliver*; see no. 48.

66. / 25 CLAUS HEIDE & CO., LONDON⁸⁶

TUE. 6 AUG. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 30th Oct. last. The present serves to cover the inclosed for our mutual friends Messrs Ryberg & Thyssen & Co of Copenhagen, with Invoice and Bill of Lading for 800 barrels Beef shipped for their account on the *Hope*, Fred^k Tellisson master, for Copenhagen. For the amount whereof I have this day drawn on you agreeable to their directions £1611.2.0 str. in 4 Bills⁸⁷ viz. £300 £400 £500 & £411.2.0 payable 5 months after sale to my order, which I inclose you, requesting you'll please accept & return the same to me.

Please, after perusal, to seal & forward the inclosed.

67. / 26 JOHN POWER, [BALLY MT ALLAN]⁸⁸

WED. 7 AUG. 1771

I find by your letter you have not drove the tenants that are so much backward. I desire you would make use of the shortest method of making them pay, for the indulgence I have given them makes them use me the worse. I did not see Mr Nagle⁸⁹ nor did he send for any rent.

The horse was too tall & will be taller. Besides as I want it for my own use I should like to have one something older. Prosecute such that have burned the ground unless where you see it necessary, & that they manure or have a lease forever

I return you Guerins survey, as you will want it.

		<i>a</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>p</i> ⁹⁰
<i>Coppa burned ground</i>	<i>Franc Blake</i>			
	<i>Darley Mulcahy</i>	0	2	3
		0	1	25
<i>Ballin Laurence burned ground</i>	<i>James Degan</i>	0	2	24
<i>Gorteen burned ground</i>	<i>John Falon & partner</i>	1	0	24
<i>Killathey burned ground</i>	<i>Wm Halloran</i>			
	<i>James Roche</i>			
	<i>Wm Connell & partner</i>	0	1	33
		0	1	11
		0	3	16
<i>Ench of Pallase [?] burned ground</i>	<i>Tim Sheehan</i>	1	2	5
	<i>In all</i>	6	3	21

I certify to have surveyed the above denominations by the direction of Mr John Power & find them to contain six acres three roods & twenty-one perches in English measure, as above mentioned.

April 13th 1771, by me Mich^l Guerin.

86 They were merchants at Wellelose Square (*London directory* 1768).

87 £1611 for 800 barrels is 40s 3d per barrel.

88 John Power was Hare's receiver and estate agent.

89 Garrett Nagle as per no. 167 and no. 728.

90 Acres, roods, perches, with 40 perches to a rood and 4 roods to an acre.

68. / 26 ROBERT GORDON ESQ., [BRISTOL]

TUE. 6 AUG. 1771

My last was the 29th ult. per the conveyance. I am this day favoured with yours of the 17th. I received your inclosed letters by Capt. Halebury who arrived but this day. Having finished the sales of your 22 puncheons Rum I enclose you the sales, neat proceeds £384.13.5½ to your credit, risqué of debts excepted, being chiefly sold at 3 months. You may have them insured at 1½%.

I observe you have 40 puncheons of very strong Rum. You will be able to judge how they will answer here, calculating them to bring ½^d per gallon more for every degree they are higher in %⁹¹ than those 22, and as no Jamaica is now here except a few bad flavoured I think they will readily sell.

<per Capt. Gardner>

69. / 27 HENRY BRIGHT ESQ., [BRISTOL]

TUE. 6 AUG. 1771

My last was the 30th ult. advising my Bill on you for £98.8.9 str. for provisions shipped 4th last Dec. for Mr Smith. I note his present order and shall be shipped when the slaughter comes on. I this day received your favour of the 16th & 17th ult. by John⁹² who had a tedious passage but was some time at Cork. I credit your account for 15 guineas advanced him a 8½% is £17.1.3.

A few days past Mr Welsh sent cash to pay his Bill but paid only Irish money. I could demand no more as it was not expressed in the Bill [of Lading]. I write him this night to remit me the remainder and send him your letter.

I thank you for your kind entertainment of Jack, who with the rest of the family desires their complements to you, Mr Richard⁹³ & family. Butter a 46/ middle price but looks up on account of a very great demand for the London market.

<per Capt. Gardner>

70. / 27 MR THOMAS ELLIS, [LONDON]

WED. 7 AUG. 1771

My last was the 21st ult. since which received yours of the 16th ditto, whereby was glad to find you benefit by the advance on hops. I would wish it had turned out more favourable for you here. The few hops now at hands here are hold up at £7.10.0 to £8 per cwt. but the sale very slow. However I think there is not more than will serve the consumption about a month.

Inclosed is your account current balance, your favour £711.11.5½ is transferred to your credit in a new account and for which you shall have remittance as I become in cash. Please examine and note the same in conformity, if right.

91 That is alcohol strength.

92 Hare's son John, who left Bristol at the end of July (see no. 21) and arrived home on 6 Aug. (see no. 79).

93 Bright's son Richard.

71. / 27 MESSRS MARTIN & PEILE, [LONDON]

WED. 7 AUG. 1771

I refer to my last of the 3rd inst., since which have none of your favours. Capt. Kelsick begins to load tomorrow.

The demand for Butter of all kinds increasing and now greater than I ever before remember has occasioned the prices far dearer. First quality Rose to 50/, second 47/, 3rd 45/ per cwt., quarterbound firkins 45, 43, 41 per cwt., & large casks 43, 41 and 39/ per cwt. as in quality and rather likely to rise than fall. Indeed from present appearances I would think it won't be lower for the year.

72. / 28 MESSRS BUCKLAND & SMITH, [LONDON]

WED. 7 AUG. 1771

I refer to my last of the 3rd inst., and am since favoured with yours of the 29th ult. directing to make up your order for Rose Butter 800 firkins in all, if the markets were not advanced above 6^d per cwt., but if higher only 600 which we duly noted, and shall be accordingly observed. My quotation of the 15th of July was for 1st quality 49 to 48/ and 2nd 46 to 45, whereby it could not be inferred that the best of each was 48 and 45/. [Repeats the last paragraph of no. 71.]

73. / 28 MR ROBERT BARNEVELT, [LONDON]

WED. 7 AUG. 1771

I refer to my last of the 3rd inst., and by last packet⁹⁴ received your favour of the 27th ult. ordering 600 firkins Rose Butter of 2^d quality, 150 ditto of 1st quality, 100 small quarterbound firkins of 60 to 70 lbs and 100 more of the same kind as the 50 off *Barmouth* which was duly noted, and shall use my best endeavours to execute the same on the most advantageous terms for your interest in every respect, but as to the small quarterbound firkins, there's scarce any of them now to be had as formerly, because of late years they run mostly upon the large kind, and indeed I fear I shall not be able to get you many of either as they come very slow to market and are mostly 3rd quality which sort I don't apprehend you would chuse to have.⁹⁵ [Gives current high butter prices as in no. 72.]

74. / 29 MR GEORGE WILKINSON, [LONDON]

WED. 7 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 25th ult. am favoured with yours of the 17th, 20th, 25th and 26 ditto and duly note their contents. Your 2 Bills value £125.17.10 are honoured. When the *Lord Mount Cashell* arrives, will do the needful with your Teas and hope the fine Bloom will sell pretty readily. What are on hands go off but slowly. I have only sold since my last, 2 chests Bohea at 3/ and one at 2/11½. Two chests Green at 5/10 N^o 498 & 538, 1 do at 5/9 N^o 507, and 1 chest Hyson at 8/10 N^o 579. I have also sold one bag of your Turkey cotton at 11^d and 1 bag W. India at the same, but shall not sell any more of the Turkey in consequence of your last, under 11½^d.

94 Strictly speaking, this refers to the small vessels on which the English mail from Bristol and Minehead (and ultimately London and beyond) was carried on a regular basis to Waterford and Cork.

95 The order was shipped on the *Velarco* on 2 Sept. and 60 of the small kind were provided 'tho' unexpected'; see no. 183.

I think you will not have any cause to repent your getting the calfskins as they have been bought since my last a 5¼^d to send to your place, and not many now remaining for sale. There are none now to be had under that price. The cask of smalts shall be delivered Mrs Kingston on her paying the cost and the others returned, as I don't find it will sell here.

[Gives butter prices as in no. 71.] What few hops are on hands are held up at £7.10.0 to £8 per cwt. I doubt if there are more than will answer the consumption for about a month.

75. / 29

WILLIAM RONAYNE

FRI. 9 AUG. 1771

I have your favour of the 7th inclosing Carr on Long⁹⁶ for £30, which shall be placed to the credit of your account. I desire your friend may have occasion for some Rum. I have now two cargos of Antigua just landed, the price 4/3 per gallon, Leeward Islands charge you but 4/2 if you should order any of that, Barbados 3/11 to 4/. I shall be glad to have the pleasure of serving you & any order you are pleased to send me for Rum etc. shall be directly attended to. I believe the price of Rum will not be lower this year.

76. / 30

ARTHUR AND BENJAMIN HEYWOOD ESQS, [LIVERPOOL]⁹⁷

FRI. 9 AUG. 1771

I have your much esteemed favour of the 2nd inst. I shall endeavour to embrace the best opportunity of purchasing 1000 a 1500 firkins Butter for you. At present the demand for London is so great that its bought up as fast as it comes to hands. They have this day advanced it, the lowest middle price 47/ & many will not sell under 48/. However I hope when the orders for London are supplied, the price may fall. When your 3 puncheons Jamaica Rum arrive⁹⁸ they shall be disposed of. The present price 4/4 to 4/6 as in quantity & an addition for overproof. Not 400 barrels old Beef here for sale. The new will not be fit to kill before the end of next month or beginning of Oct. If you think of sending any early ships, let me have your orders as early as you can, that I may endeavour to buy on the best terms, especially the small Beef which may begin to be had in the month.

I am thankful for the liberty of drawing, which I think I shall soon have occasion for, having within these few days entered & paid duty for Rum, which with what more I expect will amount to £600 duty & freight.

No Herrings, salmon £15 per ton.

96 John Carr on James & H. Long; see no. 150.

97 Brought up in Ireland, Arthur and Benjamin moved to Liverpool in the 1730s and became successful merchants. Like most Liverpool merchants they were involved in the slave trade and in war time engaged in privateering. Arthur lived at 59 Hanover St with Benjamin next door at no 58. Their daughter Sarah married Richard Bright, a classmate of Hare's son, John, at Warrington academy, and the son of Henry of Bristol, one of Hare's most frequent correspondents. The Heywoods in 1776 established a bank in Liverpool, which traded successfully until being sold by their descendants in 1883 to the Bank of Liverpool for £400,000 (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heywood's_Bank, accessed April 2013; *Liverpool directory 1774*).

98 The rum arrived on the *Delight* and was sold by 14 Sept.; see no. 221.

77. / 30 MR RICHARD PARK JN

FRI. 9 AUG. 1771

I have this day received your favour of the 19th July, which must have been delayed by the post office with you or somewhere else, & I must observe the mark post paid. They scratched it out and charged 2/4 which with 1/1 paid postage before being deducted out of the proceeds of Messrs Young & Smiths flaxseed, leaves £23.17.1 Irish currency at 8% is £22.1.9 str. for which sum you have my Bill above on Samuel Munckley Esq. Flaxseed governed the last spring about 50/ per hogshead & wheat 24/. Good Virginia barrel staves £6.10.0 to £7.10.0. I could not get any opportunity of shipping the value or would have done it.

78. / 31 MR WILLIAM WILCOCK

FRI. 9 AUG. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 2nd annexed to Messrs Wilcock & Marsons letter of credit dated 4th June to which all due regard shall be paid. Altho' I have generally refused to credit the best houses in the West Indies without an obligation of an house in England to answer my Bills at a limited time, yet lest it should be any disappointment to you, it shall be complied with, and you shall be supplied as low as possible.

I don't believe there are 400 barrels Beef for sale in this city of any kind especially small Beef nor any Herrings. I last week sold 200 barrels best Cargo Beef for cash at 40/, Mess in proportion. Cargo Pork is as high as 50/ & scarce. Butter this day advanced to 47/ the middle price, large quantities being at this time demanded for the London market. Our new Beef will begin to come in about the end of next month or beginning of Oct., & if it was not too long I think you had better wait for it, but in that case you should give me as early notice as possible, as it would take 3 weeks from the time of receiving your order to the time it may be fit for ship. Some new salmon to be had a £15 per ton & as Herrings have been very scarce here for some time past, I think it may do.

79. / 32 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 9 AUG. 1771

I wrote you by this conveyance. I have this day drawn a Bill on you for £22.1.9 str. favour Richard Park Jn.

I am favoured with yours of the 20th ult. by John,⁹⁹ who came to hand only three days past. I am much obliged for your kind recommendation of me to Smith. I have communicated your letter to Mr Andrews brother. The proper papers will be made out & sent you & I will indemnify you in this affair.

Butter is on the advance on account of the great demand for the London market. Inclosed is my Bill on William Gayner for £61.14. 0.
<per Capt. Gardner>

⁹⁹ Who brought post with him from Bristol; see no. 69.

80. / 32 RICHARD WATT ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

FRI. 9 AUG. 1771

My last was the 31st ult. Annexed is sales of your 20 puncheons Rum neat proceeds £362.9.7 to your credit, risque of debt excepted. I don't expect to be in loss for the value of the duty in less than three months. Its mostly sold at 3 months credit & will if received in 4 or 5. You may have the debts insured at 1.5%.

As rock salt is very scarce I think a large cargo would readily sell at 19/ to 20 per ton.

81. / 33 WILLIAM GAYNER, BRISTOL¹⁰⁰

FRI. 9 AUG. 1771

I have your favour of the 23rd ult. ordering 20 hogsheads winter melted tallow not exceeding 45/6 per cwt., which was duly noted but can't find that any remains for sale. I hear tis up with you to 47 to 48/, according to which if any was on hands, it would not be sold at your limit. Your order for 20 large casks & 50 fullbound firkins best Butter was also noted, the latter not exceeding 46/, which cannot be had at said price, but the 20 casks shall be shipped per first opportunity.

Butter of all kinds has lately advanced occasioned by a great demand for different markets & particularly for London. The present prices are for Rose Butter of first quality 50/, seconds 47 to 48/ & thirds 45 to 46/ per cwt. The firsts are very scarce in proportion to the other sorts, & as they are so much dearer I think the best of the seconds would answer very well, which I have an opportunity of picking out. Coarse firkins 42 to 46/ & large casks 40 to 44/ per cwt. as in quality, & from present appearances I doubt if they will be much if anything lower for the year.

Inclosed is Bill of Lading for 2 hogsheads glew per the *Pitt Yacht*, Capt. Gardner, the amount £66.6.7 against which have this day drawn on you favour Mr Sam^l Munckley or order for £61.14.0 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 7½% balances the same. There is no more glew now remaining for sale.

PS. I have orders from Mr Tho^s Clark of Plymouth to ship 24 firkins Rose Butter to your address, which shall be done per next opportunity.¹⁰¹
<per Capt. Gardner>

82. / 33 JOHN AND THOMAS WILLIAMS, BRISTOL

FRI. 9 AUG. 1771

I received your favour of the 9th ult. & 1st inst. with orders for Butter & vells¹⁰² which were duly noted, & I will endeavour to execute the same, or what part thereof can be had, on best terms & per first opportunity. The bearer¹⁰³ could not take any & no other vessel offered since receipt of your first order.

[Continues with scarcity of butter with resulting high prices as in no. 81.] As I don't expect to get anything like the number [of firsts] you order, shall be glad to know if I

100 The Gayners were a Quaker family (BRO).

101 It was shipped on the *Juno* some weeks later; see no. 128.

102 The salted stomach of a calf used in making cheese.

103 Captain Gardner of the *Pitt Yacht*.

may make them up with seconds which I think will do, as I can pick out the best of them for you.

There are not many vells for sale & they now ask 2/2 per dozen for them.
<per Capt. Gardner>

83. / 34 MESSRS WRAXALL & HALL, [BRISTOL]¹⁰⁴ SAT. 10 AUG. 1771

We have not 1000 barrels salt in this city. If you have any ships to which it would be convenient to load at St Ubes, it must answer here as I judge it will be high here all the season.

<per Capt. Gardner>

84. / 34 MR JAMES THOMAS SAT. 10 AUG. 1771

I wrote yours the [blank] ult. I remember you talked to me last summer about sending a ship or two to St Ubes to load salt there. Has not happened a more seasonable time for this scheme than at present, as there is not 1000 barrels in this city & will probably yield a high price till Nov. Salt is always at a [fixt?] price at St Ubes & much lower than at Lisbon. If you send ships there desire your friend to be careful to get the largest grain whitest & dryest. Salt from Lisbon will not pay a freight.

<per Capt. Gardner>

85. / 34 JOHN POWER, BALLY MT ALLAN SAT. 10 AUG. 1771

I have yours by the bearer. I can't find your former letter, but tis very probable I mistook it, as I was much hurried when I answered it. You had better destrain Mr Barry if there is sufficient on your ground to pay the rent due in May, as I don't think it sufficient to destrain for last Nov. rent.¹⁰⁵

I expect to sell Ballymahon before I am much older. Mrs Hare is obliged to you for your mushrooms. The smallest are the most valuable.

86. / 35 WILLIAM MILES ESQ., [BRISTOL]¹⁰⁶ SAT. 10 AUG. 1771

I wrote you by this conveyance. Having just now [met?] with two fresh turbot and Capt. Gardner just going down, I have put them in a cask directed to you. As I have salted them I hope they will prove good. They should be well watered.

<per Capt. Gardner>

104 Nathaniel Wraxall (d. 1781) became a freeman of Bristol in 1746, but was declared bankrupt in 1776. (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p.165). Hall has not been identified, but may be the Charles Hall based in Jamaica who formed partnerships with a number of Bristol merchants.

105 The Nov. rent was received 6 Sept.; see no. 195.

106 William Miles was one of Bristol's wealthiest merchants, being ranked second in the list of sugar importers. He made his fortune in Jamaica and his knowledge of conditions there led to his preference to keeping his sugar there 'a year round, rather than ship my goods on ships and with masters I know nothing of'. Returning to Bristol, he was so successful that he was reportedly able to settle £100,000 on his son at marriage. Like most merchants in Bristol he was also involved in the slave trade. He served as mayor in 1780. He was also a shipowner who suffered during the American war when his *Lord North* and two other vessels were captured by privateers (Morgan, *Bristol trade*, pp 37, 84, 149, 186, 194 and 203; Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 298).

87. / 35

MR ROGER SCULLY

SAT. 10 AUG. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 7th by Jn^o Murphy who has paid me for the former puncheon & taken another. I wrote your son Mr James a few days past,¹⁰⁷ desiring he would consult with you and advise me at what time new Beef may be expected as the old is almost all gone. I have about 300 barrels left & I don't know where so many more are in this city for sale. I shall be able to take all your Beef this year of any kind, which I hope is agreeable to you.

New Beef is already selling in Dublin. Let me know by first post when you think it may be had here. I find all our butchers are gone [west?].

88. / 35

WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK ESQ., [ST KITTS]¹⁰⁸

TUE. 13 AUG. 1771

My last was the 27th ult. per the *Hannah* on whom I shipped the 200 boxes of candles consigned to Cholet & Bize¹⁰⁹ amounting to £298.3.0 str. as per Invoice & Bill of Loading sent them.

Inclosed you have Invoice & Bill of Loading for sundry shipped on board the *Friendship* agreeable to Messrs Johnstons orders,¹¹⁰ in the amount £578.8.10 str. I shall not miss the opportunity of shipping the 2nd & 3rd orders when it offers, as its impossible to get opportunity at the exact time.

I have charged each article as low as possible. Butter was lower but the great demand for the London market has advanced the price. I assure you I pay the price charged. I don't know of 500 barrels Beef in this city for sale & Beef will not be slaughtered before Oct. Pork is very scarce. No Herrings at market.

I sold to a merchant here last week 200 barrels Cargo Beef at 40/ per barrel. Good St Kitts Rum 3/11 to 4/.

<per *Friendship*>

89. / 36

ALEXANDER, JAMES AND EVAN BAILLIE ESQS, [ST KITTS] TUE. 13 AUG. 1771

Annexed is copy of what I wrote you the 18th May since which could not get an opportunity of shipping your order for 300 firkins butter till now. I have shipped them on the *Friendship* as per inclosed Invoice & Bill of Loading amounting to £446.6.10. I have charged them as low as possible. I payed within 1/ per cwt. of what I charge you in the Invoice, & as I don't draw for it till 6 months after shipping, it's the interest only [Proceeds as in no. 88 on shortage of beef, butter prices etc.]

Inclosed you have Invoice of the sundries shipped last June on the *Success* for the use of your estates in Grenada amounting to £101.13.0.

107 See no. 27.

108 William Kirkpatrick was one of the leading merchants in St Kitts had strong Irish links. He used Alex Johnston, another of Hare's correspondents as his shipping agent. St Kitts was highly valued for its healthy climate, fresh water and high quality sugar, and was rated the richest colony in the British Caribbean in proportion to its size (Hancock, *Citizens*, pp 142 and 47; Thomas M. Truxes, *Irish-American trade, 1660–1783* (Cambridge, 1988), p. 99 (henceforth cited as Truxes, *Irish-American trade*); Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 28).

109 No. 31 indicates that this consignment was to St Eustatius where Cholet & Bize were merchants.

110 Alex Johnston & Son of London; see no. 98.

Good St Kitts Rum 3/11 to 4/.
<per *Friendship*>

90. / 36 MR ROBERT ARTHUR, [IRVINE]¹¹¹ TUE. 13 AUG. 1771

My last was the 19th May. Am this [day] favoured with yours of the 3rd inst. & wrote you was fitting out the *Kennedy* & a sketch of what you intended for her. I shall get the lime packed & endeavour to have it white & well packed.

You don't mention whether you intended to have new or old Beef. [Proceeds as in no. 88 on beef shortages.]

Herrings we have none. I could wish to have 20 barrels Norway Herrings for tryal. I think they may sell here for home consumption.

Two or three cargos of provisions were shipped last winter for St Croix but I don't know of any orders here at present.

We have not had such a small quantity of salt in this city as at present in my memory. I don't think there are 1000 barrels & our consumption between this time & Christmas is usually 25 to 30,000 barrels. It should be here before December. The sooner the better

I presume you will have no objection to Capt. McJameson giving me his Bill on you as last year. If you have not a large take of Herrings with you, Gothenburg Herrings will be in demand.

91. / 37 THOMAS & CLAYTON CASE ESQS, [LIVERPOOL]¹¹² TUE. 13 AUG. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 6th. [Proceeds with shortage of beef.]

I don't think anything can be expected on freight to Jamaica the beginning of Oct. as no Beef will be made up, but for some particular ships as may be ordered to call for it, & as to Herrings we have none for sale. If you send any ships this way I think rock salt will pay a tolerable freight as our salt boilers are in want of it.

I suppose it's the best Cargo Beef that is shipped for the Streights or a few barrels or half barrels Mess, or the like of Pork. At below you have the prices of the sundry articles requested as far as I can collect them.

Best cargo pork	50/ per barrel
Mess do	53/
Mounted candles	5/9 per doz
Butter	Advanced to 46/ to 50/ per cwt
Hides tanned	20 lb to 24 lb per hide 10 to 10½ ^d with Cork tonnage
do	9 to 10 ^d do with country do
Calfskins tanned	1/4 to 1/6
We have no crossed [?] leather	

111 Robert Arthur was a regular correspondent with eleven letters in the period 15 Feb. 1771 to 28 Nov. 1772 (Robert Arthur collection at Ayrshire Archives, letterbook 1771/1772, AA/DC/198/1/1/5).

112 A Thomas Case is listed as a merchant of Water St. He was one of the merchants appointed to a committee in 1777 to represent the interests of those engaged in the African trade (*Liverpool directory* 1766; Williams, *Liverpool privateers*, p. 562).

92. / 38 MR JOHN HOHNER JN

TUE. 13 AUG. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 8th inst ordering 100 firkins of butter per the *Oliver*. Mr Henderson¹¹³ ordered the vessel to be filled with limestone after taking in his order of Butter. The Capt. had accordingly loaded the vessel & came up this day & cleared out. He did not think proper to take your order of Butter. [Continues about butter scarcity.]

93. / 38 MR THOMAS CALVERT, [LANCASTER]

TUE. 13 AUG. 1771

My last was the 6th. As we have no Herrings I have thought it may be of service to advice you that we have good new salmon here to be purchased at £15 per ton. I bought your Butter at 47/. I could not now get it under 48/ & is scarce to be had. I shipped the 50 barrels Small Beef.

94. / 39 MR JOHN HENDERSON, [BELFAST]

TUE. 13 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 4th I am not favoured with any from you. I shipped your 1000 firkins Butter on the *Oliver* altho' I have not been able to purchase the whole of them & for other orders I had before yours came to hand that article has been daily rising. Capt. McCormack was present when I bought 300 firkins to replace part of what I shipped for you. I gave 46/ for the 3rd quality & 48/ for the 2nd do. I shall compleat the purchase as speedy as I can & hope to do it in two or three days & then furnish you with Invoice, charging them at average as I judge they cost me.

Capt. McCormack is cleared out & prepares to sail this evening or tomorrow morning. I have sold off your Rum as under.

1 puncheon at 4/4, 4 at 4/3, 3 at 4/2, 2 at 4/1

Of Mrs Hendersons 1 at 4/3

95. / 39 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

TUE. 13 AUG. 1771

My last was 3rd. The 9th I drew a Bill on you in favour of John Cuthbert for £150 at 41 days date & this day I drew a Bill favour Ignatius Trant¹¹⁴ for £80.

96. / 40 MESSRS THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, [LIMERICK]

WED. 14 AUG. 1771

I am favoured with yours of 12th. I am surprised at the sundry complaints of the 8 puncheons Rum.¹¹⁵ I sent 4 puncheons to Mr Mahon & 16 to Mr Roche & had no

113 John Henderson of Belfast, owner of the *Oliver*; see no. 48.

114 There were a number of Catholic merchants called Trant in Cork at this time. The most prominent being Thomas at Devonshires Marsh and Ignatius at nearby Mallow Lane. In 1762 they advertised 'A black negro boy aged about 14, remarkably free from vice, a very handy willing servant. Apply Ignatius or Thomas Trant in Mallow Lane where the boy can be seen'. Ignatius signed various Catholic proclamations (John Hayes, 'The Trants: An enterprising Catholic family in eighteenth century Cork' in *JCHAS*, 48 (1981), pp 21–29; Lucas, *Cork directory*; *Cork Journal*, 4 Mar 1762; List of Catholic signatories to a reward for the capture of an illegal organisation in the *Cork Journal*, 12 Apr. 1762; *59th Report of the Deputy Keeper of Public Records in Ireland* (1962), p. 78; *Dublin Gazette*, 1759).

115 Those mentioned in no. 45.

complaints of any kind.¹¹⁶ Mr Mahon's was 1^d more than yours being some little time sooner, & Mr Roches at same price with condition of an abatement of 1^d per gallon in case he paid cash in a few days, which he accordingly did & had the abatement. The Rum was never off the Quay & I think my watchman very careful & honest. I have again compared them with Mr Dixons gaugers account & find them charged agreeable to the account sent you & have furnished the proprietors with the sales accordingly, so that if any error in our hydrometer, I fear it will not be in my power to rectify it.¹¹⁷

I am rather inclined to think the error must be in yours, as I had no complaint of what I sold others. I should be glad whenever you want Rum you would appoint Mr Clark or some other friend to chuse it & shall be glad if would desire him to examine into this complaint. If the bottles you send do not answer in our hydrometer I shall be convinced that the carryers have adulterated it, notwithstanding their entreaties, for who of them would not swear anything if they were bad enough to adulterate it.

I entirely compleated my order for calf skins at 5^d & could buy more at same price but they were too heavy for any orders, so that I did not buy the last till yesterday.

Pray my compliments to your good father.¹¹⁸ Tell him that Colonel Rawson landed here last week from Bristol but was gone out of town before I heard of it. He is one of the trustees for the sale of his nephews estate.¹¹⁹

No Jamaica Rum here for sale. Antigua 4/2 to 3^d. Other kinds 3/10 to 4/ as in quality.

97. / 41 MAITLAND & BODDINGTON, ESQS, LONDON WED. 14 AUG. 1771

Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 300 firkins best Butter shipped on the *Friendship* on account of our mutual friends Messrs Baillies, whose directions you'll be pleased to follow in regard to insurance. The account I shall draw for on you only at maturity.¹²⁰

My last was the 29th ult. I have only unpacked 15% of the *James and Rebeccas* cargo & have sold 6 puncheons of the *Nancy's* at 3/11 to 4/.

98. / 41 ALEX JOHNSTON ESQ. & SON, [LONDON] WED. 14 AUG. 1771

My last was the 31st ult. with Invoice & Bill of Loading for 200 boxes of candles per the *Hannah*.

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Loading for sundry shipped on the *Friendship* account of Mr Kirkpatrick¹²¹ the amount £578.8.10 str. to your debit. I expect she

116 Philip Roche (John) and Laurence Mahon, both Limerick merchants.

117 The price of rum varied with strength, which was measured by a hydrometer. In this instance the Vokes are complaining that the rum purchased was not of the correct strength.

118 In 1764 he had 'failed in his credit' due to the failure of the Benson brothers in Cork with whom he 'had large engagements'. He offered to vest his estate in trustees for the benefit of his creditors. He continued to trade, being listed in 1769 as a merchant of Back Lane, John St in Limerick (*Commons Journal*, vii, 17 Mar. 1764; Ferrar, *Limerick directory*).

119 See no. 520 relating to this issue.

120 The money was not drawn until 13 May; see no. 791.

121 See no. 88.

sails this evening or tomorrow morning. I shall ship the 3rd shipment at the appointed time or as near as I can get opportunity.

99. / 41 MESSRS HIND & SIMPSON

FRI. 16 AUG. 1771

Inclosed is Invoice & Bill of Loading for 240 firkins best Butter & 50 barrels best Cargo Beef.¹²² We have very little Beef here for sale, scarce 500 barrels & the new Beef will not begin to be slaughtered before the end of next month at soonest.

Mr Tarleton ordered 100 barrels Herrings if at 20/ but none here at present for sale at any price.

100. / 42 MESSRS EDDIE & DUPIN, [LONDON]

THU. 15 AUG. 1771

Agreeable to my last of the [blank], Mr Franks & I met & examined the account by Mrs Fennels letter, which she received from you & allowed her for every article she objected to, viz.,

Carriage of [...] seed from Bristol	14. 1
do	14. 1
Charges on [...] duty & freight she paid	11. 6
12 a bad barrel seed	9. 0
Abatement on peas	4. 0
do on [...]	18. 0
	<hr/> 3.10.10

She alleges she sent you 7 sacks of 3 seed, the difference between the cost & what you allowed her being £3.6.7 Irish we also allowed, unless you shew reason to the contrary. We then struck the balance in Irish money & found it £64.7.10, which we & she signed. Indeed Mr Franks & I found she was poor & it will be well if she ever pays even this sum but it was in order to get it settled & the balance due acknowledged that I came into these deductions.¹²³

But after all [this] no money to be had at present, but promises to pay what she can after the assizes, which will be the end of this month. She wants to get three years for the payment & to give security. Indeed I think it would be well to get security to pay it in two years, that is, a proportion every 6 months, but I think shall not accept of it till I hear from you which I shall expect by return of post.

101. / 43 MR WILVORN CRICKLOG

FRI. 16 AUG. 1771

Inclosed you have certificates for the Rum & sugar consigned me by Mr Henderson per the *Oliver* agreeable to your letter of the 27th ult. I have as yet sold but 22 puncheons as I keep it up to 4/2 to 4/3 per gallon it being very good. I expect it will soon meet a brisker sale.

122 Possibly aboard the *Friendship* to St Kitts; see no. 88 and no. 89.

123 Mrs Fennel proved a difficult debtor; see no. 298 and no. 667.

102. / 43 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., LIVERPOOL¹²⁴

FRI. 16 AUG. 1771

My last was the 30th ult. I yesterday received your esteemed favour of the 30th ult. & 1st inst. I cleared out Capt. Wood & he is gone down in order to sail, which I hope he will do to morrow morning if the wind is fair.¹²⁵ As I wrote you the 27th ult., no Herrings to be got. I expect to have a letter from you to night & in case of any alteration in your order, shall send down this night to Capt. Wood.¹²⁶ Inclosed you have Invoice & Bill of Lading for his cargo £480.2.11 & account of ships disbursements £38.11.5. Butter is daily advancing. Its 2/ per cwt. more than it was four days past. Our butchers are gone to the country & I hear they are buying the bullocks 10/ per head higher than last year. We shall be able to judge when they return at what time new Beef may be had.

103. / 43 JOHN HUTCHINSON, DUBLIN¹²⁷

SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

I duly received your favours of the 20 June & 10 inst. The most I have been offered for your Beef is 35/ per barrel & to be at the charge of repacking it, & each barrel to contain 1.3.14¹²⁸ as customary here, to which conditions I could not agree without first acquainting you thereof. I would readily consent to give it at said price as it is, or even less. Therefore please let me have your answer by return of post.

Rose Butter 47 to 51/. Other sorts [torn].

104. / 44 MESSRS GARNER & WILLIAMS, [LONDON]

SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 3rd inst. have none of your favours. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Loading for 100 firkins Rose Butter shipped for your account on the *Pallas* of Workington, Rob^t Kelsick master, amounting to £138.19.8 to your debit and this day have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £129.5.9 str. at 21 days sight which with exchange at 7½% balances the same. Said ship is cleared out and ready to sail first fair wind.

Butter advanced considerably since my last being now 3/ per cwt. more than yours cost and likely to be higher. Coarse firkins 2nd quality 45 to 46/.

124 John Tarleton (1719–1773) became one of the most prominent Liverpool merchants in the second half of the eighteenth century. He conducted business from Water Street, said to be ‘a favourite place of business for the higher class of merchant’. He was active in the slave trade, becoming manager and part owner of several slaving vessels in the 1750s and 1760s; these vessels mainly discharged slaves in Jamaica. In 1763 he owned premises in Grenada and later an estate in Dominica. He was also active in politics, being appointed mayor of Liverpool in 1764/65, but refused an offer to become an MP. Between 1748 and 1773 his fortune is estimated to have grown from £6,000 to £80,000 (*Liverpool directory 1774*; ODNB; Williams, *Liverpool privateers*, pp 82, 103, 155 and 668; John Belchem (ed.), *Liverpool 800: Culture, character and history* (Liverpool, 2008), pp 109, 139, 163, 324 (henceforth cited as Belchem, *Liverpool 800*); www.microform.co.uk/guides/R96797.pdf on the Tarleton papers; accessed Apr. 2013).

125 He was windbound until the 21st; see no. 174.

126 Send a messenger ‘down’ to Cobh where ships anchored; see no. 116.

127 John Hutchinson was a merchant on Batchelor’s Quay (Watson, *Gentleman’s... almanack for 1772*).

128 1 cwt, 3 quarters and 14 lbs equaling 210lbs; this defines the weight of beef in a Cork barrel. Other ports differed. Hare with difficulty sold this beef; see no. 225.

105. / 44 MR ROBT BARNEVELT, [LONDON]

SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 7th inst. have none of your favours. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for 150 firkins Butter being the remainder of your first order, shipped on the *Pallas* of Workington, Rob^t Kelsick master, amounting to £234.7.2 to your debit & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order £218.0.2 str. at 21 days sight which with exchange at 7½% balances the same. Capt. Kelsick is cleared out and ready to sail first fair wind

Butter has been daily advancing since my last. The Rose is now 47, 49 & 51/ to be taken in the run,¹²⁹ and likely to go higher. However I have secured a good part of your last order before it got to this price, and shall procure the remainder on best terms. Second quality coarse firkins are now 45/ to 46/ per cwt.

106. / 44 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

My last was the 13th. I this day drew a Bill on you favour John Cuthbert at 35 days date £500 str. Inclosed you have my Bills on sundry with which please to do the needful.

on,

Grote Son & Co, London at 42 days sight	£135.12. 1
ditto at 21 days sight	52.03.11
Sutton & Shombart at 42 days	195.12. 7
Amsinick & Burmester at do	370. 2. 0
on do at do	136. 3. 8
Wm de Drusina & Co. at do	175.15. 7
Benjamin Lara at do	246.13.11
John Spitta at do	246. 9. 7
Geo. Clifford at do	174.11.10
Rob ^t Barnvelt at 21 days sight	218. 0. 2
Garner & Williams at do	129. 5. 9
Martin & Peile at 2 months date	665. 0. 5
Buckland & Smith at do	1078.13. 0
	<u>£3824. 4. 2</u>

107. / 45 MESSRS BUCKLAND & SMITH, [LONDON]

SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 7th inst. am favoured with yours of the 8th ditto. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for 750 casks and firkins Butter shipped for your account on the *Pallas* of Workington, Rob^t Kelsick master, amounting to £1156.17.1 to your debit and this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £1078.13.0 str. at 2 months date, which with exchange at 7¼% balances the same. Capt. Kelsick is cleared out and ready to sail first fair wind.

129 That is, to be taken as part of a consignment without the option of picking and choosing.

Butter has been continually advancing since my last for which reason could not procure this parcel on lower terms. Neither could I procure you a greater number of coarse firkins. [Finishes with butter prices as in no. 105.]

108. / 45 MESSRS MARTIN & PEILE, [LONDON] SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 7th inst. am favoured with yours of the 31st ult. and duly note the contents. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Loading for 450 casks and firkins Butter shipped for your account on the *Pallas* of Workington, Rob^t Kelsick master, amounting to £709.16.5 to your debit and this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £665.0.5 str. at 2 months date, which with exchange at 7¼% making Irish £713.4.8 balances for the above, and 3 guineas £3.8.3 advanced Capt. Cox of the *Barmouth*. Kelsick is cleared out and ready to sail first fair wind.

This parcel is charged on the lowest terms. I could not procure you a greater number of coarse firkins. The 100 of 3rd quality Rose are all picked Butter, as well as the 2nd, and I think will prove to satisfaction. This article has been continually advancing since my last and is now 47, 49 & 51/ per cwt. in the run and likely to go higher. I procured part of your last order and will make up as much as I can to come within your limits, shipping the same per first opportunity. The casks and coarse firkins are likewise 2 to 3/ per cwt. advanced.

109. / 46 MESSRS SUTTON & SCHOMBART, [LONDON]¹³⁰ SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

This only serves to advise that I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order at 42 days sight for £195.12.7, which please to honour & charge to our mutual friend Mr Hinrich Volstedt of Hamburg.¹³¹ [Please seal and forward...]

110. / 46 PAUL AMSINICK & BURMESTER, LONDON¹³² SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

As above advising to have drawn on you favour Maitlands 42 days £370.2.0 account Nich^s Sohnbach of Hamburg, & £136.3.8 account Wichmann Gustaph Eichhoff of Hamburg.¹³³

111. / 46 BENJAMIN LARA, LONDON SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

As above advising to have drawn favour ditto at 42 days sight £246.13.11 str. account Johann Jacob Eichhoff of Hamburg.¹³⁴

130 Letters no. 109 to no. 116 relate to butter sales to merchants in Hamburg. The expected confirmatory letters to these merchants are not in the manuscript, suggesting they were copied in a separate letterbook, such as the 'Dutch book' referred to in no. 350. Sutton & Schombart were merchants at 5 Barge Yard, Bucklersbury (*London directory* 1768).

131 Volstedt (1723–1783) was a merchant in Hamburg but not a citizen.

132 In 1771 Paul Amsinick was one of 79 merchants and shipowners who subscribed £100 to set up a 'New Lloyds', that subsequently became the giant Lloyd's syndicate. Letters relating to him infer that he was active in the German trade (*London directory* 1768; Lloyd's, *Martin* p.147).

133 A citizen of Hamburg since 1766, although possibly born in Altona (Nicolaus Mathias Hübbe, *Register of deaths in Hamburg between 1771 and 1850*, Hamburg State Archives, Genealogical Collection 40, henceforth cited as Hübbe, *Register of deaths in Hamburg*).

134 Probably brother of Wichmann of no. 110 as records show he was married in Altona. He was described as an accounting clerk in his application for citizenship of Hamburg in 1762 (Hübbe, *Register of deaths in Hamburg*).

112. / 46 JOHN SPITTA, [LONDON] SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

As above advising to have drawn favour do at 42 days sight £246.9.7 str. account Johann Friedrich Dunker of Hamburg.¹³⁵

113. / 47 GEORGE CLIFFORD, LONDON SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

As to Sutton & Schombart per opposite side,¹³⁶ advising to have drawn favour Maitlands for £174.11.10 str. at 42 days sight, account Johann Jacob Behrens & Son of Hamburg.¹³⁷

114. / 47 WILLIAMM DE DRUSINA & CO., LONDON¹³⁸ SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

As above advising to have drawn favour ditto for £175.15.7 str. at 42 days sight account Frantz Ludwig Schloemann of Hamburg.¹³⁹

115. / 47 GROTE SON & CO., LONDON¹⁴⁰ SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

As above advising to have drawn favour ditto for £135.12.1 str. at 42 days sight account Jacob Hinrich Lühring of Hamburg¹⁴¹ & £52.3.11 at 21 days on John Chris. Seita of Bremen

116. / 47 PAUL AMSINICK & BURMESTER, LONDON SUN. 18 AUG. 1771

I had the pleasure of writing to you yesterday advising to have drawn on you for account of Mr Nicholas Sohnbach of Hamburg for £370.2.0 and for account of Mr W. G. Eichhoff of same place £136.3.8, which I now confirm, but finding I omitted to desire your getting the amount of Mr Sohnbachs 150 casks Butter on the *Vrouw Elizabeth*, Capt. Inegen Hartwig Lartnow, for which I drew the above mentioned Bill, insured, as by a general order of last year he desired me to do. I herewith request you will please to insure it accordingly, with 10% imaginary profile.

I was in hope Capt. Lartnow had sailed yesterday, but find he is not yet returned in our Cove note, therefore judge him still in harbour.¹⁴² At present the wind is contrary.

135 Dunker (1729–1799) was a citizen of Hamburg from 1763 (Hübbe, *Register of deaths in Hamburg*).

136 Refers to no. 109 on the opposite page of the manuscript.

137 Behrens (1715–1794) was a merchant and citizen of Hamburg from 1770. His son of the same name (1753–1826), was also a merchant (Hübbe, *Register of deaths in Hamburg*).

138 They were merchants at 8 Jefferey's Sq., St Mary Ax. They also owned ships including the *London Packet* on the London/Hamburg route in 1783. All Hare's involvement with them related to butter sales to Hamburg (*London directory* 1768; *Lloyd's Register of ships* 1783).

139 He was a citizen of Hamburg from 1764 (Hübbe, *Register of deaths in Hamburg*).

140 They were also correspondents of Samuel Munckley, Hare's Bristol banker (BRO).

141 He was a citizen of Hamburg from 1764, where he was described as a fishmonger (Hübbe, *Register of deaths in Hamburg*).

142 Hare was based in Cork city whereas vessels had to moor down river either at Passage West or Cobh (Cove). A 'note' was sent from downriver to the city announcing the departure and arrival of vessels. These 'notes' may have been the source of the *Port News* published in the *Hibernian Chronicle*, outlining arrivals and departures.

I requested of Mr Sohnbach to repeat his directions about insurance. However he favoured me with an order, as such a general order is not always remembered which he promised to do but omitted it this time.

117. / 48 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON

SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

I refer to my last of the 7 inst. and am since favoured with yours of the 31st ult., 1 & 6 inst., their contents duly noted. With respect to the sale of your W India cotton wool, am sorry to find you displeased. I thought it was doing well, to put off the whole together at 1^d abatement, (after being upwards of 8 months on hands & only 3 bags sold) even with the additional credit. It was not bought on speculation, as Jn^o Bourn¹⁴³ the purchaser is a manufacturer & the principal buyer in this place of that kind. He was in treaty with me about it for some weeks before & I was endeavouring to bring him higher, but he would not, therefore seeing no likelihood of doing better, I concluded with him for it.

The holders of Turkey cotton here received advise from their friends of the advance as soon as I had yours, which occasioned their keeping it up higher & prevented any buyers at your limit but some of them now ask only 11^d for the best & I think would take 10½^d. I sold one bag more of yours since my last at 11½^d, & one of the W India per *Success* at same price. Have also sold 3 chests Bohea Tea at 3/, one chest Hyson 581 at 9/ & one of the Green 543 at 5/9. The *Lord Mt Cashell* does not yet appear

As to the 100 cow hides sent you, they were not to be had lower. I first advised you the price. In answer you ordered 500 if at about 17/, or 100 unlimited & the charges including carriage [...] & was about the same as usual. The freight was no more than has been often heretofore paid. If your Capt. demanded any unusual port charges, there was no reason for paying them.

Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 500 dozen calf skins per the *Pallas* of Workington, Robert Kelsick master, in the amount £413.12.8 to your debit. Said ship is cleared out & ready to sail first fair wind. Butter is further advanced 2 to 3/ per cwt.

Exchange 7½% to ¾.

118. / 49 GEORGE STREET & SON, LONDON¹⁴⁴

SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

My last was the 24 ult. advising to have bought you 500 dozen calf skins, which were got ready to be shipped on the *Pallas* of Workington, Rob^t Kelsick master, but he could only take in 355 dozens thereof, for which you have annexed Invoice and inclosed Bill of Loading the amount £243.2.7 to your debit, and this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £226.3.4 str. payable 21 days after sight, which with exchange at 7½% balances the same.

Capt. Kelsick is cleared out and ready to sail first fair wind. The remaining 145 dozen shall follow per next opportunity.¹⁴⁵

143 John Bourn was a cotton manufacturer in Blackpool (Lucas, *Cork directory*).

144 Possibly the stationer of 6 Poultry Lane (*London directory* 1768).

145 They were not shipped until 4 Oct.; see no. 277.

The 500 dozen weigh near 30 lbs round.¹⁴⁶ The first 20 bundles numbers 1 to 20 are heavier than the rest, & the last 20 numbers 81 to 100 are of a thin large pattern. What remains for sale are held up stiff at 5¼.

5¼ has been given by some for your market.

119. / 49 WILLIAM HUGHES, LONDON

SAT. 17 AUG. 1771

Your favour of the 31st ult. came duly to hand. With much difficulty I compleated your order for calf skins at 5^d per lb. 300 dozen of about 40 lbs & 200 of 30 lbs, which were got ready to be shipped on the *Pallas* of Workington, Rob^t Kelsick master, but he could only take in 350 dozen thereof, for which you have annexed Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading the amount £293.13.3 to your debit and this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £273.3.6 str. payable 21 days after sight, which with exchange at 7½% balances the same.

Capt. Kelsick is cleared out and ready to sail first fair wind. The remaining 150 dozen shall follow per next opportunity.¹⁴⁷ What now remains for sale are held up stiff at 5¼.

5¼^d has been given by some for your market.

120. / 50 ALEXANDER HARPER, KINSALE

MON. 19 AUG. 1771

Agreeable to yours of this date have sent per bearer one chest Green Tea & 1 box Hyson, the amount, as at foot £29.15.0 to your debit.

121. / 50 MR JOHN HENDERSON, [BELFAST]

MON. 19 AUG. 1771

My last was the 13th and am favoured with yours of the 12. Your delaying to draw will be very agreeable and convenient to me. I sold the sugars at 4/6 payable in 6 months or to allow the purchaser [...]. I sold the staves, those that were small at £6 per thousand and the others £7.10.0. The Rum goes off but slow. Since my last I sold only 7 at 4/2 & 1 at 4/3. I fear I must lower it a 1^d per gallon as another cargo is arrived of 150 puncheons besides some from your place.

I thank you for your offer of ½ concern in your order of 2000 barrels new Herrings which I accept of.¹⁴⁸ You'll please keep me advised when you have any prospect of there being shipped and if you please you may order 1000 [more], but commend to your friend to have them early and well packed. It may be as well to give the order for the additional 1000 barrels to another House if you are not certain of the former order being shipped.

I have at last perfected the purchase of the 1000 firkins Butter and inclosed is Invoice for the same the amount £1,414.7.11. They are charged as low as I could possibly buy them. I have been obliged these 3 days past to give 47/ for 3rd quality, 49/

¹⁴⁶ 30 lbs per dozen on average.

¹⁴⁷ They were not shipped until 4 Oct.; see no. 276.

¹⁴⁸ They arrived too late for the lucrative first shipment to the West Indies; see no. 480.

for 2nd and 51 first. Indeed many will not sell at those prices expecting a rise. I am buying all I can get at the last price.

Inclosed is account of disbursements on the *Oliver* £6.14.5. Certificates for the Rum I sent Mr Smiley[?] .

122. / 51 WILLIAM MURRELL, LONDON

MON. 19 AUG. 1771

I have your favours of the 30th ult. & 10th inst. each covering one from our mutual friend Mr Nich^s Sohnbach of Hamburg, & consenting to take a concern with him in a cargo of 30 to 40 last Butter at 40/ or under, provided it could be purchased immediately & that a vessel could be had at reasonable terms

I herewith inclose you my answer to Mr Sohnbach, left open for your perusal, after which you will please seal & forward the same to him, as I refer you thereto. You will see by it that it is not in my power to buy at the price of 40/ as the currency is not less than 41/ & many buyers. But supposing I could buy at your limited price, it would require a considerable time to collect such a cargo, instead of compleating it immediately, & therefore nothing can be done in this order, unless some unforeseen material alteration should speedily happen. If you should incline taking part with Mr Sohnbach [text missing] is Capt. Meyer whom I soon expect.¹⁴⁹

I shall be glad of your order as soon as possible, & you may depend on my utmost care for your interest.

123. / 51 MR JAMES PATTERSON, [BELFAST]¹⁵⁰

TUE. 20 AUG. 1771

My last was the 23. Annexed are sales of the 12 puncheons Rum

Neat proceeds	£267. 7. 7
Deduct 1½% for risque of debts on £276.10.3	- 4. 2.11
	<hr/> 263. 4. 8

for which sum you have my Bill inclosed on Mr Read of Dublin at 60 days sight which is much sooner than I expect to be in cash for the Rum. Your friend will not think the 1½% for risque of debts [high], if he knew how dangerous many of the Rum buyers are, many of them living in the country.

I don't know of any Beef now here for sale. Some new Beef is said to be salted the first or second week of next month, the price not known, but I judge to be very high. The demand for butter for London & other parts has advanced the price of all kinds here. The 1st quality for the West Indies is now stiff at 51/, 2nd at 49/, 3rd 47.

124. / 52 MESSRS SUMMERS & CHIBBORN, [HAVERFORDWEST]

TUE. 20 AUG. 1771

I received your sundry favours of the 6th, 9th, 22nd, 27th ult. & 2 inst. The last inclosed account of charges landing Capt. Carberys cargo & advance to him the amount

149 Johann Andreas Meyer, master of the *Bateer Kooper*; see no. 395; he was a Hamburg citizen from 1766 when he was described as a 'steersman' (Hübbe, *Register of deaths in Hamburg*).

150 James Patterson was a merchant in Banogue, Co. Down who in 1765 opened a flour mill (Gamble, *Belfast*, p. 356).

£95.13.10½ for which you have inclosed my bill on Sam^l Munckley. I thank you for your care in getting him cleared from the difficulties he was in, & for your advice of what ships were at your port & shall be glad as occasion serves to be advised for my government. I expect by the time you receive this you will have three ships to my address.

In yours of the 22 ult. you mention that you should value on Messrs Maitland & Boddington for your charges for landing & forwarding the Rum. They have sent me the account you transmitted to them & which they have paid. In it they are charged £30.10.0 for cash advanced Capt. Smith. Now as by the Bill of Loading & reshipping the Rum at Milford, I made a stoppage for the same but did not know of any advance to him. I shall write to Messrs Maitland & Boddington¹⁵¹ to apply to the reasons for the overplus, but fear they may make some dispute. It would be necessary at all times to give me an account of your advance when its to be stopped out of the freight.

When Capt. Carbery's cargo is landed you shall have certificates. I now inclose those of Capt. Smith's cargo.

125. / 52 MR JOHN EWING, [BELFAST]

TUE. 20 AUG. 1771

My last was the 3rd advising that I had remitted Allen & Marlar £500 your account. Since which received your favour of 1st advising your Bill favour J. Cunningham,¹⁵² which is honoured.

Annexed is sales of your Rum, proceeds £1074.7.1 to your credit, risque of debts excepted. You may have them insured at 1½%. I was obliged to lower a few that remained on account of their being very low, the ullage [...] was very black.

I have a cargo of Barbados Rum now landing. I have opened the sale at 4/ to 3/11 but as many of them are low I shall be obliged to sell them lower.

Butter is advanced the 1st quality to 51/, 2nd 49/ & 3rd 47/, and many will not sell even at those high prices. I hear some Beef is to be salted the 1st or 2nd week in Sep., but the price is not known but fear its high.

126. / 53 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

TUE. 20 AUG. 1771

My last was the 17th inclosing sundry Bills etc. Annexed are my Bills on

W ^m Hughes 21 days	£273. 3. 6
and on Geo. Street & Son	226. 3. 4
	<u>£499. 6.10</u>

I this day drew a Bill on you favour Ed^d Lloyd for £300 str.

127. / 53 SAM^l MUNCKLEY, [BRISTOL]

TUE. 20 AUG. 1771

My last was the 9th inst. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Summers & Chibborn for £95.13.10½ str. [Gives butter prices as in no. 125.]

151 This he did the following day; see no. 129.

152 James Cunningham, a wine and spirit merchant of Patricks St, Cork who died 10 Nov. 1783 (*HC*, 14 Nov. 1783).

128. / 54

WILLIAM GAYNER, BRISTOL

TUE. 20 AUG. 1771

I refer to my last of the 9th inst. & being since without any of your favours, the present is to advise that I have got 3 large hogsheads winter melted tallow containing about 51 cwt. weight, which I took for a debt due to me at 46/6 per cwt. They were intended for home consumption & the quality I believe is very good. I intend shipping them on the *Juno*,¹⁵³ Sam^l Williams master, who will be the first for Bristol & expects to be ready in 4 or 5 days. They shall be for your account if you choose to have them at the above price, of which please let me know by return of the post.¹⁵⁴

I intend likewise shipping on said vessel your 20 casks Butter & 24 firkins ordered by Mr Clark.¹⁵⁵ This article is further advanced 1 to 2/ per cwt. since my last.

129. / 55

MAITLAND & BODDINGTON ESQS, [LONDON]

WED. 21 AUG. 1771

My last was the 14th with Invoice of 300 firkins Butter per the *Friendship*, account Messrs Baillies. I am favoured with yours of the 8th annexing Summers & Chibborns account of disbursements on the *Nancy's* cargo, which you advise to have paid.¹⁵⁶ Messrs Summers & Chibborn wrote me that they should draw on you for landing & forwarding the Rum [...] Capt. Smith making objections to allow the charges at Milford, altho' the Bill of Loading mentioned these charges to be paid by the ship. I gave Capt. Smith an account of his p[aymen?]t.

	In Irish	£325. 0. 0
Freight [?] on 23807½ gals at 4 ^d		396.15.10
due the owners		<u>71.15.10</u>
You paid £88.14.5 at 8½% is Irish currency		96. 2. 8
overpaid		<u>24. 6.10</u>

Now as this was [...] the £31.5.3 advanced by Summers & Chibborn & charged in the account sent you, which I could know nothing of when I paid Capt. Smith the £325, I think you had better write Messrs Tho^s & W^m Parker of Leith, owners of the *Nancy* to [...] £31.5.3 paid for the advance at Milford, & then I will remit them what may appear due on the freight after deducting the charge of landing & reshipping the Rum. Since my last I sold 11 puncheons of *Nancy's* Rum & 13 of *James & Rebecca's*.

130. / 55

MARTIN HUGET VAN MERESS

WED. 21 AUG. 1771

Your much esteemed favours of the 12 [...] & 3rd came duly to hand & I thank you for your remittance for my dividends of my 100 shares in the Mines Royal. I shall be much obliged to you for continuing to remit me the dividends & if [not?] too much trouble should be glad to hear if any of the mines which the company are possessed of, are likely to turn out to advantage & what the shares are worth.

153 The *Juno* was still listed as a trader on the Cork/Bristol route in 1787, but under Captain Joseph White (Lucas, *Cork directory*).

154 Gayner eventually took them for his account; see no. 146 and no. 204.

155 Thomas Clark of Plymouth; see no. 81.

156 See no. 61 and no. 124.

The demand for Butter for the London market has greatly advanced the price with us. Indeed the advance is not from any deficiency in the quantity that comes to market, but the orders coming into many hands, some of whom think they cannot execute the order, without advancing to what is the current price.

131. / 56 JOHN & HENRY SIMPSON & CO., [MEMEL]¹⁵⁷ WED. 21 AUG. 1771

I refer to my last of the 3rd April, under cover of Messrs Muilman of Amsterdam, to whom at same time remitted £239.15.8 str. in my own Bill on Maitlands for neat proceeds of the cargo timber per *Brilliant*, & being since without any of your favours, the present serves to advise that no Baltick timber arrived here since. Tis very scarce & wanting, in so much that some of our timber merchants have been obliged to buy at second hand. Therefore I think the first cargo or two that arrives will bring a much better price than mentioned in my last, & I hope you may have one on the way in order to benefit by the present scarcity.

132. / 56 MR THOMAS CLARK, [PLYMOUTH] FRI. 23 AUG. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 22nd ult. ordering 24 firkins Rose Butter to address of Mr W^m Gayner of Bristol¹⁵⁸ for which I embraced the first opportunity and annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for the same shipped on the *Juno*, Sam^l Williams master, the amount £36.12.2 to your debit and this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order, for £35.16.5 str. at 21 days sight payable in London which with exchange at 7½% balances the same, and £1.18.0 you stand debited with, being the difference between your Bill on me & the cash paid by Capt. Webb.

The ship is ready to sail first fair wind. I shipped 10 first quality and 14 second as the first are very scarce in proportion to the other sorts but these 14 seconds are very good picked Butter. [Finishes with scarcity and rising price of butter.]

133. / 57 MR JOHN NORTH, [LIVERPOOL] FRI. 23 AUG. 1771

Since mine of the 30th ult. have none of your favours. Yesterday I wrote you a few lines per the *Bella*, Fran^s Anderson master, with Bill of Loading for 3 hogsheads glew shipped for your account on said vessel, for which you have annexed Invoice amounting to £87.8.5 to your debit. Said vessel is ready to sail first fair wind. [Finishes with increased price of butter.]

¹⁵⁷ A port city on the Baltic at the mouth of the river Niemen, it was captured by Russia in 1757; in 1773 it became part of the province of East Prussia. Its lax customs attracted English merchants who established sawmills there. Oak was favoured by coopers for the manufacture of casks intended for transporting liquids, and Russian oak, often called Memel oak, was particularly sought after (Morgan McCloskey, 'The coopers of Limerick' in the *Old Limerick Journal*, no. 36, 1999, pp 42–44).

¹⁵⁸ See no. 81 and no. 128.

134. / 57 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

FRI. 23 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 20th inst. I am favoured with yours of the 13th. Inclosed you have my Bills on sundry viz.,

John Londsdales	£61. 4. 3
Isaac & Tho ^s Smith	51. 5. 5
Jn ^o Teasdale	60.19. 8
Tho ^s Clark	35.16. 5
Tho ^s Elton	26. 2.10
	£235. 8. 7

I have drawn a Bill on you favour Rob^t Stevelly¹⁵⁹ for £115.6.7.

135. / 57 ISAAC & THOMAS SMITH, [ROCHDALE]

FRI. 23 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 30th ult. was favoured with yours of the 23rd ditto and noted your order for Grease and Scrapings by every ship bound to Liverpool, whereof I shall send you as much in proportion as I can procure.

Said articles continue very scarce and in great demand. 35/ has been lately paid for mitre Grease and some people refuse selling Scrapings under 32/. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 15 casks Scraping Butter shipped for your account on the *Bella* of Cork, Fran^s Anderson master, amounting to £55.2.4 to your debit against which have this day drawn on you payable in London for £51.5.5 str. favour Maitlands or order a 21 days sight, which with exchange at 7½% balances the same. Said vessel is ready to sail first fair wind.

I could not send you any mitre Grease per this opportunity. She carries a parcel of old Butter shipped by another House, which was returned last year from Holland. I have orders for sundry friends in your parts but don't know which are [...] or not.

PS Eating Butter of all kinds are lately advanced 4 to 5/ per cwt., which helps to keep the Grease up likewise.

136. / 58 MESSRS GEORGE, JAMES, BEN AND JOHN WALMSLEY, [ROCHDALE]

FRI. 23 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 30th ult. have none of your favours. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Loading for 25 casks & firkins Grease Butter shipped for your account on the *Bella* of Cork, Fran^s Anderson master, for Liverpool the amount £28.2.0 to your debit & this day I have drawn on your friend Mr Thomas Elton of London for

¹⁵⁹ Named a 'shopkeeper' in relation to the administration of Hare's sister, Jane's will of 2 Feb. 1747. Presbyterian records in 1749 mention him 'now settled in this town, having 'communicated' elsewhere'. By 1773 he was an importer of beer, cheese and haberdashery. Within the letterbook Hare draws a further eight bills in favour of Stevelly, totaling almost £3,500, a large sum for what appears to be a relatively small business. The expenditure may have been connected with the furnishing of a house acquired by Hare shortly afterwards; see no. 588. Stevelly later traded with his son as Robert & Robert Stevelly, silk-mercens and haberdashers of the North Main St. He died 1795 'near the North Gate' (GO, MS 802(1); Presbyterian meeting house records (CCCA, U87); HC, importers/exporters; Lucas, *Cork directory*; HC, 12 Mar. 1795).

£26.2.10 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 7½% balances the same. Capt. Anderson is ready to sail first fair wind. This parcel is ½ what I could procure. [Continues with butter as in no. 135.]

137. / 58 MR JOHN LONSDALE, [ROCHDALE] FRI. 23 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 30th ult. have yours of the 13th inst. and in consequence thereof will send you a proportion of what Scrapings I may procure by any ship. Annexed is Invoice and Inclosed Bill of Lading for 18 casks shipped for your account on the *Bella* of Cork, Fran^s Anderson master, for Liverpool, the amount £65.16.1 to your debit & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order at 21 days sight payable in London for £61.4.3 str., which with exchange at 7½% balances the same. Capt. Anderson is ready to sail first fair wind. [Continues with butter as in no. 135.]

138. / 58 THOMAS ELTON, LONDON FRI. 23 AUG. 1771

Advised to have drawn on him favour Maitlands for £26.2.10 str. at 21 days sight account Geo, Jas, Ben & Jn^o Walmsley of Rochdale.

139. / 59 JOHN TEASDALE, MANCHESTER FRI. 23 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 30th ult. have none of your favours. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 18 casks Scraping Butter shipped for your account on the *Bella* of Cork, Fran^s Anderson master, for Liverpool the amount £65.11.2 to your debit, & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £60.19.8 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 7½% balances the same. [Continues with butter as in no. 135.]

140. / 59 STEPHEN FORD, LIVERPOOL FRI. 23 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 3rd inst. have none of your favours. Yesterday I wrote you a few lines per the *Bella*,¹⁶⁰ Fran^s Anderson master, with Bill of Lading for 25 casks & firkins Grease Butter shipped for your account per said vessel, & for which you have annexed Invoice, the amount £28.8.11 to your debit. This is half what I have procured since my last. [Continues with butter as in no. 135.]

141. / 60 MR CHARLES DYER, [BRISTOL] SAT. 24 AUG. 1771

I received your esteemed favours of the 3rd May & 15th ult. Mainadue returned his two pieces & Mrs Holmes & Mr Fuller returned 2 whites being spotted and not as clear as they should be.¹⁶¹

Mr Leonard¹⁶² lately wrote to Mr Matthews that he has been drawing Mrs Waters & the son to no purpose. He desires you would write her a threatening letter. He says she is very well able to pay. It would be best to write to Leonard & inclose a letter for

160 Not in the manuscript.

161 Mainadue was a drapery importer (*HC*, importers/exporters); Thomas Fuller was a merchant at George's Quay (Lucas, *Cork directory*), and Mrs Holmes has not been identified.

162 Ferdinand Leonard of Kilkenny; see no. 472.

Mrs Waters. Nareaths [?] situation (bad as it is) is better than he deserves.

Peggy Anne¹⁶³ spent the summer at Sundays Well.¹⁶⁴ She is very thin, but thank God is otherwise well & has regained her stomach.

I shall pay the last of my £12,000¹⁶⁵ in part of my purchase in two or three days & shall speedily afterwards make you some remittances, but this purchase & £6,000 I lately paid duty of Rum, put it a little out of my power to remit you at present. Superfine blues are often asked for.

Mrs Hare & family join me in best respects to you & all the good family.
<per the *Juno*>

142. / 60 ROBERT GORDON ESQ., [BRISTOL]

SAT. 24 AUG. 1771

I have your esteemed favours of the 1st & 13th. Your two letters were forwarded by the *Friendship*. As my last of the 6th inclosed you sales of your 22 puncheons Rum. It will inform you how [much] sterling they will neat. I think your 40 puncheons will yield as much or more if higher proof, for the 22 were not much above proof. The buyer always pay $\frac{1}{2}^d$ per gallon advance for each degree over proof.

I am much obliged for your applying to Mr Lovell. I did expect Mr Gray would solicit in favour of Mr Huttie. I thank you that it has not succeeded with you

By advices from Dublin, Rum is the same price there as here. The old Beef is all gone. A small amount of new is bought to be salted about the 10th of next month, the price is not known but it must be high. Our cattle will not be fat before the middle of October. The London market has made such large demands for Irish Butter that the prices are advanced higher than I ever knew viz., 52/, 50/ & 43/ per cwt. as in quality.
<per *Juno*>

143. / 61 SAM MUNCKLEY ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 23 AUG. 1771

My last was the 20th. Annexed are two bills viz.,

Jn ^o & W ^m Williams 61 days sight	£275. 2. 9
W ^m Gayner 21 days sight	50. 8. 1

with which please to do the needful.

<per *Juno*>

144. / 61 HENRY BRIGHT ESQ., [BRISTOL]

SAT. 24 AUG. 1771

My last was the 6th inst. Now meeting some fresh hake I ship half a barrel of them on board the *Juno*, Capt. Williams. I request your acceptance of them, sending a dozen to Mr Bush.¹⁶⁶ Butter is advanced the middle price 50/ per cwt. The hake are covered to keep 6 months. The cask is marked 'HB'.

<per *Juno*>

163 Hare's daughter Margaret Ann, who subsequently married Edward Croker in Dec. 1782 with a fortune of £15,000 (*HC*, 19 Dec 1782; Registry of deeds, Dublin, Book 349, p. 329, no. 234494 of 10 Dec. 1782).

164 Sunday's Well was a developing suburb for the upper middle classes on the north side of Cork city.

165 His purchase of the Deane estate in Limerick costing £20,000 as in no. 3 and no. 266 and others.

166 George Bush, Bright's brother-in-law; see no. 60.

145. / 62 MESSRS JOHN & THOMAS WILLIAMS, [BRISTOL] SAT 24. AUG. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 15th inst. in answer to my last of the 9th and have noted your further order for Butter. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for 40 firkins Rose Butter 1st quality & 90 ditto second, 10 casks of seconds, 5 barrels & 10 half barrels Vells, shipped for your account on the *Juno*, Sam^l Williams master, amounting to £293.14.2 to your debit, & this day I have drawn on you favour Sam^l Munckley Esq. or order for £275.2.9 str. at 61 days sight, which with exchange at 6¾% balances the same.

Butter has been continually advancing since my last for which reason could not obtain this parcel lower. The price is now 1/6 to 2/ per cwt. higher than charged & in great demand. Capt. Knethell¹⁶⁷ proposes clearing in 2 or 3 days. If I can get room will ship part of your order on him, but otherwise don't intend buying at the advanced prices till I hear further from you.

<per *Juno* & copy by post>

146. / 62 WILLIAM GAYNER, BRISTOL SAT. 24 AUG. 1771

Above is copy of mine of the 20th inst. and inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Lading for the 3 hogsheads tallow therein mentioned, amounting to £125.9.10. If you accept them for your account I will draw for the account on yourself or on Mr Pike¹⁶⁸ as you may direct, but if you don't chuse taking them for your account please to dispose thereof for mine at best terms, remitting me a Bill for the proceeds when in cash.¹⁶⁹ I hear the price is up with you to 48/ per cwt. You have likewise inclosed Invoice & Bill of Loading for 24 firkins Rose Butter account of Mr Tho^s Clark of Plymouth. Also for 20 casks Butter your account per said vessel the amount £54.1.2 to your debit and this day I have drawn on you favour Sam^l Munckley Esq. or order for £50.8.1 str. at 21 days sight, which at 7¼% balances same.

I hope the quality of this Butter will please. There are very few of the first quality coarse Butter but the second are very good. The prices of the different kinds are now 1/6 to 2/ per cwt. higher than what I charged.

<per *Juno*>

147. / 63 RICHARD WATT ESQ., LIVERPOOL SAT. 24 AUG. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 13th & 16th. If the 40 puncheons Rum are very strong they will readily sell, as there is no Jamaica Rum here for sale at present. As to Mr Roche,¹⁷⁰ he has a ship now at Milford with between 3 & 400 puncheons Jamaica Rum bound to Limerick, & I think will be as much as he can sell this winter. If you can send

167 George Knethell, master of the *Helwinca*. He was probably Cork-based as he subsequently voted in the 1783 election as a £10 freeholder (*Exact list... 13th August, 1783*).

168 Joseph Pike a merchant on Dublin's Meath St, who acted for the Hibernian Insurance Co. He handled some of Hare's Dublin banking (Watson, *Gentleman's... almanack for 1772*).

169 Gayner eventually accepted them on his own account; see no. 204.

170 Philip Roche (John) of Limerick.

40 puncheons stout Jamaica every month, I think I could sell them on the terms of the last 20, by which you may judge if worth your while to send them. The rock [salt] will sell at 20/ per ton if not higher. It would be better not to send the *Martha* till the beginning of Oct., as all the old Beef is gone & the new will scarce be fat to kill before Oct.

It gives me much pleasure to hear that Mrs Savage continues to mend.¹⁷¹ All my family join in requesting our best respects to that good family.

Middle price of Butter is advanced to 50/ occasioned by a great demand for the London market.

148. / 63 GARNER & WILLIAMS, LONDON SAT. 24 AUG. 1771

I refer to my last of the 17th inst. and am since favoured with yours of the 13th ordering 100 firkins second quality Rose Butter not exceeding 46/, wherein nothing can be done at present, the price of that kind being now stiff at 50/, & other sorts in proportion. Hops scarce, the price £8 per cwt.

149. / 63 PRENTICE & TALBOT, LONDON SAT. 24 AUG. 1771

I am this post favoured with yours of the 14th inst. ordering 250 firkins Butter which was duly noted & I will endeavour to execute the same on best terms, but could wish your order had come earlier, as the prices of all kinds advanced considerably since my last. [Finishes with current butter prices.]

150. / 64 THOMAS READ ESQ., DUBLIN SAT. 24 AUG. 1771

I received your favour of the 9th with 100 lottery tickets for which I credit your account £108.6.8. The 20th inst. I drew a bill on you favour James Patterson for £203.4.8 at 60 days sight. Inclosed you have Moore & Bluett on Tho^s Kirwan for £142.17.1¾ str. to be paid at 8⅓% exchange. If not paid when due Messrs Art^r & Ben Heywood order it to be sent to them with protest for non payment.¹⁷² I think if not accepted you may also send them protest for non acceptance, but keep the Bill till due its 120 days sight. You have also John Carr on Ja^s & H Long for £30

151. / 64 ARTHUR AND BENJAMIN HEYWOOD, LIVERPOOL SAT. 24 AUG. 1771

I have your much esteemed favour of the 16th. The price of Butter has been continually advancing since my last, as the demand for the London market still continues, but I think they must be soon glutted and as we have certainly more Butter this year than usual, I think the price cannot long continue, for which reason I have deferred buying for you. I shall act as I may judge most for your interest.¹⁷³

I note your order for the *Ann*. We have Herrings at any price. I wrote for a cargo¹⁷⁴

171 The wife of Richard Savage of Liverpool; see no. 28.

172 Hare's caution was justified as the bill was refused; see no. 221.

173 Hare delayed three weeks but prices did not drop; see no. 221.

174 This probably refers to his venture with John Henderson; see no. 121.

but they will scarce be here before Oct. No old Beef here for sale. I despair getting any new in time, as the bullocks are not yet fat, but when our butchers return from the country, I shall then endeavour to buy. I this day salted some small Cargo for which I gave the extravagant price of 12 to 13/6 per cwt.

I forward this night Moore & Blewett's Bill on Kirwan for £142.17.1¾. I much fear Kirwan will not pay 8½% exchange as the Bill does not mention English str. Annexed you have sale of 10 puncheons rum of 10% above proof for your government. Shall only observe that our gauge makes from 3 to 5% increase on yours. Grenada Rum if proof equal to St Kitts or Barbados would now bring 3/10 to 4/ per gallon, the duty about 1/5½. I must observe that Grenada Rum is sometimes very stout and good & other times weak and bad.

NB. The sales of 10 puncheons Rum sent them was copy of what was furnished Miles 25 July & put down 4/11 instead of 4/10½. Rock salt 20/ per ton.

152. / 65 MR GEORGE CHAMPION, [BRISTOL]¹⁷⁵

TUE. 27 AUG. 1771

Your esteemed favour per Capt. Russell came to hands yesterday. I sent down the goods & cleared them out & as he went down yesterday evening I expect he sailed this day. Inclosed you have Invoice & Bill of Lading for what I shipped on him the amount £511.13.4. You have also account of his provisions £97.6.1, to your debit £608.19.5. I assure you I have given for some days past 1/ per cwt more for Butter than yours cost & could sell the Beef at 40/, but as I expect the favour of your future commands, I have done as I do with my other good friends.

153. / 65 MESSRS THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, [LIMERICK]

TUE. 27 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 14th inst. I received your favour of the 19th with 3 bottles sealed.¹⁷⁶ You'll please to order some friend to be present when they are tried, till which I shall not open them. I am certain they got no misuse on the Quay from which they were not carried before your carriers took them, & I am certain that no adulteration happened by your knowledge.

If it differs from the surveyors return, there must be villany here, on the road, or in your cellars. I remember a very few years since Mr [...] had landed or brought some Rum on the Quay for which he accused the watchman for adulterating it, but 'twas found to be done in his cellar.

Butter is daily advancing, first 48/, 50/ & 52/ as in quality, coarse casks 42/, 44/ & 46/, coarse firkins 44/, 46/ & 48/.

¹⁷⁵ A member of a powerful Bristol family, William Champion pioneered copper smelting and in 1767 his Warmley Company had a capital of £200,000 and employed 2,000, before going bankrupt in 1769. They also owned the largest dry dock in Bristol. George Champion (d. 1817) was a shipowner and merchant who became a freeman in 1768 and went bankrupt in 1781 (BRO; Morgan, *Bristol trade*, pp 31, 97, 181, 197; Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 446).

¹⁷⁶ The bottles Hare was to test for strength as described in no. 96. The test results are given in no. 210.

154. / 66 GEORGE PEPPER ESQ. TUE. 27 AUG. 1771

Since receipt of yours of the 4th inst., Mr. Johnson has been putting me off from time to time but said he would pay it yesterday, but did not & I received a letter from him of which you have copy underneath. I much fear the whole will be lost.

155. / 66 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON] TUE. 27 AUG. 1771

My last was the 23rd. Am favoured with yours of the 19th & shall credit for Dalrimple on Oldham £11.16.10. I have drawn a Bill on you

favour Tho ^s Burnett ¹⁷⁷	£200
& favour John Cuthbert	25
	<hr/> £225

156. / 66 RICHARD MEYLER Jnr ESQ., [BRISTOL]¹⁷⁸ TUE. 27 AUG. 1771

I this day received a letter from your brother Jere[miah] Meyler whereon he is so kind as to mention, that the provisions with which I supply many of the estates near him were better in kind, than what came from other Houses, and for that reason is pleased to order me to ship him yearly 12 barrels Mess Beef, 10 half barrels best Pork, 6 firkins Butter, 2 ditto tallow, 2 half barrels ling and 2 jugs Neatsfoot oyle,¹⁷⁹ and to draw on you for the amount. I mention this letter only to show the character my provisions have abroad and in case of scale will generally command the preference. [Finishes with market report on beef, butter and rum.]
<per [Capt.] Knethell>

157. / 67 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., [BRISTOL] WED. 28 AUG. 1771

My last was the 23rd inst. above is my Bill on John & Thom^s Williams for £261.19.4 str. with which please do the needful.
<per [Capt.] Knethell>

177 A merchant of Cook St. In 1773, he imported tea, hops, French wine and brandy (Lucas, *Cork directory*; HC, importers/exporters).

178 Richard Meyler Jn. (1719–1787), sometimes referred to as the ‘Broker’, took up an apprenticeship with his uncle Richard (see no. 22) in 1738. On his uncle’s semi-retirement in 1757 he took over his West India trade and subsequently spent much time attempting to recover sums due by his brother, Jeremiah of Jamaica. Richard Jn. traded from Bristol with John Maxse as Meyler & Maxse (no. 330) in the period 1770–1787, concentrating on the Jamaica trade. A bachelor, he left a substantial £30,000 and his will indicated his brother Jeremiah was bound to him for £28,000. Richard’s brother Jeremiah (1729–1792) also served his apprenticeship with his uncle but at a young age moved to Jamaica to look after the Meyler-Bright interests and spent the rest of his life there. It is not clear whether brother Richard Jn picked up the tab for this order. No. 330 refers to a letter dated 29 Aug. from Meyler & Maxse referring to Jeremiah’s order, and no. 776 submits a bill to Meyler & Maxse (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, pp 28, 48, 331–3 and 433–6; Morgan, *Bristol trade*, pp 74, 142, 145, 147 and 186).

179 Oil produced from the shin bones and feet of cattle. It was used for softening and preserving leather, and medicinally for treating dry skin conditions.

158. / 67 MESSRS JOHN & THOMAS WILLIAMS, [BRISTOL] WED. 28 AUG. 1771

I refer to my last of the 24th inst. per Capt. Williams. The present serves to accompany Invoice and Bill of Loading for 100 fullbound firkins and 40 casks Butter both of second quality shipped for your account on the *Helvinca*, Geo. Knethell master, amounting to £279.13.0 to your debit, and this day I have drawn on you favour Sam^l Munckley Esq. or order for £261.19.1 at 61 days sight, which with exchange at 6¾% balances the same. I could not procure you any first quality to go by this ship as they are very scarce at present. As to coarse Butter I doubt there is one [...] but I think you'll find the 2nd very good. Other people have within these few days paid 50/6 to 51/ per cwt. for 2nd quality Rose and 45 to 45/6 for 2nd coarse casks. Indeed from the great demand I see very little likelihood of our prices falling, and therefore shall take the best opportunity of laying on the remaining 200 firkins of 2nd quality for you against next ship.

<per Capt. Knethell & copy by post>

159. / 67 MR THOMAS COBHAM, [BARBADOS] WED. 28 AUG. 1771

The 25th July 1769 I sent you your account balance due me £7.6.5. My last was the 7th May 1770. Since received none from you.

As I see some Rum landed here with your brand I suppose I am deprived of your favour and in that case should be obliged to you to send me a Bill for the above balance.¹⁸⁰ I send you a copy of your account annexed.

Barbados Rum is now selling at 3/11 to 4/

<per Capt. Carbery>

160. / 68 MESSRS STEPHEN AND JOHN WELCH, [ST KITTS]¹⁸¹ WED. 28 AUG. 1771

My last was the 7th May 1770 since which received none from you. Good Barbados Rum is now selling at 3/11 to 4/ & it is probable will keep up to that price the whole winter.

Inclosed I send you your account current balance due me £19.9.1 for which I request you would send me a Bill if don't incline to send any more Rum.

<per Capt. Carbery>

161. / 68 MESSRS BUCKLAND AND SMITH, [LONDON] TUE. 27 AUG. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 17th and 20th inst., ordering 100 fullbound firkins and 50 casks Butter of 2nd quality, for which have been obliged to pay 50 and 44 per cwt. and intend shipping the same on the *Velarco* of Exeter, Fran^s Melhuish master,¹⁸²

180 In January 1772 Hare eventually drew bills for the small balance due, together with that in no. 160 for collection by Smith & Walker of Barbados; see no. 458.

181 John Welsh, a merchant was a kinsman of Edmond Welsh, a victualler in Cork (Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 100).

182 The *Velarco* was a 50-ton sloop based in Teignmouth, owned by Coade of Exeter and captained by Francis Milhuish (*Lloyd's Register of ships* 1768).

who will be ready against the end of this week. [Continues with high prices of butter.]
I am much obliged for your kind present of cheese.

162. / 68 MR ROBERT BARNEVELT, [LONDON] TUE. 27 AUG. 1771

My last was the 17th inst. to which refer. Since which am favoured with yours of the 13th ditto and note the contents. I have compleated your last order to about 100 firkins and am now shipping the same on the *Velarco* of Exeter, Francis Melhuish master who will be ready against the end of this week [Finishes with butter prices.]

163. / 69 MESSRS MARTIN AND PEILE, [LONDON] TUE. 27 AUG. 1771

I refer to my last of the 17th inst. and having since without any of your favours, the present to advise that I am now shipping your order for 225 casks and firkins Butter on the *Velarco* of Exeter, Fran^s Melhuish master, who will be ready by the end of this week. The continual advance prevented my effecting your other order at the limited prices. [Finishes with butter prices.]

164. / 69 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON TUE. 27 AUG. 1771

Since my last of the 17th inst. am favoured with yours of the 15th & shall observe your directions respecting the sale of your Teas per Capt. Taylor¹⁸³ who does not yet appear. I don't apprehend your limit to extend to those on hands per *Lancashire & Barmouth*, for altho' I have offered them at 5/9 have only sold 3 chests since my last at said price viz., No 531, 532 & 545, also one chest per *Royal Charlotte* No 462 at 5/6, but none of the Bohea. If I keep too stiff it will certainly occasion my customers to buy from others, & may in the end not prove to your advantage. Your order for calf skins was duly noted, in consequence whereof, have bought about 300 dozen for you at 5^d per lb.,¹⁸⁴ altho' can assure you that others have paid 5¼^d for 36 lb. skins. I will procure the remainder of your order if possible, but cow hides are not to be had under 16/6 & many buyers therefore may probably advance. There are but few going yet.

165. / 69 MARK DAVIS ESQ., [BRISTOL]¹⁸⁵ THU. 29 AUG. 1771

My last was the 29th ult. since which received none from you. I have sent you by Capt. Knethell a firkin of corned hake (marked MD).¹⁸⁶

We have not had any cod in our market for some time past
<per Capt. Knethell>

183 Master of the *Lord Mount Cashell* that arrived 2 Sept.; see no. 194.

184 These were invoiced on 4 Oct.; see no. 280.

185 Mark Davis (1701–1783) learnt the sugar trade in Jamaica before settling back in Bristol about 1740. He organised privateers, was prominent in sugar imports, and became a leading slaving voyage agent with 40 voyages managed in the years 1747–94 (BRO; Morgan, *Bristol trade*, pp 37, 144, 185 and 191; Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, pp 25 and 172).

186 The hake was found spoiled when received; see no. 269.

166. / 70 ROBERT GORDON ESQ., BRISTOL THU. 29 AUG. 1771

My last was the 24th. I advised you that some Beef was bought to be salted the 10th proximo but I hear otherwise & can't learn of any, nor indeed is it fat for killing. I have sent Mrs Gordon by Capt. Knethell a firkin of corned hake (marked RG).

We have not had any cod in our market this month past.
<per Capt. Knethell>

167. / 70 MR JOHN POWER, [BALLY MT ALLAN] THU. 29 AUG. 1771

I have what you say as to Mr Redmond Graham's cutting his hay & intention of carrying it off without paying you the rent due to you. Surely it is in your own power to distrain it, as the rent is more immediately due to you than to me.

I was much hurried since I received yours that I had not leisure to look after Mr Nagle nor had I a person I could send to look for him. It would have been better you had shipped to town yourself, & consulted with Mr Nagle what is best to be done. I shall endeavour to see him and communicate the contents of your letter. Mr Barry has laid in under a necessity of distraining so often, I think it best to sell as far as the years rent and not accept the £9, otherwise we shall be again under the same difficulty.¹⁸⁷

168. / 70 ROBERT LECKY, YOUGHAL¹⁸⁸ THU. 29 AUG. 1771

As I am completing a considerable purchase which I lately made, I request you would discharge your note for £66.18.8 due the 30th June. Your compliance will much oblige.¹⁸⁹

169. / 71 ALEXANDER HARPER, KINSALE THU. 29 AUG. 1771

Inclosed you have your Bill on Rob^t Dalrimple which was sent twice to Mr Oldham on whom it was drawn,¹⁹⁰ who gave for answer that he had no effects of his & would not be paid. The charges of postage to & from London is 3/4^d to your debit. These Bills are very troublesome to my friends, as Londoners are mostly in the country the whole summer.

Barbados Rum 4/ or 3/11 cash. Antigua 4/2

170. / 71 JOHN BARROW & CO., [BARBADOS]¹⁹¹ FRI. 30 AUG. 1771

I received from Capt. Carbery on his return from Milford, copy of your much esteemed favour of the 5th May inclosing Invoice of 150 puncheons Rum but [illegible] before his landing it at Milford where he was detained on account of a mistake [...] in his [docket?] from Newfoundland. He arrived here the 11th inst. Am sorry to find a great

187 See no. 67 and no. 728 for more on this problem.

188 Lecky was a member of a prominent Quaker family that settled in Youghal.

189 It was eventually paid on 25 Oct.; see no. 374.

190 Mentioned also in no. 64 and no. 155.

191 The Barrows were an influential merchant family in Barbados. Originally from Lancaster, they also had property in Jamaica.

part of the Rum very low. I have sold 4 puncheons at 4/, 33 at 3/11 & 10 at 3/10 per gallon. Shall endeavour to put off the remaining as high as soon as possible, consistent with your interest

We have no Herrings here for sale. If any there would now bring 25/ per barrel. Any article of our produce is excessive high & I fear will have but little profits. The old Beef is almost all gone. I don't know where two barrels could be purchased, & as our cattle are very backward they will not be fit to kill before the end of next month or beginning of Oct. The London market making unusual demands for Irish Butter for their consumption, has advanced it to the exorbitant price it is at.

Inclosed you have Invoice & Bill of Loading for the sundries shipped agreeable to your

account amounting to	£1557.10. 7
account of ships disbursements	77. 6. 6
I paid the Capt towards his freight	159. 5. 0
	<hr/> 1794. 2. 1

which I think will be near the neat proceeds of his cargo for the iron-bound puncheons in particular are no better than toddy. I fear I must first put some more stout Jamaican Rum to bring them to such strength as to sell them at any tolerable price. Capt. Carbery got what freight offered for Barbados. Nothing offered for any other island.

I am much concerned to hear of your Mrs Barrow's death but hope it may be a mistake.

I shall render sales of the Rum when finished. I have charged each article as low as possible. I assure you the Butter is at the price I paid for it & the other articles as low as I could sell at here for ready money.

Capt. Carbery sent your letter to me on [route] to Crookhaven [...] by which it miscarried. However I shall write to inquire after it. I beg leave to mention to you that the sale of Rum is much limited here, by some persons to whom large cargoes are consigned, being obliged to put it up to auction, to bring it speedily into cash.

171. / 72 MESSRS WILLIAM CARR & CO., [LIVERPOOL?]¹⁹² FRI. 30 AUG. 1771

Capt Thomas Gibbon of your ship *Real Friend* having put into Kinsale, and wanting sundry repairs, not finding any correspondents of yours here, applied to me to supply him, which I promised to do when he should bring the sundry accounts of his disbursements as per annexed account, amounting to £65.2.4 for which he has given me a Bill on you for £61 str. at 6¾%.

172. / 72 JEAN MARQUES BASTO, LISBON FRI. 30 AUG. 1771

I received your esteemed favour of the 18th ult. ordering 100 firkins Butter per first opportunity not exceeding 40/ per cwt., or if the price was about 35/ to send 50 firkins by every ship, which was duly noted, but nothing can be done therein at present, the

192 Possibly the William Carr listed at Argyle St (*Liverpool directory* 1774).

price being now 43/ per cwt. Should it soon fall to your limit, which however I do not expect, will ship your order, or if you'll give liberty to buy at the currency, I will endeavour to execute it at the best terms in my power, & will draw for the amount agreeable to your directions, on Messrs Anthony Fernandes & Co. of London at 50 days sight, altho' our usual course is 21 days.

I hope my writing in English will be equally agreeable to you, but you may continue to write to me in French.

<by post & copy per *Telemachus*>

173. / 73 ANTHONY FERNANDES & CO., LONDON¹⁹³ FRI. 30 AUG. 1771

I have your favour of the 16th inst. confirming Mr John Marques Basto's order for Butter & that I may draw on you for the amount. At present nothing can be done therein, the price being above his limit, as you'll see by the enclosed for said gent., which please seal & forward after perusal as I refer you thereto,

174. / 73 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., [LIVERPOOL] FRI. 30 AUG. 1771

My last was the 16th. Capt. Wood was wind bound till the 21st. Butter advanced to 50/ the middle price. As I am to close my purchase tomorrow I have drawn a Bill on you for £500 favour Rob Stevelly & Son at 7½% is £537 to the credit of your account. The current exchange is but 7%.

No new Beef yet purchased as I can learn. I fear the first will be excessive dear. New small Beef can be made up at 30/. Capt. Wood wrote me at sailing that he had all his [...] on board.

175. / 73 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON] FRI. 30 AUG. 1771

My last was the 27th inst. I have drawn a

Bill favour of Theodario Clayton for	£400
& a Bill favour Rob Stevelly & Son for	500
	<hr/> 900

176. / 73 CAPT. WILLIAM CARBERY SAT. 31 AUG. 1771

On perusing Messrs Barrow & Co's letter,¹⁹⁴ I observe their desire. I would remind you to write to Messrs Tettle Blancoy & Co. for the government of insurances, which I doubt not you have done on your outward voyage. The amount of the cargo shipped on you is £1557.10.7 this currency.

Wishing you a good voyage.

193 Fernandes was listed as a merchant at 7 Savage Gardens, Tower Hill (*London directory* 1768).

194 The one sent from Crookhaven in no. 170.

1771 / 74 WILLIAMSON & THORNTON, [GRENADA] SAT. 31 AUG. 1771

Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Loading for sundries shipped on the *Mary* to your address by order of Mr Tho^s Calvert. Butter is advanced 2/ per cwt. since I purchased these 100 firkins, & I assure you I could have sold the Beef at 40/ tho' I charge my friends but 39/. I don't think there is 100 barrels old Beef for sale in this city. I made up 50 barrels new small Beef, which could not be shipped for want of salt.

Antigua Rum 4/2. Barbados 4/ to 3/11.

178. / 74 WM SNELL ESQ. & CO., [LONDON]¹⁹⁵ SAT. 31 AUG. 1771

There are 45 puncheons Rum on board the *Hillary*, which I am informed belong to you & she is to proceed as usual to Milford. I therefore take this opportunity of advising you the currency of that article here. Good Antigua now sells at 4/2 per gallon, & if the Grenada Rum is equally strong it will yield that price, or more if stronger. If you think proper to consign them to me I shall endeavor to raise the most for them.¹⁹⁶ Our old Beef is almost all shipped. The new will be late & dear. Butter is 48/ to 52/ as in quality. Herrings few or none at market.

Capt. Griffith will forward your letter this night. He proposes to sail for Milford too morrow [*sic*].

179. / 74 WILLIAM HUGHES, [LONDON] SAT. 31 AUG. 1771

Since my last of 17th inst. have none of your favours. The present serves to inclose Bill of Lading for 20 bundles calf skins shipped for your account, on the *Velarco* of Exeter, Fran^s Melhuish master, who intends sailing to morrow if the wind permits. I hope to get freight for the remaining 10 bundles in a few days & will then furnish Invoice for the 30. The price keeps up, altho' I have obtained some at 5^d since my last.

180. / 74 PRENTICE & TALBOT, [LONDON] SAT. 31 AUG. 1771

Referring to my last of the 24th inst. the present serves to accompany the annexed Invoice & enclosed Bill of Lading for 200 firkins Butter shipped for your account on the *Velarco* of Exeter, Fran^s Melhuish master, amounting to £321.1.9 to your debit & this day I have drawn on you for £299.7.0 str. to my own order at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 7¼% balances the same. Capt. Melhuish intends sailing to morrow if the wind permits. I could not obtain this parcel on lower terms. Neither could I procure you more than 50 fullbound firkins of first quality, for most of which was obliged to pay 53/, as they are very scarce in proportion of the other sorts. Some people

195 The firm of William Snell (1720–1779) a merchant at 14 Austin Friars, near Broad St, grew out of the firm of Shaw & Snell, a Dublin–London linen and wine partnership of Snell and his uncle Robert Shaw. Following the death of Shaw in 1748 Snell continued on his own until 1752 when he joined with William Perdon to become William Snell & Co., an enterprise that continued until 1791. They served mainly as a London intermediary in the Irish linen and provisions trade, while also acting as general merchants. On his death Snell owned commercial property in Dublin, two farms in Co. Antrim and sugar plantations and stores on Dominica, Grenada and St Vincent (*London directory* 1768; Truxes, *Letterbook*, p. 62).

196 His invitation was accepted.

have paid 53 to 51/ for firsts & seconds together within these few days. As to the Coarse I doubt if there is one in a hundred passed for first quality, but you will find the seconds very good.

PS as under to M&P.¹⁹⁷

181. / 75 BUCKLAND & SMITH, [LONDON]

SAT. 31 AUG. 1771

Referring to my last of the 27th inst., the present serves to accompany the annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 100 firkins & 50 casks Butter shipped for your account on the *Velarco* of Exeter, Fran^s Melhuish master, amounting to £318.3.11 to your debit. I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £297.7.7 str. at 2 months date, which with exchange at 7% balances the same. Capt. Melhuish intends sailing in the morning if the wind permits. Our present prices are for first quality Rose 52 to 53/, second 50 to 51/, second Coarse firkins 46/ & do large casks 45 to 45/6.

PS as under.

182. / 75 MARTIN & PEILE, [LONDON]

SAT. 31 AUG. 1771

Agreeable to my last of the 27th inst., I send annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 225 casks & firkins Butter shipped for your account on the *Velarco* of Exeter, Fran^s Melhuish master, amounting to £395.6.5 to your debit & this day have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £369.9.2 str. at 2 months date, which with exchange at 7% balances the same. I could not obtain this parcel on lower terms. [Gives butter prices as in no. 181.] Therefore shall suspend doing anything more for you till further orders

PS Capt. Melhuish would have been ready a few days sooner only for a turnout among our journeymen coopers.¹⁹⁸

183. / 76 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON

SAT. 31 AUG. 1771

Referring to my last of the 27th inst., the present serves to accompany the annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 860 firkins Butter shipped for your account on the *Velarco* of Exeter, Fran^s Melhuish master, the amount £1297.18.9 to your debit, & this day I have drawn on you to my own order for £500, £400 & £310.4.0 making together £1210.4.0 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 7¼% balances the same. Capt. Melhuish intends sailing in the morning if the wind permits.

I could not obtain this parcel on lower terms an account of the continual advance. Neither could I procure you more than 100 first quality Rose, as they are very scarce in proportion to the other sorts, the price whereof is now 53/ & second quality 50 to 51/. Second quality coarse firkins continue stiff at 46/. I procured 60 of the small kind tho' unexpected.

PS as on the other side to M&P.

197 Meaning the same postscript message as to Martin & Peile; see no. 182.

198 Turnout meaning industrial action by the coopers.

184. / 76 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND, LONDON SAT. 31 AUG. 1771

I wrote you by last post. Annexed you have my Bill on Martin & Peile for £369.9.2 & on Buckland & Smith £297.7.7.

185. / 76 MR CHENIOUS [?] CLARK MON. 2 SEP. 1771

I received your favour of the 29th ult. advising that I may draw on you for £600 a 31 days sight, and £600 more in 31 days after, for account of Messrs Rich^d Salisbury and Co., and is agreeable to the letter to me. I have accordingly drawn a Bill on you favour Rob^t Stevelly for £600 at 31 days sight and a Bill favour ditto for £600 at two months sight. They mention that you had rendered sales of £740 currency. I should be glad to know when it may be agreeable to you that I draw for the same as the season is approaching when cash is much wanted with us.

186. / 77 MR JAMES GAMMELL, [GREENOCK] MON. 2 SEP. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 22nd ult. Inclosed you have James Allen's Bill on Allen Marlar & Co. for £100 str. at 7½% is £107.10.0 to your debit, which is more than I am in cash for your account, altho' I hope the outstanding debts will be good, except Morrice Connell,¹⁹⁹ to whom I have been obliged to allow some years for payment, so that the payment will depend on his life.

No salt arrived since my last. A single ship arriving here would now sell for 12 to 13/, but as many are expected it depends on the number that may arrive. However I think it will bear a good price till Nov. If any freight may offer for the Leeward Islands you may depend I shall exert myself to procure it for your ship.

No Herrings here for sale. If any new Herrings by the middle of Oct., I think they will bring 26/ if the quantity is not too large, say 1000 barrels. Philadelphia barrel staves are worth £7 per thousand and other kinds in proportion. Butter is advanced, the coarse firkins at 43/ to 47/ as in quality, large casks much the same and fullbound firkins fit for the West Indies 48 to 52/. The old Beef is almost gone and no new yet salted. Jamaica Rum scarce would now sell at 4/6 and advance for over proof.

187. / 77 MR JOHN POWER, [BALLY MT ALLAN] TUE. 3 SEP. 1771

William Halloran, Arthur Callaghan and Patrick Connor have wrote to me that they will pay the full thirty five pounds due me by John Barry last May by the 29th of this month. If you think they will do it, you may indulge them therein. They said they paid Mr Barry the full rent due him last Nov.

188. / 77 JOHN WHITEWELL, WARRINGTON TUE. 3 SEP. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 30th July with a small order for Grease Butter & Scrapings, in which nothing can be done at your limits, said articles having advanced

199 Possibly Maurice O'Connell (1726–1825) of Derrynane, Co. Kerry called 'Hunting Cap'. He was a renowned Kerry smuggler and the uncle and benefactor of Daniel O'Connell.

soon after my last, as well as Eating Butter. The prices are for Grease 34/ & Scrapings 31 to 32/ per cwt. Rose Butter 48 to 53/ per cwt. as in quality.

189. / 78 RICHARD SALSBUURY ESQ. & CO., [LANCASTER] TUE. 3 SEP. 1771

I received your esteemed favour of the 20th ult. ordering sundry to be provided for the *Betsy*. I endeavoured as much as possible to get Beef to salt this week, & for that purpose applied to every person that I could expect would deliver early Beef, but have not as yet been able to succeed, but am in hopes to agree tomorrow. We have no new Beef yet slaughtered except of the small kind, which will stand at least 31/ per barrel. I have about 100 barrels made up. It cost me from 12/ to 13/ per cwt. I have secured the 200 firkins Butter at 49/6. This article has been in great demand for the London market & is scarce. I am to salt some large Beef this week for an early order I received. If the ship should not come in as soon as yours, I shall endeavour to accomodate your order.²⁰⁰

I yesterday received Mr Clarkes directions²⁰¹ as to when he was or would be in cash for your account, which was that I should draw on him for £600 payable at 31 days & then for £600 more payable at 31 days after. I being at this time in want of cash got a friend to take said £1200 at ½% discount.

No old Beef remains for sale as I can find except about 50 barrels at 40/ per barrel.

190. / 79 MR SAM^L DELPRATT ESQ., [BRISTOL] TUE. 3 SEP. 1771

My last was the third ult. since which received none from you. I have this day drawn a Bill on you for £200 str. favour Rob^t Warren Esq. & Co.²⁰² at 7¼% payable in London is £214.10.0 to your credit. The old Beef is all shipped. No new as yet salted but will this week, but it will be very high. The middle price of Butter is 49/.

191. / 79 MR THOMAS CALVERT, [LANCASTER] TUE. 3 SEP. 1771

I received your favour of the 18th ult. per the *Mary* & sent down the provisions as soon as Capt. Kettle could take them on board. He sailed the 1st inst. Annexed you have the sundry Invoice & inclosed Bill of Loading viz.

TC for the cargo amounting to	£600. 0. 8
FC sundry	9. 3.11
account of ships disbursements	55.16. 3
To your debit	665. 0.10

He could not take the small Beef tho' I had salted new for your order. I shall ship it first opportunity. No Herrings here for sale.

I have this day drawn a Bill on you favour Rob^t Warren & Co. payable in London for £237.8.5 str. at 7¼% makes £254.12.8 which balances your account to what I shipped since the first of July.

200 The beef was dispatched on the *Betsy*, Capt. Baldwin on 12 Sept.; see no. 220.

201 See no. 185.

202 Probably of the Cork banking firm called Tonsons at this time but later to become Warren's bank. Founded in 1768 it failed in 1784 owing £247,328.4.4 (O'Kelly, *Private banks*, pp 47–54).

192. / 80 MR ROBERT ARTHUR, [IRVINE] TUE. 3 SEP. 1771

I have your esteemed favour of the 24th & observe your order for Capt. Montgomery, which shall endeavour to have ready. I offered 18/3 this day for Beef, which I think the person will accept of & will be in time for your ships arrival. This is the highest price I ever know it at, & yet even at that price the butchers don't want to sell.

The demand of Butter for the London market has been daily advancing it, tis now at 48/ to 53/ as in quality. I yet hope it will come lower, & shall endeavour the best opportunity to buy for your order. No Herrings or salt arrived since my last. The first of both will yield a great price.

193. / 80 THE COMMISSIONER IN DUBLIN TUE. 3 SEP. 1771

The 12th of June last I imported duty free per the *Lancashire*, Tho^s Clark master, from London one cask amounting to £401, which your examination found to be of a different kind to what was ordered. The shipper in London²⁰³ afterwards discovered the mistake & directed to have it returned, having not another cask in its stead, in consequence whereof I intended reshipping said cask this week, but our collector & commissioner refused granting liberty without payment of duty outwards, which laye me under the necessity of applying to you, & request you'll be pleased to give such order in the form as you may think proper, which will much oblige.

194. / 81 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON WED. 4 SEP. 1771

I refer to my last of the 27th ult., & am since favoured with yours of the 21st do. advising that Bohea Tea looks up with you, which as yet has had no effect on it here. I have not been able to sell one chest since my last, but have put off one of the Green No 540 at 5/9, also 6 bags of your Turkey cotton wool at 11½^d & one of the West India at 11^d per lb.

The *Lord Mount Cashell*, Capt. Taylor, arrived here the 2nd on which congratulate you. I expect to get your Teas landed tomorrow & shall use my best endeavour for your interest in the sale, but much fear the buyers will not go to the prices limited for the Green. I could not promise any more calf skins since my last at 5^d, as others have been offering 5¼^d for any weight. This day our slaughtering commenced & the price of ox hides opened at 26/ per cwt. for those of 112 lbs. Hops £8 per cwt. The *Lord Mount Cashell* & another vessel from your place bring 30 bags, but no Tea except what you shipped.

195. / 81 JOHN CONNOR FRI. 6 SEP. 1771

Wrote him that I this day received Nov. rent from Jn^o Barry²⁰⁴ & that he promised [remaining line illegible and remainder is blank in the manuscript].

203 George Wilkinson; see no. 227.

204 Presumably the same John Barry as in no. 85.

196. / 82 MR BENJAMIN LARA, [LONDON]²⁰⁵

FRI. 6 SEP. 1771

The 17th ult. I had the pleasure to enclose you an open letter for our mutual friend Mr Johann Jacob Eichhoff of Hamburg covering Invoice and Bill of Lading for 100 casks Butter shipped by his order and for his account & risque on the *Vrouw Elizabeth*, Capt. Imegan Hartwig Lartnow, for Hamburg, to which letter I referred you requesting that after perusal you would please to seal & forward it to him. At the same time I advised that agreeable to said Mr Eichhoff's order, I had drawn on you for £246.13.11 str. at 42 days sight in favour of Maitlands for the amount of said Butter.

I have since none of your favours, but said Messrs Maitland's per letter of the 29th ult. advises that you caused [?] my said Bill to be noted for non acceptance, alleging you had no advice of it, either from me or from the person on whose account it was drawn, which surprises me as I drew the same day for several other friends at Hamburg on their respective friends at London, and find that all my letters of advice got safe to hand except the one for you, which I still hope has also reached your hands, and that the mistake arrises only from Mr Eichhoff's not having given you the needful orders. If so, I doubt not your having forwarded my letter with Invoice & Bill of Lading to Mr Eichhoff, in which case I am sure you will have his orders to honour my Bill per return of post. But if you really have not received my letter I must request the favour to let me know it, in order that I might send him duplicates. Your immediate answer will oblige.²⁰⁶

197. / 82 MR WILLIAM MURRELL, [LONDON]

FRI. 6 SEP. 1771

I have your esteemed favour of the 30th ult., with one inclosed from Mr Sohnbach of Hamburg. When Capt. Meyer was there she [was] wind bound, and as he is first destined for Chatthaven and thence hither it will require some time before he can arrive here and the Butter instead of declining in price is advanced to 49/ and upwards, and it comes in so very scarce that I fear if the demand continues it will still go higher.

It would give me great pleasure if I could execute any of your orders to your advantage but am sorry we have hitherto been disappointed. Probably the next letters from Hamburg will determine whether it will be prudent to buy further at such prices or not, and if you please to take a concern wth Mr Sohnbach at the currency, you may depend on my utmost care for your mutual interest. I expect to have the shipping of most if not the whole of Capt. Meyers cargo. Consequently doubt not to procure you 6 to 10 tons more [?] if you choose it, but it will require time to make up his whole cargo. Any orders you may favour me with, shall be punctually attended to.

Our dyers are intirely out of the use of cream of tarter. Therefore no encouragement for any such, as druggists use is worth 50/ per cwt., but they generally import their own.

205 Benjamin Lara was a merchant at 28 Bury St, Mary Ax (*London directory 1768*).

206 Eichhoff was on the verge of insolvency; see no. 223 and no. 224.

198. / 83 MR STEPHEN FORD, [LIVERPOOL]

FRI. 6 SEP. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 24th ult., with Roth^d Kent's Bill on Ig^t Byrm Dublin, for £21.10.2, which shall in course be applied to your credit. I have noted your order not to exceed 33/ for Grease Butter. This day a parcel was sold by auction at 36/3 & 36/6 per cwt., therefore nothing can be done at present at your limits. Rose Butter of 1st and 2nd quality is advanced to 53 and 51/ and I see little likelihood of its falling while the demand for London continues.

Our slaughter is just begun but no saying yet how tallow will rule. Tis expected to open high being lately advanced in Bristol to 48/. Ox hydes of 112 [lb.] 26/, small cow hydes 16/6 per cwt.

199. / 83 MESSRS BUCKLAND AND SMITH, [LONDON]

FRI. 6 SEP. 1771

I refer to my last of the 31st ult. with Invoice and Bill of Loading for 100 firkins and 50 casks Butter per the *Velarco*, Capt. Melhuish who sailed the 2nd inst. and I hope will be safe arrived ere this reaches. Am since favoured with yours of the 24th and 29th ult., and have noted your additional order for 50 casks 2nd Rose, which shall be shipped first opportunity. Several here paid 53 & 51/ for 1st & 2nd Rose since my last and some paid more for firsts separate. The coarse keeps up and I see little likelihood of a decline while the demand continues for your markets.

I could not well advise the quantity I had bought when I wrote you as I had orders from different friends and bought at sundry prices, which I brought on an average, and gave each a proportion according to the time their orders came to hand. 200 of the second Rose per Kelsick²⁰⁷ cost 46/, equal to those of M[artin] & Peile. For the remainder was obliged to pay different prices to 48/.

My having extensive orders for the West Indies gives me an opportunity of serving my English friends better than many others can possibly do, as I pick out the best and freshest for your markets, and for that reason must be superior to what others send, who have not that opportunity. I find some people ship all kinds to your place, and even the 3rd quality taken in the run, which I think can never answer, except at a time of very great demand.

200. / 84 MARTIN & PEILE, [LONDON]

FRI. 6 SEP. 1771

I refer to my last of the 31st ult. with Invoice & Bill of Lading for 225 casks & firkins Butter per the *Velarco*, Fran^s Melhuish master, who sailed the 2nd inst., & I hope will be safe arrived ere this reaches. Am since favoured with yours of the 27th ult. complaining of the price charged for the first quality Rose. In answer have to acquaint you, that I charged you & my other friends whose orders came to hand about the same time, the cost as it stood on an average. I bought all I could get before the price advanced, but our principal butter dealers foreseeing the rise on finding such an unusual great demand & number of buyers, would not sell until the price had got up,

207 Captain Robert Kelsick, master of the *Pallas* that delivered butter to Buckland & Smith; see no. 57 and no. 107.

which prevented my obtaining it on better terms. You say that some of your neighbours had best Rose bought at 47 to 47/6 which I think could not be for the first quality because in the course of this whole year I did not receive more than 2 firkins under 48/ & very few even at said price, that kind having been very scarce, as before advised, in proportion to the other sorts & in much greater demand, therefore frequently bore a higher price in proportion.

I have bought considerably more Butter this year than any other House in Cork & do think have laid it in on full as good terms & [repeats the last paragraph of no. 199]. As to sending you 40 casks instead of 50 at 40/ per cwt. the other 10 as you must have seen were first quality, which I judged would be more agreeable to you, if they could be all had of that sort. I could not well inform you when I wrote the 17th ult., what proportion I had bought for your last order, having had different orders depending & bought at sundry prices, but the coarse firkins were all to provide at that time & from the continual advance I was not able to procure any towards your order for 500 at the limited prices.

Several have paid 53 & 51 for 1st & 2nd Rose since my last, & some 6^d more for firsts separate. The Coarse likewise keeps up & I see little likelihood of a decline while the demand for your market continues.

201. / 85 MR JOHN NORTH, [LIVERPOOL]

SAT. 7 SEP. 1771

I refer to my last of the 23rd ult. & am since favoured with yours of the 29th do. accompanying a remittance in Rudolifferdrought[?] on Jones & Co. of London for £75.3.0 str. which I passed at 7¼% making £80.11.11 Irish to your credit. Next week I expect to ship your three remaining hogsheds of glue & will then forward Invoice. Our slaughter is just began & from the prices I hear they are giving for the rough tallow, the rendered cannot be afforded under 45 to 46/ per cwt. There will not be much done this month. As the season advances you shall have advice. Ox hides of 112 lb. opened at 26/. Light cow hides 16/6 per cwt. Butter keeps up & some people pay 1/ more for the Rose, than quoted in my last.

202. / 86 JOHNS[T]ON AND JOLLY ESQS, [LONDON]²⁰⁸

SAT. 7 SEP. 1771

My last²⁰⁹ was the 14th ult. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Maitland & Boddington Esqs. for £408.7.6 str., which balances your account, abstract of which you have annexed.

The great demand for Butter for your market has advanced the price here at 48/ to 52/ as in quality. Beef & Pork are also very high.

208 This was a partnership formed c. 1758 and headed by Alexander Johnston, chemists at Fenchurch St; see no. 31 (*London directory* 1768; Hancock, *Citizens*, p. 125, note 14). The partnership was dissolved some weeks later (see no. 261).

209 See no. 98 addressed to Alex Johnston Esq. & Son.

203. / 86 MAITLAND & BODDINGTON ESQS, [LONDON] SAT. 7 SEP. 1771

Since my last of the 21st ult., I am favoured with yours of the 26th do. I expect I may hear from Mr Croscarr [?] by the *Thom & Kitty*, which is daily expected from Antigua. If not shall in a short time draw on you for his provisions.

As I am now in cash for the proceeds of Mr Newtons sugars,²¹⁰ I remit you the balance of his account being £1931.19.8 this currency, which at 7½% exchange is £1795.17.10 str. for which you have annexed my Bills at 21 days sight on

Johnston & Jolly for	£408. 7. 6
and Maitlands	1387.10. 4
	<hr/> 1795.17.10

When opportunity offers you'll please advise Mr Newton of this remittance for his account & also I have 127 puncheons of the *Nancy's* cargo yet unsold but hope it will soon go off.

204. / 87 MR WILLIAM GAYNER, [BRISTOL] SAT. 7 SEP. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 29th ult. advising the arrival of Capt. Williams & that you are willing to take the tallow for your account or sell it for mine.²¹¹ Therefore as I chuse that any profit therein should be for your benefit, it shall remain for your account & I will draw for the amount agreeable to your directions on Joseph Pike of Dublin. Your order for bladders is noted but there are none to be had at present. [Repeats the last paragraph of no. 201.]

The exchange drawn at was the currency & this now ½% lower. The exchange from England on Ireland is always higher than from Ireland on England.

205. / 87 ALEXANDER JOHNSTON ESQ. & SON, [LONDON] SAT. 7 SEP. 1771

I have your esteemed favour of the 27th with invoice of 10 barrels salt petre the amount £43.16.1 for which you have my Bill above on Maitlands. I note when you receive the debenture you will credit my account which you'll please to advise me in course.

I observe your desire to be informed the quality of what ships I ship on, to regulate the insurance accordingly, which shall be done when I have an opportunity of knowing, which is but very seldom the case, as few ships come higher than Cove²¹² which is 7 miles from the City.

Provisions of all kinds are very high at present & likely to continue so all this year.

206. / 88 MR JOHN TRAVERS SAT. 7 SEP. 1771

I received your favour of the 17th July inclosing Shaltow on Mellefort for £12 which I received yesterday. Inclosed you have Rob^t Husham on Henry Farrell for £11.10.0. The remainder 10/ I will carry to the credit of your company account.

210 William Newton of St Kitts as in no. 261 and no. 263.

211 See no. 128 and no. 146.

212 The present town of Cobh, which is currently 14 miles by road from Cork city although considerably less by water. Some vessels in fact discharged at Passage West, which is nearer the city.

207. / 88 THOMAS & CLAYTON CASE ESQS, [LIVERPOOL] SAT. 7 SEP. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 29th ult. inclosing John Yeamans²¹³ on Lane, Benson & Vaughan²¹⁴ for £242 str., which after two days consideration they would not accept. I therefore got it protested & on arrival of the schooner shall dispose of the Rum to best advantage. Good Jamaica is at 4/6 & the advance for over proof, Antigua 4/2 to 4/3, Barbados 3/11 to 4/ as in quality.

208. / 88 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, LONDON

SAT. 7 SEP. 1771

Since my last of the 31st ult. am favoured with yours of the 29th do. I have a letter from Mr Lara this day advising that he had orders from Mr Eichhoff to accept my Bills for a much larger sum, but was withdrawn by what mistake or on what account I can't judge,²¹⁵ but I am persuaded Mr Lara will have orders to pay it, therefore would have you keep it till amount may be received from him.

I have drawn on you, my account, favour Maitland & Boddington for £1387.10.4 & a Bill favour Alex Johnston & Son for £43.16.1, my account.

209. / 89 MOORE & STRANGE, LONDON

SAT. 7 SEP. 1771

I refer to my last of the 11th June, advising the prices of Butter, which afterwards declined, the Rose 4 to 5/ per cwt., but soon advanced again in consequence of the unusual great demand for your market & number of buyers. I had the pleasure of having orders from many friends at your place & I hope executed the same to their satisfaction. Should be pleased also to have been favour with a share of yours, which I find were considerable. [Repeats last paragraph of no. 199.]

210. / 89 MESSRS THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, [LIMERICK]

TUE. 10 SEP. 1771

I received your favour of the 2nd & send you by this opportunity 3 puncheons of the first choice of 52 puncheons Rum which I landed last Saturday. You'll perceive they are charged very high & I hope will answer. I have not been able to get the officers to try the samples you sent,²¹⁶ but hope to get it done this day.

I think the watch I have on the quay is very honest. I had many years trial of him at my cellars & a watch at my house & sent him to the quay from the good opinion I had of him & I have not found any cause to alter my opinion of him. The Rum complained of was not the first nor were they the last or worst of the parcels they were taken from.

213 Yeamans was a planter-merchant of St Vincents (Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 105).

214 James Benson having served his time with William Lane became a freeman in 1751. His brother Paul became free in 1759. The brothers traded with the West Indies and mainland American, and were one of the few Cork firms importing flaxseed directly from America. In 1764 the brothers were forced to stop payment to creditors due to 'the repeated losses and misfortunes in trade'. This also caused another of Hare's correspondents, Thomas Volkes Sn. of Limerick, to fail. On James Benson's marriage the following year to the daughter of Benjamin Vaughan of Laurence, Poultney Lane, Canon St, London, a trading partnership Lane, Benson, Vaughan was formed. In 1773 Benson & Co exported butter, beef, pork, ling & herrings, while Benson & Hamilton imported rum and staves. In 1778 Benson & Co. traded extensively with their London correspondent John Amyand. They also

I credit your account for your Bill on Dublin for £59.2.8. Butter is much the same with us as with you. I have sold 26 of the 52 puncheons at the price I charge you & expect to put off the remainder in 3 days.

I got the Rum tried & is returned as under signed by Mr K.D. N8 16 degrees, N4 14 degrees, N21 4 degrees, so that one of them is 2% more than charged you.

211. / 90 MR JOHN CONNELL, [CHARLEVILLE, CO CORK] TUE. 10 SEP. 1771

I received your favour of the 11th ult. Mr Checkley²¹⁷ paid me your note for £22.7.10½. Your brother has sent part of his skins to town. The highest price I have given or can give for any weight is 5^d, at which I had from Mr Saunders after he tried this City. Indeed I am to have a parcel from Donovan at that price.

I request you would inform me as near possible as you can judge, how much per acre you reckon the lands of Kiltorg are worth. I am told they lie within half a mile of Charleville, containing 218 acres. You'll please be as secret as you can in the enquiry & advise me by first post which will much oblige.

212. / 90 EDMOND CONNELL, NEWCASTLE [CO. LIMERICK] TUE. 10 SEP. 1771

I received your favour of the 7th inst. with 90 dozen calf skins, which have laid aside until you come to town. The highest price I have given or can give for any weight is 5^d per lb, at which I had from Mr Saunders of Charleville & many others, as well as the skin dealers here.

213. / 90 MESSRS ARFWIDSON AND SON, [GOTHENBURG]²¹⁸ TUE. 10 SEP. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 13th ult., and note you had no old Herrings. You'll please to ship me as early as possible 1000 barrels of new Herrings, being careful to have them well packed. If the price does not exceed 12/ sterling free on board you may make quarterly 2000 or 2500 barrels but I hope they will be much under that price. I leave you at liberty to engage the freight as low as you can, giving the preference to a British bottom, and if he should be the first with new Herrings from Hamburg agree to give the master 5 guineas. You'll please to draw your Bills as per my last and

acted as agent for both Amyand and English provisions contractors Sir George Wormbwell & Co and Arnold Nesbitt & Co, for the procurement of 'wet' provisions for the British Treasury in 1779 during the American War. All Benson trading had ceased by the mid-1780s (Caulfield, *Council book*, pp 661 and 725; *FDJ*, 12 Feb. 1754 and 3 Sept. 1765; Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 78; Truxes, *Letterbook*, p. 115; *Commons Journal*, vii, 17 Mar. and 16 Apr. 1764; *HC*, 11 Mar. 1773; *HC*, importers/exporters; TNA, T/1/ 522 and T/64/20, p. 54).

215 It was no mistake as Eichoff was about to declare insolvency; see no. 223 and no. 224. See also no. 111 and no. 196.

216 Those referred to in no. 96 and no. 153. The test results must have been received shortly afterwards, as they are shown at the end of the letter.

217 Possibly Francis Checkly, a master cooper who signed the condemnation of the wage demands of the journeymen coopers (*HC*, 16 Oct. 1776).

218 The firm was founded by Christian Arfwidson (1717–1799), and was one of the largest merchant houses in Gothenburg (C.R.A. Fredberg, *Det gamla Göteborg, del I* (Lund, 1977), pp 856, 863–864).

you may depend on their meeting my honour. If the Herrings you send please, I may order 5000 barrels per month as I expect about that quantity directly. Keep me advised every 12 days how the fishing goes as I may enlarge my order.

214. / 91 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

TUE. 10 SEP. 1771

My last was the 30th ult. I am this day favoured with yours of the 2nd. As to new Beef none has been salted but 100 bullocks which I salted last week and am shipping on Bristol & Lancaster ships.²¹⁹ The Cargo cost me 18/3 per cwt., and the Mess 19/6. I was obliged to send to the country to buy it of the graziers, as our butchers would not buy any this month. I have [...] more to be sold the end of this week and beginning of next. I think the price must fall considerably by the middle of next month. Barrels are dear and salt very scarce and dear, will cause the charge high on making up the Beef. The best Cargo will stand 43 to 43/6.

We have no Herrings here and my advice from Scotland is poor prospect of any there. I wrote to Gothenburg and had this day an account that they had none and the new can't be had from thence till Nov. or Dec.

I have no doubt but the Dublin beef will be much cheaper than ours but is not equal in quality to ours. I have now by me 40 barrels consigned me. It's not only of bad quality but wants 14 [lbs?]²²⁰ per barrel of the weight I put into my barrels. If Dublin Beef is gaining credit in the West Indies I am surprised that I, and others, ship for merchants in Dublin, and that at the very season when they could make it up themselves.

Small Beef is at present 12/ per cwt. but will be lower in a few days. Middle price of Butter 50/.

215. / 92 MR SEPTIMUS BROOKBANKS

WED. 11 SEP. 1771

Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Loading for sundry shipped on the *Betsy*, Capt. Baldwin, by order of Messrs Salisbury & Co. The charges are exceeding high but they could not be lower. This is the first new Beef from Cork & you will I hope have opportunity of running it off before any other can arrive with you as none is salted here, but this & 80 barrels Mess I shipped on the *Elizabeth* which is bound to Savanna la Mar.²²¹

Messrs Salisbury ordered the small Beef if at 25/ but it cost me from 12 to 13/ per cwt. & barrels & salt being very high, it could not be afforded less than charged. I shall write them that if they do not chuse it, it may remain for my account freight free, as on those terms I told the Captain I would ship it. The London market making such large demands for Butter keeps up the price & is daily rising.

219 The *Elizabeth*, Captain Frizwell, to Jamaica; see no. 215 and no. 219; and the *Betsy*, Captain Baldwin; see no. 215 and no. 220.

220 The abbreviation in the manuscript is probably 'lbs' but could possibly be 'ozs' or '%'. See also no. 103 and no. 284.

221 A town and port in the parish of Westmoreland in south-western Jamaica. It was later destroyed by a hurricane in 1780, but by 1784 'it has recently been ornamented by an elegant court house and contains about 100 other houses, 89 sugar estates, 106 other settlements and 18,000 slaves' (www.anthonymaitland.com, accessed April 2013; TNA, CO 142)

216. / 92 JOHN SHAW, LANCASTER FRI. 13 SEP. 1771

I received your esteemed favour of the 15th ult. for which am obliged to my friend Mr John Chumley to whom I request my best respects. We have not a barrel of Herrings for sale in this city & as I was willing to embrace the first opportunity of shipping the Butter & tripes, I inclose you Bill of Lading & Invoice for the same, the amount £90.8.3 to your debit. The price of Butter is very high chiefly occasioned by the great demand for the London market. I really paid the prices charged in the Invoice & as the commission will not afford a long credit I shall, between this & Christmas, draw on you for the amount payable in London. I shall be glad of your future commands.

217. / 93 SUMMERS & CHIBBORN, HAVERFORDWEST FRI. 13 SEP. 1771

My last was the 20th ult. since which have none from you. Inclosed you have certificate for Capt. Carbery's cargo. I have a letter from Capt. Widdrington advising of his arrival there, forwarded by you. I suppose if any other vessels for this place had been with you, I should have been advised, as it would be a government to me, as to the sale of what I have on hand.

I expect Capt. Nixon²²² is with you by the time this reaches you. If so, please to inform him that I expect to make an agreeable sale of his cargo of Rum & sugar.

218. / 93 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., BRISTOL FRI. 13 SEP. 1771

My last was the 28th ult. since which received your esteemed favour of the 24th ult. with copy of a letter from John Browne concerning the effects of the late Capt. Browning. I have not seen Mr Andrews since receipt thereof. The money had better remain as it is, till the affair is cleared up. I shall recommend to Mr Andrews to get the best lawyer's opinion to know who is heir at law, as I apprehend the point is, whether the mother or sister is heir, or if both are heirs, what proportion each is entitled to. Butter is advanced 1st quality for the West Indies 53/, 2nd quality 51/ & 3rd quality 49/. The demand for the London market has been very great from all parts of Ireland. If it should continue, the price must still advance but if the quantity sent thither should be sufficient (as I think it ought to be) the price may fall a little, tho' it cannot much as the principle season for making Butter is almost over.

About 100 bullocks have been killed. The best Cargo Beef costs 18/3 per cwt. & Mess 19/6. Barrels are high & salt so scarce that what arrived & sold this day at 16/ per barrel, I bought last year at 8/6. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Thomas Fuller for £121.3.0 str., my account, at 31 days sight.

219. / 94 MR WILLIAM DINHAM, [BRISTOL] FRI. 13 SEP. 1771

I received your much esteemed favour of the 24th ult. per Capt. Frizwell on whom I have shipped sundry viz., 250 casks & 50 kegs Butter, 65 barrels and 30 half barrels best new Mess Beef, 15 kits [?] salmon, 1 hogshead ling and one hogshead starch,

222 Probably the master of the *Peggy*; see no. 480.

amounting £617.8.1, and for ships victualing £66.13.0, which sums are to your debit. Both Beef and Butter cost very high but are charged as low as possible. The Invoice and Bill of Loading shall be sent per first ship to save postage. I cleared out Capt. Frizwell yesterday and hope he sailed this day. I got him 750 firkins Butter on freight. I am sorry to hear you have lost the sight of one eye but hope the other is out of danger. Salt is very scarce and near double the price it was last year. We expect it will be soon lower.

220. / 94

EDWARD & RICHARD SALISBURY & CO., LANCASTER

FRI. 13 SEP. 1771

Since my last of the 3rd inst. I received your sundry favours per Capt. Baldwin who I cleared out yesterday. No Herrings to be got nor any freight, a vessel from Bristol having picked up what little offered before your ship arrived except a trifle I shipped. Your order limited the small Beef to 25/ per barrel but as your ship would go so much dead freighted, I consulted with Capt. Baldwin & he was willing to take it on the proposal I made him, which was that in case you was not satisfied with the price, it should go on my own account freight free, but as tis the first new Beef & none gone or going except 80 barrels Mess Beef on the Bristol ship,²²³ I think you had better accept of it for your account & I have included it accordingly in the

Invoice which you have annexed amounting to	£950.0.4
You have also account ship's disbursements to the owners of the <i>Betsy's</i> debit	57.4.1
	£1007.4.5

You have also inclosed an Invoice of 40 kegs Butter account of Mr Rich^d Salisbury's children, the amount £33.5.0 to his debit. I have charged each article as low as possible. The Cargo Beef cost 18/3 per cwt., Mess 19/9. Salt near double the price of last year You have also inclosed²²⁴ sale of 18 puncheons Rum per the *Brittania*, neat proceeds £278.15.1 & of 10 puncheons do. proceeds £180.10.6 to the credit of the *Brittania's* account. You have also inclosed certificate for 42 puncheons Rum per the *Betsy* of which have already sold 28 as under. What are good I expect to run off in a few days. Those by the *Brittania* were mostly bad. These now are good to a few.

I could not find the cask of any particular make nor could Capt. Baldwin who I got to look over them on the Quay.

Rum per the *Betsy* sold ²²⁵

2 at 5/4	1 at 4/11	2 at 4/9	1 at 4/7½
1 at 5/2	1 at 4/10½	1 at 5/1	3 at 4/7
2 at 5/	3 at 4/10	2 at 4/8½	1 at 4/6½
1 at 4/11½	1 at 4/9½	4 at 4/8	2 at 4/6

223 The 65 barrels and 30 half barrels (equating to 80 barrels) shipped for William Dinham of Bristol; see no. 219.

224 Not in manuscript.

225 28 puncheons at an average of 4/9½ per gallon.

221. / 95 ARTHUR AND BENJAMIN HEYWOOD ESQS, [LIVERPOOL] SAT. 14 SEP. 1771

My last was 24th. Inclosed is certificate for your 3 puncheons Rum per the *Delight* & sales thereof, neat proceeds £49.10.3 to the credit of your account. As the demand for Butter for the London market continued & the price of butter continuing to advance here, I bought 1000 firkins for your account. They cost on an average 49/6 per cwt. I could not now get them under 1/ to 1/6 more. I have drawn a Bill on you favour George Randall & Co. for £500 str. at 7% is £535 to the credit of your account. The exchange is low yet ¼% above the currency & I fear it will be lower.

Mr Read advises me that he had sent you protest for non acceptance of Moore & Bluett on Thos Kirwan for £142.17.1¾. As the Bill is payable in Liverpool it should be sent to you of which please to write Mr Read & it will be sent you.²²⁶

I have salted near 200 carcasses of Beef & is the only Beef as yet salted here, except the small kind. I give 18/3 for the best Cargo kind, 19/6 to 19/9 for the Mess & 11 to 12/ for the Small. I have a letter from Gothenburg that there are no Herrings there, so that I see no prospect of getting any here till November. Salt is very scarce here & sold as high as 16/ per barrel. The corresponding price last year was only 8/6 to 10/ but the price must fall considerably from what it is at present, yet I think if some of your Greenland ships were sent to St Ubes to load salt for this place they would make a good freight, as the cost of salt & duty here would not exceed 8/ per barrel.

Jamaica Rum 4/6 & advance for overproof, Antigua, St Vincents 4/1 to 2, Barbados, St Kitts etc. 3/11 to 4/.

222. / 96 MR DAVID KENYON, [LIVERPOOL]²²⁷ SAT. 14 SEP. 1771

My last²²⁸ was the 2nd ult. Capt. Griffith advised you of his arrival here. He sent you as full account of his vessel as he could, & gave me a copy thereof, but it is not full enough whereby to post her up for sale, nor indeed do I think she will auction, as many vessels have of late been offered for sale, but few buyers. He has just 101 puncheons on board & he says he will want all his freight to pay off his men etc., and as some of the cargo is for your account I'm obliged to draw a bill on you for £200 str., payable in London at 21 days sight to Tho^s Ellis at 7% is £214 to the credit of your account. No Herrings are expected till the end of next month. New best Cargo Beef is as high as 49/6, & Butter 49/ to 53/ as in quality.

223. / 96 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND, [LONDON] SAT. 14 SEP. 1771

My last was the 7th advising my drafts on you for £1387.10.4 favour Maitland & Boddington & for £43.16.1 favour Alex Johnston & Son.

Have now to acquaint you that I have advise that Johann Jacob Eichhoff of Hamburg, for whose account my Bill for £246.13.11 str. on Benj. Lara of 17th Aug

226 Hare had expressed concern about this bill in no. 150 and no. 151.

227 Kenyon from 12 Redcross St in Liverpool (*Liverpool directory 1774*; Williams, *Liverpool privateers*, pp 171 and 476).

228 Not in manuscript; see also no. 302.

was drawn,²²⁹ is on the point of declaring himself insolvent. I therefore request that immediately on receipt of this you will please to forward said Bill with protest for non acceptance, as also this inclosed letter to my friend Heinrich Volstedt of Hamburg, & draw on him for amount thereof with charges & commissions on the same at one months date, & the most favourable exchange, as he will duly honour your draft & take care of my interest.

I have this day drawn a Bill on you favour Bull & Moody for £330 str. my account.

224. / 97 BENJAMIN LARA, LONDON

SAT. 14 SEP. 1771

I wrote you the 6th inst., & the day following received your favour of the 30th ult. advising your reasons for protesting my draft on you for £246.13.11 str. to the order of Maitlands, for account of Mr John Jacob Eichhoff of Hamburg. Having this day the disagreeable account that said Eichhoff was on the point of declaring himself insolvent, I have desired Messrs Maitland to send the said Bill of protest to Mr Heinrich Volstedt of Hamburg, in order that he may secure the Butter & take care of my interest, as in the present circumstances tis not likely that you should get orders to pay the Bill.

225. / 97 JOHN HUTCHISON, DUBLIN

SAT. 14 SEP. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 22nd ult.,²³⁰ & could wish it had been in my power to do better with your 40 barrels Beef. I have at last put them off at 35/ per barrel as they were, & annexed is sales of the same, neat proceeds £64.13.4, for which I remit you inclosed W^m Cormack's Bill on John Nairac at 90 days sight, & please note it in conformity if right.

I hope your next transaction to this place may turn out more satisfactory than the present.

Exchange 6¾, Rose Butter 48 to 53/ per cwt., Common do. 43 to 48/

226. / 97 BULL & MOODY ESQS, LONDON²³¹

SAT. 14 SEP. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 1st ult., & the present serves to remit you my above Bill on Maitlands for £330 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 7% makes £353.2.0 to your debit. Teas continue as advised in my last.

227. / 98 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON

SAT. 14 SEP. 1771

Since my last of the 4th inst., am favoured with yours of the 27th ult. advising your draft to John Creagh Jn.²³² at 21 days sight for £162.18.9, which is honoured & to your

229 See also no. 111.

230 In response to no. 103.

231 Tea dealers at 96 Leadenhall St (*London directory* 1768).

232 John Creagh Jn was a merchant of Mallow Lane (d. 1794). Together with the Moylans and the Sheas, the Creaghs were one of the most active and successful of the Cork Catholic merchant families. Originally from north Munster, a branch had emerged in Cork before the sixteenth century and Christopher Creagh served as mayor in 1541. Both John Jn and his father (d. 1790) signed the

debit. Inclosed are certificates for the Teas & smalts per *Lord Mount Cashell*. Several have viewed the best Bloom & had samples, but do not deem it of quality equal to the price set on it, consequently I have not been able to dispose of any, but have sold 2 chests Bohea since my last at 3/ & three chests Green of the former parcels at 5/9 viz. 505, 529 & 541, 1 box Hyson at 8/10 & 1 bag cotton wool at 11½^d per lb. One of my customers a few days ago bought 4 chests good middling Green, which came from Dublin at 5/4.

What few hops are now on hands are held up at £9.10.0 in consequence of some late advices from your side, & a further supply will be soon wanting. The failure of syder here will occasion a greater consumption of malt liquor and consequently of hops.

I have procured a few more calf skins at 5^d but despair of compleating your order at said price. Cow hides having declined, I have procured part of your order at 16/ & hope to compleat it in a few days.

I have received from Mrs. Kingston £30.11.4 for cost of Blue & smalts as per particulars at foot, which is to your credit.

The cask to be returned I intended to have shipped, but they refused granting liberty at our Custom House without payment of duty, as having been imported free. Therefore wrote to the commissioners at Dublin for liberty to reship it, but have not yet got an answer.²³³

Exchange 6¾% to 7

228. / 98

THOMAS ELLIS, LONDON

SAT. 14 SEP. 1771

I duly received your favours of the 30th July & 24th Aug. & note their contents. What hops were on hands here were lately bought up at £8 per cwt., since which 20 bags arrived which are held up at £9.10.0 in consequence of some advices lately received from your side, & a further supply will soon be wanting. The failure of syder with us this year will occasion a greater consumption of malt liquor and consequently of hops. Old hops I think will not answer so well when new are to be had, except they be of good quality, or a material differance on the price, so as to induce our brewers to buy. Above I remit you my Bill on David Kenyon of Liverpool for £200 str. payable in London makes at 7%, £214 Irish to your debit.

declaration of loyalty to the Crown in 1759. John Jn was an exporter of butter and importer of French wine in 1773. A year later he was of sufficient stature to be appointed one of the twelve 'market jurors' charged by the corporation with detecting bad provisions and regulating the market. A signatory to various proclamations, he was also active on the Committee of Merchants. In 1788 his daughter, Catherine, married Dennis Moylan of the Moylan dynasty and their son, John Creagh-Moylan, married a daughter of the Earl of Kingston of Mitchelstown (O'Shea, *Merchant community*, pp 53–61; Edward MacLysaght, *Irish families: their names, arms and origins* (4th edn, Dublin, 1991), p. 64; *Dublin Gazette*, 1759; *HC*, importers/exporters; *HC*, 28 Apr. 1774 and 28 Apr. 1788; *59th Report of the Deputy Keeper of Public Records in Ireland* (1962), pp 76–78; CCMM).

233 See no. 193 and no. 669.

229. / 99 THOMAS AND CLAYTON CASE ESQS., LIVERPOOL SAT. 14 SEP. 1771

My last was the 7th advising that I had protested Mr Yeamans bill on Lane, Bensons & Vaughan.

The *Mary* arrived the 10th. I have landed the Rum & sold 7 of them at 4/2, & as they are pretty good hope to run off the remainder at or near same price,²³⁴ which I doubt not will induce Mr Yeamans to favour me with his future commands. Your recommendation of me to him will oblige me. I have salted 200 carcasses Beef. The best Cargo cost me 18/3 & Mess 19/9, but hope the price will soon fall. The middle price of Butter for the W. Indies 50/6.

230. / 99 JOSEPH PIKE, DUBLIN TUE. 17 SEP. 1771

The present is to advise that I yesterday drew on you by order & for account of Mr Will^m Gayner of Bristol for

£50 favour W^m Norcott

30 do

45.9.10 favour Tho^s Stoney

125.9.10 all at 31 days sight, to which doubt not your paying due honour.

Mr W^m Gayner has further directed me to draw on you for amount of goods to be shipped for his account, which may be about £300, which I shall accordingly do, without your directions to the contrary.

231. / 99 JAMES POWER, YOUGHAL [CO. CORK] WED. 18 SEP. 1771

I expected ere this that you would have paid the balance of your account being £31.14.7 as per above account, for which I have drawn a Bill on you favour Reuben Harvey,²³⁵ payable at 21 days sight. I have no hops at present but expect some in a few days.

234 The remainder were sold by 7 Oct.; see no. 304.

235 Reuben Harvey (1734–1808), of a family of Quakers who settled in Cork and Youghal, was made a freeman in 1758 'having served Joseph Devonshire'. He became a successful merchant who immersed himself in local philanthropic schemes. An exporter of butter and importer of sugar and oil in 1773, he also exported linen and beef to the West Indies and America. In a speculative venture he acquired a controlling interest in Lavitt's Island in Cork and built warehouses and houses there. He trenchantly objected to the treatment by the British government of American rebels and through contacts with both George Washington and Benjamin Franklin it is said his reports were often the first available to the British parliament of many of the most important occurrences during the American War. Despite this he was one of the biggest suppliers of provisions to the British forces, running to £18,000 worth of pork and beef in 1782. After the War he was a pioneer in promoting the dispatch of 'free' emigrants to US ports in the 1780s and 90s and his house in Blackrock (later the Ursuline convent) was regarded as an embassy for any travelling American citizen (Richard S. Harrison, *A biographical dictionary of Irish Quakers* (Dublin, 1997), p. 58 (henceforth cited as Harrison, *Quakers*); Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 711; David Dickson, *Old World colony: Cork and south Munster 1630–1830* (Cork, 2005), p. 410 (henceforth cited as Dickson, *Old World colony*); HC, importers/exporters; J. S. Crowley, R. J. N. Devoy, D. Linehan, P. O'Flanagan (eds), *Atlas of Cork city* (Cork, 2005), p. 173 (henceforth cited as Crowley *et al.*, *Atlas of Cork city*; TNA, T/1/585, pp 208–208; O'Shea, *Merchant community*, p. 68; *Cork Mercantile Chronicle*, 5 Feb. 1808).

232. / 99 JOHN CONNELL, CHARLEVILLE [CO. CORK] FRI. 20 SEP. 1771

I wrote you the 10 inst. to which refer. Your brother advised that he would be here last week about the skins but did not come since. I therefore request you'll send to him & let me know whether I am to have them or not, as I have now an opportunity of shipping them, which may not soon happen again.

233. / 100 MESSRS GEORGE & HENRY OGLE, [NEWRY?] FRI. 20 SEP. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 16th. A vessel cleared out this week for Honduras²³⁶ at 14/ per tun, 1/ hat money & 10% port charges. She carries the last of the old Beef & as we have little or no new Beef as yet made up for that market, no freight can immediately be got for that place, but doubt not but your vessel may readily get a put-in all next month, especially towards the end of it.

I am now selling Antigua Rum at 4/2. The purchasers have usually 3 months, or an abatement of one penny per gallon for prompt payment, but most chuse to take 3 months. I stand the risque of debts for 1½%. We have no Herrings here for sale. Barrel staves are £6.10.0 to £7 per thousand.

234. / 100 MR DAVID KENYON, [LIVERPOOL] FRI. 20 SEP. 1771

My last was the 14th. When the *Hillary* arrives, she shall be despatched as quick as possible with what freight may offer. No old tallow remains on hands, nor is any new yet melted, but by the price the melters give for rough tallow, I think they can't sell under 45/ to 46/ per cwt. of 112 lb. I could not buy best Cargo Beef this day under 18/3 per cwt., which with the very high price of salt & barrels could not be made up under 43/ to 43/6 per barrel, but I hope it will be soon lower. Cargo Pork 50/ per barrel, Butter 48/ to 52/ as in quality. No Herrings at present.

235. / 101 MR CHARLES McNEAL AND CO., [CAMPBELTOWN]²³⁷ FRI. 20 SEP. 1771

My good friend Mr W^m Kirkpatrick of St Kitts has sent me Bill of Lading for 30 puncheons Rum consigned me for your account & that he had wrote his friend Messrs Alex^d Johnston & Son to insure the same. Said gentlemen advise me that they had agreeable thereto procured insurance thereon, & charged my account £9.0.6 for cost thereof.²³⁸ Mr Kirkpatrick mentions that you had not directed him who to consign them to. As the wind is now fair I expect she may arrive from Milford & shall enter the same & wait your directions for the disposal thereof.

I am now selling Leeward Island Rum at 4/ to 4/2 as in quality & Jamaica at 4/6 with an advance of ½^d per gallon for each gallon tis a % over proof. If you incline to have [me sell] this Rum I will do it on advice.²³⁹ I insure the debts at 1½%.

²³⁶ British Honduras (now Belize) was a source of logwood which yielded a dye used extensively in the woollen industry. Its mahogany was also highly sought after in Cork.

²³⁷ A port on the Mull of Kintyre.

²³⁸ Accounted for in no. 385 of 29 Oct. 1771.

²³⁹ No. 381 shows that McNeal was a new correspondent, hence this request for clarification; no. 271 confirms instructions.

most of the Rum that came here this year consigned me. I think the price will rather advance than fall. New Herrings will sell well.

PS. The value of the Rum or near it may be remitted you by Bills on London on its arrival, charging you interest till in cash, & as I have a large stock in trade I am not directed by necessity of selling by auction, as others do to the great loss of the proprietors.

236. / 101 WOLFORT VAN HEMERT & CO., [LONDON]

FRI. 20 SEP. 1771

My having the pleasure of writing to you, is to advise that I have this day drawn on you favour Thomas Read Esq. or order at 21 days sight for £352.18.0 str. to which please give your accustomed honour, & charge the same to our mutual friend Mr Hend^k Berkhoff of Amsterdam, to whom please forward the enclosed, after perusal & sealing, as I refer you thereto.

Exchange at 6½% is Irish £375.16.9 to Berkhoff's account.

237. / 102 WILLIAM GAYNER, BRISTOL

FRI. 20 SEP. 1771

I refer to my last of the 7th inst. & am since favoured with yours of the 3rd do. ordering 3 or 4 hogsheds glew & 100 large casks Butter, which was duly noted.

As to the glew there's none of last years remaining for sale & the new will not be ready before the month of March next. I have bought about half the Butter first & second Quality at 47 & 45/ per cwt., & hope to get the remainder on same terms, altho' others are giving 6^d to 1/ per cwt. more. I expect an opportunity of shipping them in a few days & shall draw for the amount on Joseph Pike as you direct. The 16th inst. I drew on him for £125.9.10 being amount of the tallow per *Juno*. Little done in slaughtering as yet, consequently nothing further can be said of tallow. Cow hides are fallen to 16/6. Exchange 6½.

238. / 102 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]

FRI. 20 SEP. 1771

I received your esteemed favour of 19th ult.²⁴⁰ I credited you £108.6.8 cost of 100 lottery tickets. I write Messrs Heywood to order the Bill on Kinkman to be sent them. Inclosed are my Bills on Wolfort van Hemert for £352.18.0 str. & Mich Cribbon on William Carr & Co. for £61, which please to pass to my credit.

I have drawn on you for £1022.0.8 as under

	£		£
1196	50 favour Geoff Bradshaw	1201	48.10.0 do
1197	51 do	1202	50 do
1198	39.17.4 do	1203	30 do
1200	48 do	1204	35 do

²⁴⁰ Hare's last was no. 150 of 24 Aug. 1771.

	£		£
1205	40 do	1213	45 do
1206	45 do	1214	50 do
1207	60 do	1217	42.12.3 favour W ^m Norcott
1208	81 favour Hugh Norcott ²⁴¹	1219	46.15.6 favour Th ^s Honey
1209	14.19.5 do	1220	50 Ralph Smith
1210	30 do	1221	40 do
1211	35 do	1222	49. 6.2 do
1212	40 do		<u>£1022. 0.8</u>

239. / 103 JAMES BAILLIE, LONDON

SAT. 21 SEP. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 14th & with pleasure salute you on your safe arrival.²⁴² I had the pleasure of writing your House the 13th ult. with Invoice of 300 firkins Butter per the *Friendship*. I could not get freight for them sooner.

I observe the resolution of your House to stick to the African branch & that your brother Mr Duncan & partner are to follow the other branches and that you would be answerable for anything they may order & that it would be most agreeable if I was to open account with them & wait remittance in Bills or produce.

In answer to which I must inform you that there is not an article of provisions that we do not pay for as soon as we receive it & mostly before & we have not the opportunity of getting money from the bankers when wanted nor will they discount the best notes at this season of the year, which is the time we mostly want it, and altho' I have by much the largest stock in trade of any House here, besides a landed interest of above £2000 per annum, yet it is not in my power to accept of the method you propose, as many Bills from the West Indies go back protested, & other delays in remittances, which would render it quite inconvenient to me, or any other House in this city. Indeed there is another reason which is that I have very often refused the like offer from other good Houses & should I now do it, many of my friends would justly resent it, but on the whole tis not in my power to do it, if I was willing, but if tis convenient to Messrs Maitland & Boddington to accept my Bills in 6 months after shipping I will ship whatever they please. I doubt not but some may give a few months longer credit, but they must charge the provisions the higher & ship an inferior quality. [Gives prices of butter, beef and pork as in no. 234 and confirms no herrings.]

I return you thanks for the many favours I have received from your House & shall esteem the continuance of your kind recommendations of it to your friends.

241 Hugh Norcott was mentioned as a merchant in 1748 and was a supporter of Warren's bank in 1784 (NLI, MS 342; *HC*, 23 Sept. 1784; Charles B. Gibson, *The history of the county and city of Cork* (2 vols, London, 1861), p. 218).

242 James Baillie eventually settled in London; see no. 10. At this time he made frequent visits to London from his Grenada base.

240. / 104 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON

SAT. 21 SEP. 1771

My last was the 31 ult. with Invoice & Bill of Lading for 860 firkins Butter per the *Velarco*, Capt. Melhuish, who I hoped arrived safe & to a good market. All kinds have since kept up & I see little or no likelihood of any material alteration. I have procured the remainder of your order being 50 firkins first Rose for which was obliged to pay 53/ & others now give 6^d more, also 40 small coarse firkins of 2nd quality at 46/ which kind were lately at 47/. I intend shipping the same in a few days on the *Mary*, John Higgins master.

241. / 104 BUCKLAND & SMITH, LONDON

SAT. 21 SEP. 1771.

Since my last of the 6th inst. am favoured with yours of the 13th do. & have noted your order for 150 second Rose in all, with 50 coarse firkins, half 2nd half 3rd.

All kinds keep up & I see little or no likelihood of any material alteration. The first Rose is 53 to 53/6, second 50 to 51/ & third 48/. Second coarse firkins 46 to 47, third do. 44 to 44/6, large casks 44 to 48/ as in quality. I hope to procure the 2nd Rose for you at 50/ & intend shipping them & the 50 coarse on the *Mary*, John Higgins master. I cannot prevent the scratch marks put on the firkins. They are put on at the weighhouse by the inspectors as they examine the Butter & afterwards branded.

242. / 104 MARTIN & PEILE, LONDON

SAT. 21 SEP. 1771

Since my last of the 6th inst. have none of your favours. The present is to advise that Butter of all kinds keeps up. [Gives current butter prices.]

243. / 105 PRENTICE & TALBOT, LONDON

SAT. 21 SEP. 1771

My last was the 31st ult. with Invoice & Bill of Lading for 860 firkins Butter per the *Velarco* who I hope is arrived safe & to a good market. All kinds have since kept up & I see little or no likelihood of any material alteration. I have procured the remaining 50 firkins of first Rose for you at 53/ & intend shipping them in a few days on the *Mary*, John Higgins master. [Concludes with current butter prices as before.]

244. / 105 MR ROBERT ARTHUR, [IRVINE]

MON. 23 SEP. 1771

I have your esteemed favour of the 13th with one annexed for Capt. Hunter, which shall be delivered him on arrival and shall then determine whether he should proceed to Dublin or sell here.

Three Lucian vessels arrived last week with old salt from Lisbon and sold at 16/ per barrel. Several are daily expected from St Ubes. One belonging to Cork is just now reported to be arrived.

I am informed that ships are obliged to wait their turn there in loading. However I hope your brig may be soon here. When disposed of I will send you Bills on London. I have had my orders lying some time past at St Ubes, to send me 800 tons of salt at 12/ to 15/ per tun freight, which they had expectation to agree.²⁴³ I have since taken

243 See no. 44.

off the limits for fear of disappointment. I am willing to make a proposal to you viz., I will pay you a guinea per ton freight to be remitted you as well as the on-board charge of insurance (if any) on the salt amounting [...] and a half to a tun, you to pay all port charges. If you accept my proposal let me hear from you by return of the post

I will endeavour to get freight for Clyde. I have salted the Beef for Capt Montgomery at cost 18/9 per cwt. I assure 18/6 was given this day for Cargo Beef yet I am certain it must be much lower next month. Butter of all kinds keeps up and I think will not be lower this year.

245. / 106 MR JOHN SLEVIN

MON. 23 SEP. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 19th and note your desire not to be drawn on, till your return from England. As our slaughter is begun I thought to begin to draw on you, as the six months are passed since I shipped on the [...] for your account. However to accommodate you, I inclose you my Bills to you as under, payable to my order at 50 days sight, which Bills I can get discounted if I should have occasion for the money, and I think I shall have occasion for it, as I have lately paid a large sum on account of a purchase, and am to pay the remaining £3,000 in a few weeks. [Gives prices as in no. 234]

PS. You'll please to accept the undermentioned Bills & return them per next post, being for the balance of your account as inclosed.

My Bill for	£100	No 1223
do	150	1224
do	200	1225
do	250	1226
do	260	1227
do	88.4.6	1228
	<u>£1048.4.6</u>	

246. / 107 JAMES GAMMELL, [GREENOCK]

TUE. 24 SEP. 1771

Since my last of the 2nd inst., am not favoured with any from you. I find I was remitted the balance of your account. It can lye over to your debit.

I this evening received a message from the Capt. of the *Universal* that he was arrived with a cargo of salt from Callecars [?], but was afraid of the quarantine so I suppose he has reported for Scotland. If it was possible to get him directly discharged here, his salt would sell well as three more cargos which arrived last week from Lisbon sold at 16/ per barrel. However as many ships are hourly expected, the next will not probably yield near so much, but as this place is much in want the price will keep up for a month pretty high.

No alteration in our market. New Cargo Beef broak at 18/3 per cwt.

A small cargo of Herrings arrived this day from Greenock & is the only Herrings here for sale, but the demand does not come till the middle of Oct.

247. / 107 MESSRS ASHBURN & HIND

THU. 26 SEP. 1771

Inclosed are Invoice & Bills of Loading for sundry shipped on the *Fanny* viz: sundry, account Mr Tarleton, whose orders were also for 800 barrels Herrings of which none here for sale except about 200 barrels which arrived yesterday. They ask 30/ per barrel for them, which far exceed Mr Tarleton's limits.

Our provisions have got to a more exorbitant price, the barrels and salt likewise very dear. I have charged each article as low as possible. You have also Invoice of sundry, account Messrs Banks & Backhouse.²⁴⁴ I wish the whole safe to hands.

248. / 108 MESSRS WILLIAMSON & THORNTON, [GRENADA]

THU. 26 SEP. 1771

Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Loading for 50 barrels small Beef which were left out of the *Mary*,²⁴⁵ Capt. Kettle, account of Mr Thom^s Calvert. They are charged as low as possible.

249. / 108 MR ROGER SCULLY

FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

I received your favour of the 17th Aug and 25th inst.,²⁴⁶ and agreeable to the latter, I inclose you my Bills on Thom^s Read Esq. for £1200

I much fear the high price at which Beef broak will prevent many orders being given, as with the present high price of salt and barrels, it will far exceed any former charge by some shillings per barrel. There is scarce any salt in town. Mr Strettel²⁴⁷ gave yesterday 17/ per barrel for 200 barrels & I don't know where as much more could be purchased, & if the present winds should continue none can arrive.

I have wrote for a large quantity. As I have not more than I shall use tomorrow, I should be glad you would postpone killing the 300 bullocks a few days longer, but if it should be convenient to me before, I will advise you. A few 5½²⁴⁸ among the first would not be amiss.

1229	£40	1233	£50
1230	42	1234	53
1231	45	1235	55
1232	48	1236	58

244 A number of Banks and a number of Backhouses are listed as merchants in Liverpool, but there is no record of a partnership called Banks & Backhouse. The Backhouse is possibly Daniel, who subsequently formed a partnership with the sons of John Tarleton. Their firm Tarleton & Backhouse was the third largest slave trader in Liverpool in 1790 (*Liverpool directory* 1774).

245 He managed to ship them on the *Fanny* later that day; see no. 255.

246 No. 87 shows he was a major beef supplier.

247 Thomas Strettel became a freeman in 1749, having served his fellow Quaker, Thomas Devonshire. In the 1760s they imported flaxseed from Boston, trading it for Cork provisions destined for the West Indies. The 1773 import/export lists show Strettel as one of the most active Cork merchants with sizable exports of butter, beef and pork, and imports of rum and sugar. By 1779 he became bankrupt and moved to London (Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 657; Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 111; HC, importers/exporters; Harrison, *Quakers*).

248 5½ cwt carcasses which were cut into pieces of 8 lbs each and called 'mess' beef. This was considered fit for gentlemen's tables and had neither neck nor shank in the barrel (Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 152).

1237	£ 60	1243	£ 85
1238	63	1244	90
1239	65	1245	95
1240	70	1246	100
1241	75	1247	26
1242	80		<u>1200</u>

250. / 109 WILLIAM GLISSON

FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 21st inst. inclosing your Bill on Mr Falkiner [?] for £62.2.0 being the amount of Art Connor's Bill on you, which I inclosed you with my receipt thereon, the difference in the kind of payment if it was [...] should be no charge to you.

251. / 109 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON

FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

I refer to my last of the 14th inst., & am since favoured with yours of the 12th 17 & 19th do, their several contents duly observed, & have honoured your Bill to W^m Coppinger²⁴⁹ for £161.8.9.

Since my last have sold 4 chests Bohea Tea at 3/ one of Green No 502 at 5/9 & two ditto No 605 & 609 at 6/3 per lb. Also the 2 remaining bags of W India cotton per *Success* at 11½^d, but have not been able to put off any more of the Turkey since I advanced the price to 12^d. Mr Burnett lately sold some of the same kind at 11^d to people who would otherwise have taken mine. Hops are advanced to £10 & but few on hands, therefore hope you have a parcel on the way.

I have procured about 550 dozen calf skins towards your order & am in treaty for a parcel, which if I can obtain at your limit will nearly compleat the whole. Then I think very few will remain for sale. Your 200 cow hides are shipped on the *Mary* of London, John Higgins master, by whom I intend likewise shipping as many of the skins as he can take. I bought part of the hides at 15/9 & 15/6. They are since fallen to 15/ owing in a great measure to the want of salt, which is scarcer here at present than has been remembered at this season. Ox hides continue at 26/. Tallow is expected to open high.

Exchange 6½% to ¾

PS I expect Capt. Higgins will be ready in 3 or 4 days. My next will hand you Invoice & Bill of Lading of what I ship by him for your account.

249 The Coppingers were one of the oldest of the Cork Catholic merchant families. This William was probably a merchant based at Coal Quay who died in 1787. A signatory of the 1759 declaration of loyalty, he was an enthusiastic supporter of the newly formed 'Committee of Merchants'. There was another William Coppinger (d. 1780) who owned estates at Barryscourt and Ballyvolane, but it is unlikely that as a gentleman he was the one referred to here (*Dublin Gazette*, 1759; CCMM; Lucas, *Cork directory*; W. A. Coppinger, *History of the Coppingers* (London, 1884)).

252. / 110 WILLIAM DE DRUSINA & CO., LONDON FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order at 42 days sight for £75.5.2 str., account Daniel Gotthard Schmidt & Co.,²⁵⁰ and £74.16.5 str. account Claes Trahn²⁵¹ both of Hamburg, (exchange 6¼% is Irish £79.19.3 & £79.9.11), to which please give your usual honour & charge the same to said gents accounts [Please seal and forward...]

253. / 110 PAUL AMSINICK & BURMESTER, LONDON FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

Drew on them favour as above for £300.17.7 str. at 42 days sight account W.G.Eichhoff of Hamburg, (exchange 6¼% is Irish £319.13.8).

254. / 110 JOHN SPITTA, LONDON FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

Drew on him favour as above for £300.4.9 str. at 42 days sight account Johann Friedrich Dunker of Hamburg, (exchange 6¼% is Irish £319).

255. / 110 THOMAS CALVERT, LANCASTER FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

My last was the 3rd inst. Meeting an opportunity of shipping the 50 barrels small Beef (on the *Fanny*) which were left out of the *Mary* for want of room, I inclose you Invoice & Bill of Lading the amount £85.10.8 to your debit. I hope provisions will soon be lower.

I expect the *Fanny* will sail this evening.

256. / 110 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND, LONDON FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

My last was the 14th inst. Am favoured with yours of the 17th. Annexed are my sundry Bills viz:

On Amsinick & Burmester	£300.17. 7
On Wm de Drusina & Co	75. 5. 2
&	74.16. 5
On John Spitta	300. 4. 9
	<hr/> £751. 3.11

257. / 111 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., LIVERPOOL FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

My last was the 10th inst. I received your favours of the 14 & 17th per Capt. Ecclaston the 23rd, & lost no time in landing his rock salt, which I sold at 20/ per ton & shipped the sundrys as per inclosed Invoice & Bill of Lading amounting to £426.1.9. You have also account of ships disbursements £33.17.7

About 250 barrels Herrings are arrived from Scotland. They ask 29/ per barrel.

250 Schmidt (1718–1773) was a citizen of Hamburg from 1762. He married three times (Hübbe, *Register of deaths in Hamburg*).

251 Trahn (1733–1786) was a citizen of Hamburg from 1767 where he was described as a commission merchant. He also married three times (Hübbe, *Register of deaths in Hamburg*).

Capt. Eccleston accepted of 50 barrels Beef. I had to ship on freight, as no Herrings could be got at your limits. Hope they as well as Beef & Pork will soon be cheaper. I expect your ship sailed this evening, or will sail to morrow. I have charged each article as low as the extravagant prices they cost would admit of.

258. / 111 BANKS & BACKHOUSE, LIVERPOOL FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

I received your esteemed favour per Capt. Eccleston, per whom I shipped your order²⁵² as per inclosed Invoice & Bill of Lading, the amount £50.5.3. I assure you the charge is what I paid for each article & have no profit but the commission of 2½%. I shall in future draw payable in London

259. / 111 ARTHUR AND BENJAMIN HEYWOOD, [LIVERPOOL] FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

My last was the 14th inst. The 24th I received your favours per Capt. Welch to whom I gave no delay. He is returned in this days note.²⁵³ I suppose he sailed yesterday evening or this morning. Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Lading of what I shipped on him the amount £379.2.9, also account of ships disbursements £72.12.6.

I have charged each article as low as the high prices I was obliged to give would admit of. I expect the price of Beef must fall in a few days. I sold a cargo of [rock] salt at 20/. Tis much wanted. Some Herrings arrived yesterday from Scotland. They ask 29/ per barrel for them. Portugal gold is very scarce. I could only procure 105 Johannes²⁵⁴ for Capt. Welsh at 38/10 each, is £203.17.6 this currency, which at the current exchange of 6½% is £191.8.8 str., for which I have drawn a Bill on you favour Tho^s Read.

Small Beef is fallen 1 to 1/6 per cwt., & I hope all kinds will soon be lower. You'll please give me as early notice as you can to provide what may be wanted for the *Marquis of Rockingham*.²⁵⁵

260. / 112 MESSRS T & J GREG & W. CUNNINGHAM,²⁵⁶ [BELFAST] FRI. 27 SEP. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 21st inclosing 40 tickets in your lottery scheme, which I shall endeavor to dispose of, but shall not be able to do it without making the

252 See no. 247.

253 The report from Cove of arrivals and departures; see no. 116.

254 A Johannes, also known as a 'Joe', was a Portuguese gold coin (John J. McCusker, *Money and exchange in Europe and America 1600–1775* (North Carolina, 1978), p. 5 (henceforth cited as McCusker, *Money and exchange*)).

255 A vessel owned by the Heywoods. The previous month they were concerned at its non-arrival, having left Jamaica eleven weeks previously (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 436).

256 Normally called Greg & Cunningham. Thomas Greg (c. 1717–1796) was one of the most successful merchants in Belfast in the 1750s. Waddell Cunningham (1729–1796) born in Antrim c. 1750 was sent to New York to assist a kinsman's flaxseed business. A man of considerable energy and ambition, in a short time he owned his own store there and a share in a vessel. In 1756 the two set up a partnership that was arguably the most successful firm operating between Ireland and mainland America market during the colonial period. Cunningham returned to Belfast in 1764 where he became involved in a variety of business ventures and in public service. Retiring from trade in 1783 he was for a short time MP for Carrigfergus. In 1786 he led an abortive attempt to set up a 'Belfast Slaveship Company'. On his death his estate was valued at £60,000, plus a plantation on the island of Dominica (Truxes, *Letterbook*; ODNB; *History Ireland*, May/June 2007, p. 23).

allowance which I had on 500 tickets, as I agreed with those to whom I gave said 500 tickets, to allow them the same and not to dispose of any myself or to others. Indeed I am to take after Xmas such prizes as they may purchase, towards payment for them, which they say was the method Mr Coppinger used of payment.

Antigua Rum is selling at 4/1 to 4/2. Not much Beef yet slaughtered. The best Cargo kind cost 18/3 per cwt., and small Beef 10/6 to 12/ but both kinds are soon expected lower. I shall be obliged to you for remittance of what I shipped for you, as tis the season in which we want money. However if you send Rum it will answer instead of Bills.

Butter 48 to 52/

261. / 113 THOMAS WILLIAM JOLLY, [LONDON]

SAT. 28 SEP. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 21st inst., & observe your reasons for not accepting my Bill for £408.7.6 as balance of your account due me from your late partnership,²⁵⁷ the difference being £1.15.10, which I apprehend was postage. Indeed the abstract of your account not being entered in my books by mistake, prevents my being certain. However it's so small a sum its not worth examining into. If the Bill had been paid I would readily have ordered you a re-payment for the difference. I wish it had been so, as I remitted it on account of a gent in St Kitts²⁵⁸ for whose account I was in cash & I always chuse to be punctual on such occasions. I have therefore now sent Messrs. Maitland & Boddington my Bill on you for £406.11.8 str. at six days sight, which balances your late partnership account with me.

I have as much saltpetre as will serve me this year & indeed it yields no profit to import it for sale.

262. / 113 MESSRS FAZAKERLEY & GILBERT, [LIVERPOOL]²⁵⁹

SAT. 28 SEP. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 20th & observe your intention of sending your ship here, to seek freight & desire I would engage it. At present no considerable freight offers for any of the islands, & if any did offer, the person would not engage, as so many ships arrive here that would be glad to take 6 or 800 barrels for any one island & would chuse to accept of a ship in the harbour rather than run the risque of any ships arrival, but if you think it your interest to send your ship here on a chance of what may offer, I will endeavour to procure what I can on freight.

I sold a cargo of rock salt at 20/ per ton & I doubt not but that price may be obtained for three or 4 cargos more.

Provisions are exceeding high at present. What little has yet been made up of Cargo Beef, stands 43/ per barrel, but expected lower in a few days. Butter is at 48/ to 52/ as in quality. Herrings none at market.

²⁵⁷ Johnson & Jolly; see no. 202.

²⁵⁸ William Newton as no. 203 and no. 263.

²⁵⁹ Fazakerley & Gilbert were merchants near South Dock (*Liverpool directory* 1774).

263. / 113 MAITLAND & BODDINGTON, [LONDON]

SAT. 28 SEP. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 20th inst. inclosing my Bill on Messrs Jolly for £408.7.6. I have also a letter from Mr Jolly advising that I had drawn £1.15.10 more than the balance due me. It may be my mistake, tho' I rather think it to be the amount of their postage added to 5 years correspondences. However I have now annexed my Bill on them at 6 days sight for £406.11.8 str., & as I found I short remitted you £1.6.0 str. of the balance due Mr W^m Newton I now annexe my Bill on Maitlands at sight for £3.1.10 str., being the full balance of Mr Newtons account. I shall draw on you in a few days for balance of Mr Cronins account, & as Messrs Wilcock & Marson request remitting you on their account, I shall also in a few days make you remittance accordingly. Have still unsold of the *Nancys* cargo of Rum, 81 puncheons.

264. / 114 WILLIAM & JOHN OGLE, [NEWRY]

TUE. 1 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 27th. I think a vessel of 200 tons will readily get freight to France if here by the 1st Nov.

Inclosed are certificates for such of the Herrings as you bought for me last year. As I could ship on deb[enture?] for 127 barrels shipped on the *Friendship*, duty paid by And^w Thompson, 29 barrels and do for 57 barrels on the *Zachary Bailey*²⁶⁰ duty paid as above. These were the whole that I could obtain debenture certificates for. You'll please do the needful & when received advise me the produce. I expect you will obtain debentures for the remainder from there that were purchased.²⁶¹

If any good Gothenburg Herrings well packed & duty paid as to enable me to recover the debenture, please to purchase for me 500 barrels, if to be bought at, or under, 16/ per barrel & ship them directly here. If any other Herrings should arrive, please to advise the quality and price.

265. / 114 J. F. BARHAM, [LONDON]²⁶²

TUE. 1 OCT. 1771

I have your very esteemed favour of the 18th ult. ordering me to ship sundry provisions on the *Eagle*, or an earlier ship, for your estates in Jamaica. I shall make it my duty as tis my custom to assure you satisfaction in the quality & prices of what you order. I have always made the time of credit agreeable to my friends, but if more agreeable to you to be drawn on when shipped, I leave the directions to yourself, as I never yet had an opportunity of knowing what is customary. Indeed I have always made my charges as low as possible & had lately the pleasure of some orders from Jamaica on account of my provisions being not only better, but charged lower than others did.

260 Named after Zachary Bayly (d. 1769), a councillor, assemblyman and leading merchant in Jamaica, who owned estates of over 5,000 acres near Port Maria valued at £160,639 (TNA C107/68).

261 See nos 490, 537 and 671 for further correspondence on the issue of rebate of duty on this transaction.

262 Barhams were an eminent London firm in the Jamaica trade. Their slaves had an appalling attrition rate of 352 per 1000. Hare had been recommended to Barham as a potential supplier by William Miles of Bristol; see no. 270.

Our slaughter is as yet scarce began, the Beef not being fat. The price broke higher than last year but hope it will be lower towards the middle or end of this month. No Herrings except about 200 barrels, for which a very high price is demanded, but as more are soon expected hope the price will be made less. I shall be much obliged for receipt of further orders. I shall take care to have the Beef & Pork bound with two band iron hoops.

266. / 115 MR ROBERT ARTHUR, [IRVINE]

WED. 2 OCT. 1771

My last was the 23rd ult. Your favour of the 24th came to hand the 30th per Capt. Montgomery to whom I have sent the whole down. I cleared him out yesterday & hope he will be at sea tomorrow morning.²⁶³ Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of

Loading for what I shipped him amounting to £596. 4.5

also account of ships disbursements 51. 7.3

647.11.8

for which have taken Capt. Montgomery's Bill on you for £608.1.2 which at the present currency exchange of 6½% is in full for the amount of the above. I would have been glad to have made it payable in London or Dublin conditionally, but it would be quite inconvenient, as I shall be obliged to raise money on it, as I made lately a purchase which cost me £20,000²⁶⁴ & has taken all I could spare, the last payment I am to make in Dec. I inclose the first Bill to you, which please to accept & return per first post.

No salt arrived here since my last but a cargo from [?] which sold only at 11/. The grain was very small or would have sold better. When the *Jenny* arrives she shall be dispatched for Ayr. A small cargo of Herrings are arrived from Campbeltown. They ask 28 to 29/ for them.

267. / 115 MR WILLIAM DINHAM, [BRISTOL]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

My last was the 13th. Annexed is Invoice & Bill of Lading what I shipped on the *Elizabeth* & amount of said ship's disbursements. Provisions of all kinds still continue high but soon expected lower.

<per Capt. Evans>

268. / 116 ROBERT GORDON, [BRISTOL]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

My last was the 29th Inclosed are certificates for your 40 puncheons Rum of which is sold as under & hope soon to finish the sales. Some new Beef salted. It cost excessive high²⁶⁵ 18/3 per cwt. for best Cargo kind & 20/ for best Mess, which with the high price of salt will stand higher than was ever known here, but we expect the prices will

263 He sailed the 3rd or 4th; see no. 337.

264 He is referring to the purchase of the Deane estate (see no. 3), but despite the apparent need for cash the bill on Arthur was not presented to Hare's bank until the following March; see no. 672.

265 The average price of beef in 1771 at 18/4 per cwt. was the highest since records began (Dickson, *Old World colony*, Table VI, p. 648).

soon fall. Butter keeps up, the middle price 50/ per cwt. Herrings very high. Not 200 barrels for sale.

<per Capt. Evans. Copy per post 4th Oct>

2 at 5/1	1 at 4/11½	1 at 4/9½	3 at 4/8
2 at 5/	2 at 4/10	1 at 4/9	4 at 4/7

269. / 116 MARK DAVIS ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 24th with sundry orders to be provided for the *Cyrus*, which I shall do as soon as it can be done. The Beef will be ready by the end of this month, but we have but a few Herrings yet arrived, not above 200 barrels for which they ask an extraordinary price, as we can't expect any quantity here before the end of Nov.

Rum keeps up to 4/8^d & advance per overproof. I think it will not be lower this winter. I send you the cask of ling per Capt Ilighalt the cost £1.8.0 to your debit. I shall send you some fish for yourself by this vessel if it can be got in the morning. I am sorry the hake were spoiled.²⁶⁶ [Finishes with beef and butter prices as in no. 268.]

<per Capt. Evans>

270. / 117 WILLIAM MILES ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I have your esteemed favours of the 21st Aug & 22nd & 26th ult. The two last came to hand only the 1st inst. by post & Capt. Chubb. I have about, if not the whole, of the Mess Beef, which will be ready in two or three days, but Mr Piersey²⁶⁷ has not yet bought for your order. Indeed Beef is scarce and very high. It cost me 20/ per cwt., which with the price of salt which is near double of what it was last year, will make it turn out exceedingly high. I hope the price of both will soon be much lower. We have had a very bad grass year owing to the cold dry spring and dry summer so that the cattle are not so fat as usual.

I am surprised how the two turbotts could be stole²⁶⁸ out of Capt. Gardner as they were put into a tub & a barrel had [been] put over them, fastened well down with a binding hoop. I was told Mr Fran^s Randal had one from Corke about that time. I don't find his friends sent any.²⁶⁹

Rum keeps up 4/5 to 4/6 & advance for the overproof. I defer buying the Herrings as the few that are arrived from Scotland are kept up to an extravagant price. I am thankful for your kind recommendation of me to Barham, who has favoured me with

266 The firkin of corned hake had been sent 29 Aug.; see no. 165.

267 George Piercy or Piersy, a Cork merchant of Ferry Quay who exported butter, beef and pork, and imported rum in 1773. Later, in 1779 a major supplier of 'wet provisions' to the British forces in America under the partnership Piersy & Waggett, acting as agent for the English provisions contractor, Sir George Wombwell. Also in 1782 he supplied pork to the value of £22,875 and £4,125 of beef to the army (*HC*, importers/exporters; O'Shea, *Merchant community*, pp 67 and 68; *Exact list... 13th August, 1783*; Lucas, *Cork directory*).

268 Those supplied on 10 Aug. as in no. 86.

269 Hare is suggesting that Randal may have in error received the fish intended for Miles.

his orders, & writes that Mrs Foster would also favour me with her orders. I shall exert myself to have the very best of every kind but so early as this its not in my power to please ourselves.

I had taken freight for your order L.P. but as it was not shipped it will be ready for the *Eagle*.

<per Capt. Evans>

271. / 118 WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK ESQ., [ST KITT'S]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

My last was the 13th Aug. with sundry as per the *Friendship*, amounting to £578.10.8 str. I am favoured with yours of the 20 July with Bill of Loading for 30 puncheons Rum per the *Alice*, account of Mr Cha^s McNeil & Co., for which I thank you.²⁷⁰ I since received Mr McNeil's order to dispose of these and have sold 18 at 4/1 and 1 at 4/2 per gallon, which is a good price.

I observe the complaint of the Butter per the *Home Castle*. I must confess I had more complaints of Butter these 2 years past than I ever had, which I think is owing to a regulation the merchants came into about 2 years since,²⁷¹ of allowing a premium for making the Butter better, and by that means increasing the demand from England and Germany. I opposed this regulation knowing that it would hurt the Butter for the W. Indies, as it would occasion the farmers to make the Butter fresher, which would not keep to the W. Indies. Indeed the regulation has made the Butter better for home consumption, but it has hurted the W. Indies Butter, by making it too fresh. What I shipped for you was exceedingly good, but for want of salt must have turned out bad in a warm climate.

I shall embrace the first opportunity of shipping the like quantity of candles. As tallow is advanced the price will be higher.

<per Capt. Moore of the *Thomas*>

272. / 118 MR JOHN WELSH, [ST KITT'S]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I wrote you the 6th Aug.²⁷² that Mr Bright advised me that that the Bill on you for £77.19.6 should have been English str., and desired you would remit me the balance being £6.9.11½, since which I have not heard from you. Mr Bright wrote me again to know if you had settled the difference as his account wants so much to balance it. I request to hear from you and that you would remit.²⁷³

270 See no. 235 and no. 324.

271 A regulation introduced by the Cork Committee of Merchants who were set up in 1769 to rationalise the butter trade (CCMM; David Dickson, 'Butter comes to the market: The origins of commercial dairying in Co. Cork' in P. O'Flanagan and C. Buttimer (eds), *Cork history and society* (Dublin, 1993), p. 372; Colin Rynne, *At the sign of the cow: The Cork butter market 1770–1924*, (Cork 1998), p. 45).

272 This letter is not in the manuscript although see no. 69 of that day to Henry Bright of Bristol which refers to it.

273 No. 359 shows Welsh agreed to pay the difference.

273. / 119 [MISSING]²⁷⁴

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

[Text obliterated]. I shall also ship your 3rd shipment of Butter. The new Beef is broak very high and in short [supply]. All kinds of our exports are higher than I ever knew them.

We have had no Herrings for sale for some time past till last week a small cargo from Scotland selling at 28/ per barrel. I credit Mr Johnston for insurance of the Rum. I shall pay your 2 small Bills for £3.18.7½ str. and £1.4.6¼.

274. / 119 WILLIAM WHITE & ROBERT MAGEE & CO.,²⁷⁵ [DUBLIN] FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 9th & 30th ult. Your letters were forwarded agreeable to your order. Mr Francis was remitted etc. the 7th ult. Inclosed I return you the Bills of John Laurence on Bryen Heapy, accepted / Fran^s Hally do. / Robert Hall do. but not mentioned at what House, but will on knowing where the Bill is lodged / Soloman Newson²⁷⁶ will remit the drawer, Tho^s Fuller. He has remitted the drawer altho' not due. Best Cargo Beef 17/3 to 17/6. W. India Butter 48 to 50/

275. / 119 BUCKLAND & SMITH, LONDON

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I refer to my last of the 21st ult. & being since without any of your favours, the present serves to accompany the annexed Invoice & enclosed Bill of Lading for 200 firkins Butter, shipped for your account per the *Mary*,²⁷⁷ John Higgins master, amounting to £304.2.10 which is to your debit, & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £286.18.6 str. at 2 months date, which with exchange at 6% balances the same. Capt. Higgins sailed this day & I hope will be safe arrived ere this reaches.

Butter of all kinds keeps up. There is included in the Bill of Lading a bundle of one dozen of ling fish, which I crave your acceptance of.

276. / 120 WILLIAM HUGHES, LONDON

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

My last was the 31st Aug to which refer. Since have none of your favours. I expected to have got freight for your remaining 50 dozen calf skins sooner, but the Capts are not fond of taking the like while they can get other goods. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for the same, shipped on the *Mary* of & for London, John Higgins master, amounting to £35.5.3. You have also Invoice of the 100 dozen per *Velarco* amounting to £73.4.8 making to your debit £108.9.11 & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £101.7.6 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange a

274 The reference in this letter to a third shipment of butter and to insurance on rum suggests it may have been addressed to Alex Johnston of London; see no. 235 and no. 385.

275 Robert Magee, a merchant at Mary's St, Dublin, was also a trustee of the Royal Exchange and on the Dublin Committee of Merchants. There are a number of William Whites listed as merchants at this time (Watson, *Gentleman's... almanack for 1772*).

276 The Newsons were a prominent Quaker merchant family. There were two Soloman Newsons, one a flour merchant of North Abbey, the other a grocer and dry salter of 4 North-abbey (Lucas, *Cork directory*; Crowley *et al.*, *Atlas of Cork city*, p. 172).

277 The *Mary* had arrived with rum on 10 Sept.; see no. 229.

6½% balances the same. Capt. Higgins sailed this day & I hope will be safe arrived ere this reaches.²⁷⁸

But few calf skins now remain for sale which are held up at 5¼^d; Ox hides of 112 lbs 26/; Cow hides 15/ per cwt. If you had favoured me with your orders for hides, I think I could have served you therein as well as any other House, as I make up large quantities of Beef, by which means can always have the preference of the hides, & frequently an advantage in the price.

277. / 120 GEORGE STREET & SON, [LONDON]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 17th Aug. was duly favoured with yours of the 10th & note the contents. I don't find any of the North Country²⁷⁹ skins ever brought here. I have directed Mr Joseph Pike of Dublin to give you information about them, who is a person capable of serving you in any transactions you may have there.

I could not sooner get freight for your remaining 145 dozen calf skins, as the Capts are not fond of taking the like, when they can get other goods. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for the same shipped on the *Mary*, of and for London, John Higgins master, amounting to £95.3.5 to your debit & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £89.7.3 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange 6½% balances the same. Capt. Higgins sailed this day & I hope will be safe arrived ere this reaches.

[Gives prices of hides as in no. 276.]

278. / 121 PRENTICE & TALBOT, [LONDON]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I refer to my last of the 21st ult. & being since without any of your favours, the present serves to accompany the annexed Invoice & enclosed Bill of Lading for 50 firkins Butter shipped for your account on the *Mary*, John Higgins master, amounting to £83.3.11, which is to your debit & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £78.2.4 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 6½% balances the same. Capt. Higgins sailed this day & I hope will be safe arrived ere this reaches. Butter of all kinds keeps up.

279. / 121 JAMES CROHAN

SAT. 5 OCT. 1771

I received yours of the 26 Aug. but yesterday per J. Power,²⁸⁰ desiring to lend you 4 guineas on your note for which I must beg to be excused, as you and your brother are giving Jn^o Power & his [...] all the [...] in your power, especially your brother, who threats much [remainder illegible].

I return you your note.

278 She did not 'safe arrive' due to being run down by a larger ship; see no. 375.

279 Hare probably means the north of Ireland i.e. Ulster.

280 John Power, Hare's land agent at Bally Mt Allan.

280. / 121 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 27th ult. am favoured with yours of the 24th do. inclosing Bill of Lading for 21 chests Tea & 19 bags cotton wool per *Action* & advising your two Bills to Coppinger & Shea²⁸¹ for £376.13.9, which are honoured & to your debit. I will put off the fine Bloom Tea on best terms. Have sold since my last, 2 chests of the inferior do viz; No 498 at 5/9 & 604 at 6/3, & one chest Bohea at 3/. As the Bohea goes off so slow fear I must be obliged to lower the price to 2/11, especially as I find a good deal expected per first ship.

Annexed are Invoices & inclosed Bill of Lading for 201 cow hides & 300 dozen calf skins shipped for your account on the *Mary*, John Higgins master, the amount £319.17.4 to your debit. Said vessel sailed this day & I hope will be safe arrived ere this reaches. I have agreed for the parcel of calf skins mentioned in my last, which almost compleats your order. I will ship the remainder as opportunity offers, but the Capts are not fond of taking them when other goods can be had.

281. / 122 LEVI AMES ESQ., [BRISTOL]²⁸²

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I received your favour of the 12th inst. inclosing Cooper on Harrison²⁸³ which is accepted & when paid shall be remitted you. I pray my best respects to Mrs Ames & your good father's family.²⁸⁴
<per Capt. Evans>

282. / 122 CHARLES DYER ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I received your favour of the 27th July & 12th ult. I have this evening got home the cloths per Capt. Thomas²⁸⁵ & shall be delivered tomorrow morning. Inclosed you have

281 The Coppinger here is probably William as in no. 251, although there were a number of other Coppinger merchants active at this time. Stephen specialised in wine at Patrick's St and Michael was a general merchant at Cold Harbour (now Parnell Place). Both signed the declaration of loyalty of 1759. Michael served on the 'Committee of Merchants' and in 1779 acted as a Cork agent for the English provisions contractors, Anthony Bacon and John Durand, suppliers to the armed forces in America. During the American War he also took out a letter of marque as a privateer for the *Newcastle Jane*, a vessel of 200 tons on the Cork to Antigua route (*Dublin Gazette*, 1759; CCMM; Lucas, *Cork directory*; O'Shea, *Merchant community*, p. 67). The Shea is most likely John Shea (c. 1721–1789) a prominent Cork Catholic merchant and ship owner who operated from Shandon Castle Lane at this time and later moved to the nearby Sand Quay. His eldest son, Luke, married a niece of William Coppinger of the Coal Quay. Alternatively the Shea could be Henry Shea (c. 1723–1800) another Catholic merchant, the largest ship owner in Cork, and a neighbour of Hare on Merchant's Quay (O'Shea, op. cit.; James O'Shea, 'Henry Shea, Cork's first mercantile tycoon?' in *JCHAS*, 116 (2011), pp 120–130).

282 Levi Ames was in 1786 a founding director of the bank Ames, Cave & Co. and became mayor of Bristol in 1788 (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 65).

283 Probably Joseph Harrison, a woollen draper of Shandon St whose house the following January was attacked by a 'riotous mob... supposed to be weavers... who hacked & carried away several pieces of goods', leading Harrison to offer 100 guineas for the apprehension of the persons concerned. Many of the leading Cork merchants, including Hare, added over 400 guineas to the reward (*HC*, 16 Jan. 1772).

284 Jeremiah Ames; see no. 639 and no. 751.

285 The master of the *Friendly Trader*; see no. 366.

my Bill on Sam^l Munckley for £500 str., exchange 6¾% is £533.15.0 to your debit. Mrs Hare & family join me in best respects to you & all yours, hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you before Christmas.

Mr Fuller returned the 2 pieces per the *Hawk* as he had a supply of these colors before.

<per Capt. Evans>

283. / 122 MR ISAAC LUDLOW, [BRISTOL]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I this day received your favour of the 25th ult. ordering to purchase 40 hogheads tallow when I think it at the lowest, which I shall do to the best of my power for your interest. I think it may be best to buy them at different times, as tis very uncertain at what time it may be at lowest, & I can sometimes buy a few hogsheads from such melters as may want the cash, and agreeable thereto I have purchased 10 hogsheads from Leake²⁸⁶ at 44/, on account of which I am directly to advance him £200. The tallow will be ready next week & I shall ship them by first opportunity, of which you shall have timely notice.

Leake desires that this price may be kept secret,²⁸⁷ as the other melters will not sell under 45/ & some ask more. In the execution of this or any other future order you may please to favour me with, I shall endeavour to merit my good friend Mr Dyer's kind recommendation.

<per Capt. Evans>

284. / 123 HENRY BRIGHT ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I have your esteemed favour of the 27th ult. I have had no answer from Wilmot to the letter I wrote him the beginning of Aug. I write him again this night.²⁸⁸

The price of Beef at Waterford is generally lower than ours, & Dublin is lower than Waterford. I have seen a good deal from both places & much inferior to any that I would put my name on. Indeed I have had some from each place consigned me, of which 40 barrels the beginning of this summer from Dublin as the best Cargo Beef, which I endeavoured to sell but could not, till last month when I sold it at 35/ per barrel payable in three months,²⁸⁹ whereas I sold the same person 200 barrels of my own Cargo Beef at 40/ cash. I would observe to you that the Dublin Beef are as from 14 to 18 [lbs?]²⁹⁰ per barrel lighter than mine, & the pieces in each barrel very badly sorted & the best of it inferior to mine in quality. I think the gentlemen will be convinced of the error in ordering Beef from Waterford. Beef has fallen this [evening] 1/ per cwt. & hope will soon be lower. Middle price of Butter 50/.

286 Probably Henry Leake, a Chandler who voted as a £10 freeholder in the 1783 election (*Exact list... 13th August, 1783*).

287 This suggests that the tallow melters had combined to fix the price and that Leake was breaking ranks in selling under the agreed 45s. 0d.

288 Henry Wilmot; see no. 306. The manuscript has no letter to him in August.

289 See no. 103 and no. 225 for reference to John Hutchinson of Dublin.

290 See no. 214.

I am glad to find so many new students gone to Warrington and doubt not but my good namesake²⁹¹ will benefit in his attendance thereat, & I think any youth that would incline to benefit thereby as I am sure your son will. Mrs Hare & family join me in my best wishes for your health & happiness hoping that your present office²⁹² (from which I wish you safe deliverance) will not debauch you from a water drinker to a wine bibler, tho' in truth I think a moderate use of wine a good remedy against the dangerous effects of the gout.

<per Capt. Evans>

285. / 124 MESSRS FARRELL VAUGHAN & CO., [BRISTOL] FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 25th ult. The inclosed advertisement shall be published in our next newspapers.²⁹³ Most of the melters have refused coming into the agreement, but hope when they see the advertisement they will be induced to do it. Our slaughter is not long begun. The melters give 5/2^d per stone for the rough tallow. They ask 45/ for the tallow, but think I could buy at 44/ from some that are in want of cash. Fullbound Butter is 53/ 1st quality, 50/ 2nd quality & 48/ per cwt. 3rd.

I shall endeavour to get the hogshead of bladders for you, but they don't sell them till towards the latter end of the slaughter.

<per Capt. Evans>

286. / 124 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., [BRISTOL] FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 24th ult. Above is my Bill on Jn^o & Tho^s Williams for £383.19.6 str. at 61 days, with which please do the needful. Butter keeps up to 48/ 50/ & 53/. Beef fell this evening to 17/7 to 17/3 per cwt., & hope will soon be lower.

I have drawn a bill on you favour Char^s Dyer for £500.

<per Capt. Evans>

287. / 124 JOSEPH PIKE, DUBLIN FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

Your favours of the 20 & 26th ult. came duly to hand & I thank you for your information about horntips, but at present have not any orders for them. I have recommended your House to Messrs George Street & Son of London, who have ordered calf skins from me,²⁹⁴ & please to inform them if any North Country skins are

291 Bright's eldest son, Richard (1754–1840), who later managed the substantial Bright-Meyler businesses in Bristol. In 1782 he married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Heywood, one of Hares Liverpool correspondents (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, pp 57–8). The reference to Warrington is to the Rev. Seddon's Nonconformist academy, one of the leading educational establishments in England. It was an ecumenical, independent academic institution with no charter or state support. Teachers included Dr Joseph Priestly. No. 485 indicates that Hare's son John had attended it. Other students at this time included the sons of Arthur and Benjamin Heywood of Liverpool (Morgan, *op. cit.* pp 56–7; www.warc.org.uk/members, accessed 3 May 2011).

292 Bright was elected mayor of Bristol in 1771. His nephew Lowbridge Bright said 'it was his turn in 1769 but was obliged to make interest to get himself excus'd' (Morgan, *op. cit.*, p. 424).

293 The most popular Cork newspaper of the time was the *Hibernian Chronicle*. Unfortunately the 1771 issue is not extant.

294 See no. 277.

to be had at your place without the hoofs on, & the price.

I have this day drawn on you favour Tho^s Read Esq. or order for £353.8.4 str. at 31 days sight, which please honour & charge to account of Mr William Gayner of Bristol.

288. / 125 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I refer to my last of the 21st ult., & being since without any of your favours, the present serves to accompany the annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 90 firkins Butter shipped for your account on the *Mary*, Jn^o Higgins master, amounting to £133.12.9 to your debit & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £125.9.8 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 6½% balances the same.

Capt. Higgins sailed this day & I hope will be safe arrived ere this reaches. Butter of all kinds keeps up.

289. / 125 THOMAS READ ESQ., DUBLIN

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I received your favour of the 24th ult. Inclosed you have the following Bills

W ^m Clarke on Williams & Co London	£30
my Bill on Maitlands	500
do	300
do on Ar & Ben Heywood	191.8.8
do on Jos. Pike No 1259	353.8.4

I have drawn on you as under for £1819.10.6

Sept 27	£			£
1229 fav Scully ²⁹⁵	40	1242	do	80
1230 do	42	1243	do	85
1231 do	45	1244	do	90
1232 do	48	1245	do	95
1233 do	50	1246	do	100
1234 do	53	1247	do	26
1235 do	55			
1236 do	58	Sept 28		
1237 do	60	1248 fav Denis Moylan ²⁹⁶	40	
1238 do	63	1249 do	45	
1239 do	65	1250 do	50	
1240 do	70	1251 do	55	
1241 do	75	1252 do	60	

295 Roger Scully, the beef supplier of no. 249.

296 Denis Moylan (c. 1708–1772), a merchant at Kyril's Quay and a member of one of Cork's most prominent Catholic families; see no. 44. A signatory of the loyalty declaration in 1759 and one of the merchants who two years later presented a petition to the Irish House of Commons requesting financial relief due to losses caused by the collapse of the bank of Lawton, Carleton & Feray (O'Shea, *Merchant community*, pp 54–57 and 70; *Dublin Gazette*, 1759; O'Kelly, *Private banks*, p. 30).

	£	Oct 4	£
1253 do	65	1256 fav Jn ^o Collins	50
1254 do	85	1257 do	60
Oct 3		1258 do	55.10. 6
1255 fav Going	54		<u>£1819.10. 6</u>

290. / 126 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQ., LONDON

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

My last was the 27th ult. Am this day favoured with yours of the 24th & thank you for your care of the Bill on Lara.²⁹⁷ Inclosed are the following Bills viz.

My Bill on Buckland at 2 mo ^s date	£286.18. 6
do on Barnevelt 21 days s ^t	125. 9. 8
do on Prentice & Co do	78. 2. 4
do on Hughes do	101.17. 6
do on Street & Son do	89. 7. 3
	<u>£681.15. 3</u>

I have drawn on you favour Thom^s Read for £500 & a Bill for £300. I request you will purchase & send me two lottery tickets when you think them at lowest & for fear of miscarriage it will be best to cut them & send one half one post, & the other half some succeeding post.

291. / 126 WILLIAM GAYNER, BRISTOL

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 20th ult. have none of your favours. I was obliged to pay 6^d advance for the remainder of the 100 casks Butter. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for the same, shipped on the *Brittania Yacht*, Humphrey Evans master, amounting to £353.8.4, for which sum this day have drawn on Mr Joseph Pike of Dublin at 31 days sight & is thereby balanced.

I think you'll find the quality of this Butter to satisfaction. The prices are now 48 & 46/ stiff & all other kinds likewise keeps up.

Our tallow melters expect 45/ & upwards for new tallow, however I doubt not the want of money would induce some to sell lower. If you intend favouring me with any orders, the sooner you send them the better that I may take the best opportunity of buying for your interest.

<per Capt. Evans & copy by post>

292. / 126 JOHN & THOMAS WILLIAMS, BRISTOL

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 28th Aug. have none of your favours. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for 258 firkins Butter, shipped for your account on the *Brittania Yacht*, Humphrey Evans master, amounting to £407.0.3 to your debit & this day I have drawn on you favour Samuel Munckley Esq. or order for £383.19.6 str. at 61 days, which with exchange at 6% balances the same.

297 Relating to the insolvency of Eichhoff of Hamburg; see no. 223 and no. 224.

I procured you 50 first quality Rose in this parcel, for which was obliged to pay 53/ & have sent 8 firkins first quality Coarse for a sample altho' few to be got, which I think will answer at the difference of price. Butter of all kinds keeps up. Our tallow melters expect 45/ & upwards for new tallow, however I doubt not the want of money would induce some to sell less.

PS. If you intend ordering any tallow, the sooner you send your order the better, that I may take the best opportunity of buying for your interest. Ox hides of 112 lb. 26/, cow hides 15/ per cwt.

<per Capt. Evans & copy by post>

293. / 127 WILLIAM DYER ESQ., BRISTOL

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

I have your much esteemed favour of the 26th ult. I am much obliged for your kind recommendation of me to Mr Ludlow,²⁹⁸ whose order I shall study to execute to his best advantage. Tallow is very high. The melters ask 45/ & indeed it stands them very near that many, but some who want cash may sell at 44/.

I wish my good friend Mr Bright a happy deliverance from his troublesome offices. A moderate use of wine I should think would be of use to him. I find no hurt to myself in drinking a bottle of claret in the day & night. Inclosed is a letter for your brother²⁹⁹ (open) that you may get the Bill accepted.

Mrs Hare & family join me in best respects to you, Mrs Dyer & the young ladys.
<per Capt. Evans>

294. / 127 MR SAMUEL FRIPP, [BRISTOL]³⁰⁰

FRI. 4 OCT. 1771

Tis some time since I had the pleasure of writing to or hearing from you. The present is to advise that our slaughter lately began. [Gives tallow prices and necessity for action as in no. 292.]

<per Capt. Evans>

295. / 128 MR THOMAS FRANK, [BRISTOL]³⁰¹

SAT. 5 OCT. 1771

Tis some time since I had the pleasure of writing to or hearing from you. The present is to advise that our slaughter lately began. Beef opened high at 18/9 per cwt. for the best Cargo kind, is since fallen to 17/3 to 17/6 & expected lower. The middle price of W. India Butter 50/, coarse do. 44 to 48/ per cwt. as in quality. [Gives tallow prices and necessity for action as in no. 292.]

<per Capt. Evans>

298 As in no. 283.

299 Charles Dyer as in no. 282.

300 Of Fry, Frupp & Co., a firm which concentrated on the export of soap and tallow candles to the West Indies (Morgan, *Bristol trade*, p. 95).

301 Frank was active in the American and West India trades in the period 1764–1772 (Morgan, *op. cit.*, pp 110 and 115).

296. / 128 STEPHEN FORD, LIVERPOOL SAT. 5 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 25th ult. accompanying a remittance in W^m Clarkes Bill on Williams & Co. for £30 which at 6½% makes Irish to your credit £31.18.0. Your order for 50 coarse firkins Butter 2nd quality was noted, & shall be executed on best terms per first opportunity, but fear I shall not be able to obtain them under 47/, as all kinds keep up as well as Grease Butter, tallow 45 to 44/ per cwt.

297. / 128 THOMAS ELLIS, LONDON SAT. 5 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 24th ult. & note the contents. Whatever hops now remain on hands here, sell at £9.15.0 to £10 per cwt. I understand there are some new expected, which cost £8.14.0. A supply will soon be wanted. I expect shortly to be in cash so as to make you further remittance.

298. / 129 EDDIE & DUPIN, LONDON SAT. 5 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 31st Aug.³⁰² As Mrs Fennell promised to pay a part of her debts after the assizes, I called on her. She pretended she had not received above 2 guineas during the assizes, but expected to make up something worthwhile in a few days. Finding afterwards that she had received an annuity, which she had promised me, I called again on her & charged her with having told me a falsehood. She made some excuse & said she would give me ten guineas in a few days, but last Sunday she carried all her goods out of the house & on Tuesday sent the key to her landlord, who on opening the door found the house quite empty. I can't as yet learn where she is gone to, but shall advise you as soon as I am informed. Indeed I was afraid of this & therefore was inclined to get what I could by fair means, especially as she promised to give security. I wish I could serve you in this affair. All I have done is to get the account signed by her, which is a proof of her debt, which you had not before.

299. / 129 JOHN & THOMAS HOUSMAN, LANCASTER SAT. 5 OCT. 1771

I received your esteemed favour of the 24th ult. per the *Thomas*, Capt. Moore, per whom have shipped your order of 20 barrels light Beef & 50 firkins Butter, as per annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading, the amount £110.11.8 to your debit. I expect he sailed this day. I have charged each article as low as possible. Beef was exceedingly high, but it fell 1/ per cwt. yesterday & I hope will soon be lower. At the high prices little can be expected to be made of it. I deferred drawing on you till I should be in want & unluckily the exchange has been down some time past to 6½%, so that I postpone drawing till I can't help it, in hopes the exchange may advance again.

300. / 130 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., LIVERPOOL SAT. 5 OCT. 1771

My last was the 27th ult. Annexed are sales of the rock salt per the *Fanny*, neat proceeds to your credit £60.5.3. Also certificate for the same. Beef fell yesterday 1/ per cwt. &

302 See nos 100, 667 and 839.

hope will be soon lower, & as some ships arrived this day with salt & several others expected as the wind is come to the southward, which will lower that article & of consequence make the charge on curing the Beef the less.

301 / 130 RICHARD SALISBURY ESQ. & CO., LANCASTER SAT. 5 OCT. 1771

My last was the 13th ult., since which received your favours of the 1st, 10th & 24th ult. I gave Capt. Moore all the dispatch in my power & hope he sailed this day.³⁰³ Beef kept up till yesterday, when it fell about 1/ per cwt. I charged yours as low as the high price it cost would admit of. A few Herrings arrived but they ask 28/ per barrel, which Capt. Moore thought much too high. Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Lading for the cargo, the amount £1056.7.7. Also account of ships disbursements £56.0.4½ to your debit.

I have still 16 puncheons of your Rum unsold, but hope soon to finish the sales. Mr Clarke³⁰⁴ writes me that he expected to be in cash for your account about £400 in Dec.

302. / 130 DAVID KENYON, LIVERPOOL SAT. 5 OCT. 1771

I received your favour of the 23rd ult. Capt. Griffith did not resolve till yesterday whether he would go home in the ship, which he now consents to do. I fear little will be got on freight, as two other vessels have been some time past picking up what offered. I shall give the Capt. as little money as possible, but he says he must pay off the men, as they are at high wages.³⁰⁵ The melters ask 45/ for tallow, but they cannot sell without cash paid down. Beef fell about 1/ per cwt. yesterday & I hope will soon be lower. Best Butter 48 to 52/

303. / 131 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON SUN. 6 OCT. 1771

My last was the 4th inst. with Invoice & Bill of Lading for 90 firkins Butter per the *Mary* to which refer. Am this day favoured with yours of the 28th ult. ordering 100 firkins 1st & 500 firkins 2nd quality Rose Butter, also 150 quarterbound firkins not exceeding the price of what I shipped you per *Velarco*, which was accordingly noted, but at present nothing can be done therein, as you'll have seen by my preceeding letter, that all kinds were advanced & kept up insomuch, that I could not now procure the best 2nd Quality Rose under 50/, & they refuse selling the first quality under 53/, being scarce in proportion to the other sorts, 2nd quality coarse are 47/ & 3rd ditto 44/. Therefore shall expect your further directions if you incline to have the above bought at the currency, & with respect to drawing at longer sight, I will hereafter accommodate you therein, as I would willingly make everything agreeable to you

303 He did not sail until 15 Oct.; see no. 342.

304 Chenious Clark; see no. 185.

305 Nos 222, 421 and 442 have further issues relating to this captain.

PS: In case the whole can't be got ready to go on one vessel would you have it shipped as opportunity offers. The large coarse casks are somewhat cheaper than the small at present, if you approve of having any.

304. / 131 THOMAS AND CLAYTON CASE, [LIVERPOOL] MON. 7 OCT. 1771

I received your much esteemed favour of the 25th ult. I have finished the sale of Mr Yeamans Rum,³⁰⁶ as per annexed sales, neat proceeds being £291.19.6 this currency I carry to your credit. As I have charged the same with 1½% for risque of debts, you'll please to observe a good part of this sold at 3 months credit. Mr Wilmot desired the proceeds should be remitted you. I shall send Mr Yeamans duplicate of the sales, by a ship now bound to St Vincents. Best Cargo Beef is fallen 3/ per barrel & expected lower in a few days.

When I can meet with the heir of Johnston³⁰⁷ I shall know the lowest they will take. I think they expected me to accept of £500 for their interest & declared they would not accept of less.

305. / 132 JOHN YEAMANS, [ST VINCENTS] MON. 7 OCT. 1771

My good friends Messrs Thomas & Clayton Case sent me your bill for £242 str. on Lane, Bensons & Vaughan with Bill of Loading, which consigned 22 puncheons Rum, in case your bill was refused acceptance. Messrs Lane, Bensons & Vaughan took two days to consider of it, & would not accept of it. I therefore got it protested, & on the ships arrival I entered the Rum & sold it at 4/2 per gallon, except one puncheon at 4/1, a good part of it payable in three months, but as usual I charge the sales 1½% for insurance of debts, & agreeable to Mr Wilmots letter carry the neat proceedings to Messrs Claytons credit being £291.19.6 this currency as per inclosed account of sale which I hope will please.

The Rum was good & such will always command the best sale, whereas of the other 30 on board I have been able to sell only 14 & that under 4/ per gallon. I wish it may bring 3/11 on an average.

Mr Wilmot can inform you of the character of the provisions I ship. Should you have occasion for any, I should be glad to be favoured with your commands. We have usually a credit on some person in England to draw at 6 months after shipping, or if you send me Rum I remit the value of the proceeds immediately on its arrival.

306. / 132 MR HENRY WILMOT, [ST VINCENTS]³⁰⁸ MON. 7 OCT. 1771

Your favour of the 9th July came to hands the 10th ult, before which Messrs Case sent me Mr Yeamans Bill on Messrs Lane, Bensons & Vaughan, which they refused acceptance of, altho' they [took] two days to consider of it. On arrival of the ship I

306 It had arrived on 14 Sep.; see no. 229.

307 See nos 373, 481 and 733.

308 This letter was struck out in the manuscript. The mention of Wilmot in no. 305 suggests he was resident of St. Vincents.

entered & landed the Rum without loss of time, & disposed thereof to the best advantage, neat proceeds being £291.0.3½ this currency, which I carried to Messrs Cases credit, & this night send them account of sales, as I now duplicate thereof to Mr John Yeamans, which I doubt not will meet his approbation, & with your kind recommendation will entitle me to his future commands. The Rum was good & I sold all of it at 4/2 except one puncheon at 4/1.

The price of new Beef broke as high as 18/3^d per cwt. for best Cargo kind, but is now fallen to 17/ & expected lower. The middle price of Butter 49/ to 50/ per cwt.

307. / 133 WILLIAM DE DRUSINA & CO., LONDON TUE. 8 OCT. 1771

My last was the 27th ult. advising to have drawn on you for £74.16.5 account Mr Claes Trahn & for £75.5.2 account Messrs Dan^l Gotthard Schmidt & Co. both of Hamburg, which I herewith confirm, & have further the pleasure to acquaint you that each of the above mentioned friends have given me orders for 2 to 3 last Butter more, & also Mr Frantz Ludwig Schloemann of Hamburg for 2 to 3, & Messrs Johann Jacob Behrens & Son of same place for 4 last & to draw the amount of the several parcels from their respective accounts, on you, which I shall do without your order to the contrary, & I request if you should have any objection you will please to signify it to me as soon as possible that I may act accordingly. Your forwarding the enclosed to Messrs Behrens & Son will much oblige.

308. / 133 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON TUE. 8 OCT. 1771

I refer to my last of the 4th inst., & being since without any of your favours the present serves to advise that I sold the 2 remaining chests of Bohea Tea per *Lancashire* at 2/11½, since which have put off 4 of the other parcels at 3/ & hope now to go on at said price, as our buyers begin to be convinced that it cannot be afforded much lower according to the prices it sold for at the sales.

Therefore I think you will do well to dispatch another parcel, but the Green on hands & expected, will be sufficient for some time. I have likewise sold since my last, 1 chest & 2 boxes Hyson at 8/9 and 3 Chests Green at 5/9 viz 504, 537 & 550. Exchange 6½% to ¾.

309. / 134 ROBERT LECKY, YOUGHAL WED. 9 OCT. 1771

I wrote you a few lines the 29th Aug requesting you would discharge your note for £66.18.8 & not having since received an answer, occasions my repeating the request that you will order payment thereof, as tis now high time, being due upwards of 3 months.³⁰⁹

310. / 134 ROBERT GORDON, [BRISTOL] WED. 9 OCT. 1771

Attached is copy of what I wrote you by ship the 4th inst. still detained here by contrary winds. Beef has since fallen 1/6 to 2/ per cwt. & expected lower. I have drawn a Bill

309 Payment was eventually made on 25 Oct.; see no. 374.

on you for £293.2.5 str. favour P Guerin at 6¾% is £312.18.1 to the credit of your account.

A report prevails that 6^d additional duty will be laid on Rum in this Kingdom, on which account I now intend to advance it 1^d per gallon & higher if I find any certainty of the additional duty.

311. / 134 MARK DAVIS, [BRISTOL]

WED. 9 OCT. 1771

I wrote you the 4th inst. per ship.³¹⁰ A report prevails & gains cr[edence] that we shall speedily have an additional duty laid on Rum of 6^d per gallon. If you think of sending any you can't be too speedy in sending it.

Beef has fallen since my last 1/6 to 2/ per cwt. & expected lower. I fear no Herrings will be got for the *Cyrus*. The few that were here are smartly sold at 28/ per barrel with the additional charge for repacking etc.³¹¹

312. / 134 RICHARD WATT ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

WED. 9 OCT. 1771

My last was the 24 Aug. since which received none from you. The price of Jamaica Rum has kept up at 4/5 to 6^d per gallon. A report prevails that 6^d additional duty per gallon will be immediately laid on Rum, [so] cannot be too speedy in landing any you intend for this market, as our Parliament met and 500,000 is immediately to be borrowed for our government for payment of the [...], and additional duty must be the consequence and on nothing more likely than on spirits. The price of Cargo Beef broak at 18/3, is now fallen to 16/ and expected lower in a few days.

313. / 135 WM MILES ESQ., [BRISTOL]

WED. 9 OCT. 1771

My last was the 4th inst. per this ship.³¹² Mr Piersy³¹³ promises to be ready to ship on Saturday. I have therefore bought the Herrings for your order at the extravagant price of 28/ per barrel besides charge of repacking etc.

I shall ship a boat tomorrow and if Mr Piersy ships on Saturday, shall clear out the *Irran* that day. Beef fell within these 3 days 1/6 to 2/ per cwt. and hope it will be soon lower. We shall scarce have any Herrings here till November.

I have sent you by this conveyance 1 half-barrel Hake which crave your acceptance.

314. / 135 WILLIAM WHARTON ESQ.

FRI. 11 OCT. 1771

Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Loading for sundry, account of Sam^l Reily Esq. Each article are of the best, but the prices higher than I ever knew them. The great demand of Butter for the London market has in a great measure caused the high price of that

310 No. 321 shows this letter missed the ship.

311 That is, the cost of emptying the imported barrels, adding salt and repacking in 'Cork' barrels for export.

312 No. 323 shows this letter missed the ship.

313 He had not been ready on 4 Oct.; see no. 270.

article. We have some prospect of a fall in Beef but Pork likely to continue high. Not 100 barrels of new Herrings in Cork, no more this season except what are on this ship. They ask 26/ for a barrel of old Herrings. I have charged each article as low as possible.

315. / 135 MR JOHN STREET & CO.

THU. 10 OCT. 1771

Inclosed are Invoice etc for sundry per the *Neptune* by order of Mr Joseph Broster. I have endeavoured each article should be of the best, but the prices are very high, yet I assure you they are laid in & charged as low as possible. The great demand for the London market has caused the high price of Butter.

316. / 136 JAMES DES COTES & CO., LONDON³¹⁴

FRI. 11 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with your esteemed of the 1st inst. enclosing a letter from our mutual friend Mr Jacob Wichelhausen of Erbenfeld, wherein he orders 200 heavy oxhides at 23/ per cwt. for which you promise to honour my drafts on his account, on my sending you Invoice & Bill of Lading.

I am much obliged to you for assuring me of your acceptance of my drafts, which is always very agreeable, but as oxhides of 112 lbs. cannot be had under 26/ per cwt., I cannot have the pleasure of executing Mr Wichelhausen's order, except he should think proper to extend his limit. The enclosed for said gent. I recommend to your care.

317. / 136 GREG & CUNNINGHAM, [BELFAST]

FRI. 11 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 28 ult., 5 & 6 inst. I have advanced the price of Antigua Rum to 4/4 to 4/5 & if very good shall expect 4/6. This advance is on account of a report that 6^d per gallon additional duty is expected to be laid on in a short time. When yours arrives I will dispose of it as may be most to your advantage.

Beef is fallen and as a large quantity of salt is expected, that article must fall from the present high price. I hope the Beef will not be above 2/ per barrel higher than it was last year, as it is already fallen from 18/3 for the best Cargo kind to 16/3. 130 puncheons Rum were purchased yesterday from Benson's³¹⁵ house at 4/. It was as good as any Antigua. Butter of 3rd quality is now 46/6, 2nd 49/ & 1st 51/. Pork is high at 20/ per cwt. We have few or no Herrings here. The Scotch sold at 28/ & the holder of some old Herrings ask 25/. Small Beef may be made up for 26/ to 30/ as in quality. The consumption of oil of vitriol is very trifling in this part of the Kingdom.³¹⁶ I had three bottles from Bristol with 3 years and sold them last summer at [?] for [?].

314 The firm were merchants at 33 Winchester St (*London directory* 1768).

315 Bensons, the Cork merchant house; see no. 207.

316 Waddell Cunningham was based in New York from c. 1750 to 1764 when he returned to Belfast on the eve of his trial arising from a violent altercation and the wounding of a fellow merchant. On his return he was involved, among other things, in the manufacture of oil of vitriol (Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 52).

318. / 137 GALEN, THOMSON & CO., (BELFAST)³¹⁷

FRI. 11 OCT. 1771

I have your much esteemed favour of the 5th inclosing your Bill on Messrs D. Ker³¹⁸ & Co. for £627.16.0 str. the exchange at 7%. I could get no more here this day than 6¼, but as the exchange is usually higher in Dublin than here, I send it thither this night,³¹⁹ and hope you will be satisfied with the exchange it should pay at there, but this I leave to your good selves.

I note your order for the *Jupiter* and have loaded the 200 firkins Butter at 46/6 third. We had no Herrings here for some time past, till last week 250 barrels of new Herrings arrived from Scotland. Part of them are sold at 28/ per barrel. There also arrived 200 barrels old Herrings from Waterford for which is asked 25/. I offered 21/ for them last week. I have bought the beef at 16/3 for the Cargo Beef and shall buy for the Mess.

130 puncheons Rum as good as Antigua were sold yesterday by Benson's House, the price said to be 4/. Good Antigua would now sell at 4/4 and 4/6, as we have a report of 6^d per gallon additional duty. Pork is high at 22/6 per cwt.

319. / 137 MR JOHN HENDERSON, [BELFAST]

FRI. 11 OCT. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 6th and should have wrote you some time past, but was daily waiting for an opportunity of giving you an account how our slaughter may proceed this winter.

The price of Cargo Beef broke at 18/9 but for some days past has been on the decline, and is now only 16/3 to 6^d per cwt., and expected lower. Mess Beef 17/3 to 18/6, Pork 22/6 per cwt., cow hydes 14/6 of 2 quality, oxxhides 26/ to 26/6 for 112 lb., rendered tallow 44 to 45/, Butter third quality 46/6, 2nd 49/, 1st 51/.

Of your Rum I have sold as under. I this day advanced it to 4/4 to 4/5 as a report gives credit of an additional duty of 6^d per gallon. Messrs Benson's House sold 130 puncheons at 4/ equal to best Antigua. We have not much here for sale, and think 200 puncheons of the Antigua would now sell, as not much Rum is expected from the West

317 Benjamin Legg (d. 1760) was a West India merchant and part-owner of a sugar refinery in Rosemary Lane, Belfast. On his death the business was taken over by his son-in-law Robert Thomson and Peter Galen, a Dublin-born Huguenot. His son Alexander later also joined the partnership, which in addition to their sugar interests became substantial general merchants from premises at High St. They were also shipowners, owning the *Belfast Trader* and the *Industry*. In 1773 the company opened a second sugar refinery which was managed by Galen's brother-in-law and fellow Huguenot, Bartholomew de la Maziere. In 1773 Galen withdrew from Belfast to establish a sugar refining business in his native Dublin. Subsequently in 1774 when the accounts of Galen, Thomson were being drawn up he was seen to be so personally overdrawn that he was declared a bankrupt. Thomson continued to trade, managing the two sugar refineries, one of which he closed in 1781. He was also associated with the partnership 'Stewart & Thomson' (Gamble, *Belfast*, pp 33, 34, 43, 104, 108 and 130).

318 David Ker's family originated in Ballymena and his father became a successful linen merchant in London, initially trading as Ker & Elmes, but becoming David Ker & Co. in 1756 and by 1765 had amassed sufficient capital to purchase the estate of Portavo near Donaghadee. David expanded the business, retiring in 1785 to speculate in land adjacent to Belfast (Gamble, *Belfast*, p. 187; Truxes, *Letterbook*, p. 61).

319 To Thomas Read; see no. 320.

Indies, and little can be expected from England except Jamaica Rum, which I have advanced to 4/8. Large cows are not slaughtered till towards the end of Oct.

1 at 4/5, 2 at 4/4, 7 at 4/3, 58 at 4/2, 52 at 4/1 per gallon

320. / 138 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]

FRI. 11 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 5th and herewith inclosed you have Galen, Thomson and Co. on David Ker & Co. for £627.16.0 str. and Tho^s and Simon Vokes on Rich^d Gladwell³²⁰ for £120. Since my last I have drawn on you for £195.10.4.

Oct 4	favour Ja ^s Ward	1260	£5.10.4
Oct 5	Jn ^o Collins	1261	20
Oct 7	H & R Lake	1262	28
	do	1263	32
	do	1264	50
	do	1265	40
Oct 11	do	1266	20
			<hr/> 195.10.4

321. / 138 TO MARK DAVIS'S LETTER OF THE 9TH

FRI. 11 OCT. 1771

This was intended by Capt. Evans, but he was sailed and the letter was returned. I have opened it to advise that the additional duty will certainly be laid on, and Rum is on that account advanced 2^d per gallon.

322. / 138 MESSRS WRAXALL AND HALL, [BRISTOL]

FRI. 11 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 21st ult., and observe Capt. Hale is to load salt at Crossgive [?]. The salt there is very black and will scarce sell here at this season of the year it being chiefly used for saving fish. Therefore if not too late, you had best order him to proceed to St Ubes. Some ships are arrived with salt from St Ubes and sell at 15/ per barrel but this price can't hold long.

323. / 138 TO WILLIAM MILES LETTER OF THE 9TH

FRI. 11 OCT. 1771

Capt. Evans was sailed before this letter got down to him. Rum is advanced. Jamaica sells at 4/8 as we have prospect of an additional duty of 6^d per gallon. I was obliged to give 28/ per barrel for the Herrings.

324. / 139 MESSRS CAMPBELL McNEIL & CAMPBELL, [CAMPBELTOWN]

FRI. 11 OCT. 1771

I wrote you the 20th ult.³²¹ Am favoured with yours of the 18 & 28. I have sold off your Rum as under & hope soon to finish the sale.³²² I expect to get more for the remainder,

320 Gladwell was a merchant of Cow Lane, Dublin (Watson, *Gentleman's... almanack for 1772*).

321 No. 235 addressed to Charles McNeil & Co.

322 Thirty puncheons had been dispatched (see no. 235) of which nineteen were sold by 4 Oct. (see no. 271). This letter shows a further four puncheons were now sold.

as its strongly reported & I believe will be the case, that an additional duty will be laid on this article, therefore if you have any to send to this Kingdom you can't be too speedy in sending it.

In my last I mentioned that I insured the debts at 1½% and you may be remitted [...] shipped directly for the proceeds. Your answer to that letter will direct me which may be most agreeable to you.³²³

I shall observe your directions if remitting to Messrs Dunlopp & Wilson. [Gives prices of beef, salt, herrings, butter and pork as in no. 317.] We usually draw Bills on shipping, payable in 6 months at London.

22 at 4/1 and 1 at 4/2.

325. / 139 WM SNELL ESQ., & CO., LONDON

SAT. 12 OCT. 1771

I received your esteemed favour of the 17th ult. & am this day favoured with yours of the 3rd inst. I had disposed of the Rum some days past. Should have furnished the sales, but one of the puncheons was not sold. Annexed you have sales of the 45 puncheons neat proceeds being £572.3.3½ to your credit, outstanding debts excepted. I thought the price I got for them very good, but if they were now on hands, I should be able to make more of them, but its impossible to foresee what may happen. The advance with you, which has also taken place here within these 4 days, is owing to a prospect of 6^d per gallon additional duty on that article. I assure you Messrs Benson's House sold 130 puncheons Rum superior to yours within these 4 days at 4/. The price is now advanced here & expect will hold at 2^d to 3^d per gallon higher than those sold for [blank].

Best Cargo Beef is fallen from 18/3 to 16/3 & expected lower. No Herrings for sale, Pork 22/6 per cwt., West India Butter 46/6 to 49/.

If you chuse to have the outstanding debts secured, I shall do it on advice at 1½%. As I become in cash I shall make you a remittance. A good part of it is sold at 3 months credit

326. / 140 JAMES GAMMELL & CO., GREENOCK

SAT. 12 OCT. 1771

My last to your Mr J.G. was the 24th ult. Am since favoured with yours of the 24th & wish you much success in your company, to which I shall render all the services in my power. Part of the Herrings arrived here from Greenock sold at 28/ per barrel, but the next will probably be lower. Some ships of salt are arrived from St Ubes & Lisbon. The price still holds up to 14 to 15/ but the sale is slow as purchasers buy but little, expecting the price to fall as many ships are expected. When your ship arrives I shall give her all possible dispatch, endeavouring to procure a freight for the W. Indies. [Finishes with butter prices, prospect of increased duty on rum and current rum prices.]

323 A response dated 14 Oct. was received; see no. 381.

327. / 140 ROBERT KENNEDY, LIVERPOOL³²⁴

SAT. 12 OCT. 1771

I received your favour of the 24th July & thank you for acceptance of my Bill without advice. I observe your ship *Pole* is arrived from London. As you may think of sending her again to Cork, I now advise the currency of this market, which has been very high for some time past, but is now somewhat lower & hope will continue to fall. Best Cargo Beef can now be made up at 38/6 per barrel. Pork 50/. West India Butter 46/6 to 49/ as in quality. A few Herrings that arrived from Scotland sold at 28/. We have scarce had any these 3 months past. The first from Gothenburg will sell well. [Gives possibility of extra duty on rum.] I shall on all occasions be proud to serve you. My sons join me in best respects to you & family.

328. / 141 JOHN HOLMES JUNIOR, BELFAST³²⁵

SAT. 12 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 7th & observe your order for the *John*. Butter of 3^d Quality is at 46/6, second do 49/. Shall provide ½ of each kind & as soon as good cows can be got, shall make up for your 60 barrels. The cows are not fat as soon as bullocks, but shall pick up so that your vessel shall not be delayed.

I shall apply to our Jew butcher about the salmon, but am certain he will not give a certificate. Indeed I am somewhat doubtful if any certificate is necessary. I have shipped a trifle of salmon for a Jew in Jamaica without a certificate & had no complaint. Rum is startled here on the prospect of an additional duty of 6^d per gallon. We have not above 200 puncheons here in the importers hands for sale. Therefore think it must keep up.

If you chuse it you may have all the Butter of 3^d quality.

329. / 141 HERBERT NEWTON JARRETT, [JAMAICA]³²⁶

SAT. 12 OCT. 1771

Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Loading for sundry shipped on the *Swan* by order of W^m Miles Esq. The price of provisions of all kinds are much higher than last year. I assure you I charged them as low, as the high prices they cost would admit of. There are not 100 barrels new Herrings for sale in this city. I get each article of the best I could obtain, for the coldness of last spring & dryness of the summer did not afford the plenty of grass as usual to fatten the cattle, yet I hope what I have sent you will prove agreeable.

You have inclosed Invoice & Bill of Loading for sundry provisions for Messrs. Hue [?] & Wright, Henry Harvey Esq., Jn^o Thompson Esq., Edw^d Spence Esq., Wm Rhodes James Esq.³²⁷

324 Kennedy was a merchant of 1 Williamson's Sq. (*Liverpool directory* 1774).

325 Holmes was long involved in trade with Alicante and Italy (Gamble, *Belfast*, pp 198, 244 and 350).

326 The Jarretts owned the 2,338-acre Orange Valley estate and the 436-acre Hacton estate in the parish of Trelawny in Jamaica. The ruins of the great house, slave hospital and sugar works can still be seen there (www.cockpitcountry.com/TrelEstates.html, accessed April 2013).

327 All were merchants in Jamaica; see no. 360.

330. / 142 MEYLER & MAXSE, BRISTOL³²⁸

SAT. 12 OCT. 1771

I received your much esteemed favour of the 29th Aug. & shall provide & ship your brothers order.³²⁹

Our melters had raised the price of rough tallow to 5/2 per stone, at which they could not sell it rendered under 45/, but as they have fallen it to 5/, I think they will sell at 44/ or a trifle lower. I don't apprehend we shall have as much tallow as last year, even if our slaughter should be the same, for the cattle don't produce so much tallow, owing to our cold spring & dry summer, which hindered the growth of grass. Indeed tis said we have not so much cattle in the country as usual, & as none of the old remained here, I think the melters will be able to keep up the price, which they will certainly endeavour, as the principal ones have bought the greater part of the cattle in the country at the advanced price of about 20/ per carcase higher than last year.

I have recommended you to some of our melters who are engaged. Indeed in general they expect a liberty of drawing for near the value of the tallow on shipping it, which is a risque as your market may be lowered by the importation of Russia tallow.

The chief occasion of my writing to you at this time is to advise you that tis expected 6^d per gallon additional duty will be laid on Rum by our Parliament. It must sell at a proportionable price here, & will probably advance the price with you, as many may purchase for this Kingdom, in order to import it here before this duty can take place. [Finishes with state of beef market.]

331. / 142 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON

SUN. 13 OCT. 1771

I refer to my last of the 6th inst. & am since favoured with yours of the 2nd ditto, the contents duly observed. I believe there are few places of trade free from such chaps as you make mention of. The returning Bills for so large an account cannot be pleasing to the shipper here. I should be glad you had mentioned the cause. One cannot act with too much caution with such people. The orders from London being somewhat abated has caused Rose Butter to look down a little within these last few days, & is now for 1st quality 52 to 51/ & 2nd ditto 49/ but the Coarse kinds keep up & briskly demanded for the German market. If I cannot purchase at your limits will only ship half the quantity ordered agreeable to your directions.

328 A partnership between Richard Meyler (see no. 156) and John Maxse (1742–1806) which traded from 17, The Exchange, and lasted from 1770 to 1787. They were major importers of sugar from Jamaica, while also sourcing provisions for outward bound sugar ships. Subsequently John Maxse traded sugar on his own account (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, pp 26, 516 and 522; Morgan, *Bristol trade*, pp 96 and 194).

329 Richard Meyler's brother, Jeremiah; see no. 156.

332. / 143 MR ALEX HARPER, [KINSALE]

MON. 14 OCT. 1771

I received your favour of the 11th inclosing sundry Bills

J [?] on Dan ^l Hally £26 str at 6%	£27.11. 2
Bill on Cork	15.10. 7
Adair Jackson & Co. on Read	12. 0. 0
Tho ^s Markham on Tho ^s Gibbins	5.14. 7½
Falkiner	50
	<hr/> 110.16. 4½

which shall be in course to your credit.

Rum is much advanced here within this week on an expectation of 6^d per gallon additional duty, which is to be immediately laid on. I have Rum of various kinds and prices as under with an abatement of a 1^d per gallon for cash. The reason I make the credit only 2 months is that at this season of the year money is scarce, and I am obliged to remit the proceeds before Christmas and can't conveniently do it unless I receive it.

Antigua per	<i>Nancy</i>	4/1	Payable
do	<i>Mary</i>	4/3	in
do	<i>Oliver</i>	4/4	two
do	<i>Alice</i>	4/5	months
do	<i>Ann & Kitty</i>	4/7	
Jamaica		4/9	& the degree
Barbados		4/1	

333. / 143 PETER PEMBERTON, LIVERPOOL³³⁰

MON. 14 OCT. 1771

I received your favour of the 23rd Aug. & 18th ult. Agreeable thereto have shipped Mr Reily's provisions on the *Neptune* as per annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading, the amount £70.7.9 to your debit. The price of Beef & Pork broke out exceedingly high & very few Herrings at market.

334. / 144 JOSEPH BROSTER, LIVERPOOL

MON. 14 OCT. 1771

I received your favours of the 8th & 20th ult.³³¹ Annexed you have Invoice & Bill of Lading for the sundrys consigned Messrs John Street & Co., the amount £207.4.4 to your debit. The gentleman who had ordered the 120 barrels I had for *Lucea*, now order them to be reserved for his own ship. I have shipped Mr Reilys provisions on the *Neptune* & procured what freight offered. As little new Beef has yet been made up & a scarcity of Herrings it was not possible to procure much.

330 Probably a member of the prominent Quaker family. Peter Pemberton is listed as a 'gent' resident in Chapel St (*Liverpool directory* 1766).

331 Hare's last was no. 58 of 3 Aug. See also no. 315.

335. / 144 BENSON & POSTLETHWAITE & CO., LIVERPOOL³³² MON. 14 OCT. 1771

Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Lading for 50 firkins best Butter & 50 barrels best Cargo Beef, shipped on the *Neptune* by order of Capt. Nowland, the amount £191.1.11, of which he has paid me by his Bill £87.15.8½ & ordered me to debit you with the remaining balance being £103.6.2½, which you'll please to remit me or advise me to draw on you in 6 months. I have charged each article as low as possible consistent with the goodness of the quality. I take this opportunity to make you tender of my best services in this place, assuring you that no person can serve you better terms than yours etc.

Beef fell within these 4 days 3/ a barrel.

336. / 144 GARNER & WILLIAMS, LONDON MON. 14 OCT. 1771

I have your esteemed favour of the 5th inst.³³³ desiring to be advised the prices of sundry articles, whereof you have the present currency at foot. The orders from your place being somewhat abated has caused Rose Butter to look down a little, but the Coarse kinds keeps up and briskly demanded. Hops are scarce, no new yet arrived. The few old on hands sell at £10 per cwt. We have plenty of wheat at market & cheap. Malt is dear.

Best Planters Mess Beef 52/
 Common do – 48/
 Cargo Beef – 39/
 Mess Pork – 53/
 Cargo do 50/
 Tallow 44/ per cwt.
 Rose Butter 1st Qual – 52 to 51/
 2nd do – 49/
 3rd do – 47 to 46/6
 Coarse casks & firkins – 44 to 49/
 Ox hides of 112 lb. – 26/6
 Cow do of 56 lb. and under – 14/6
 do of 80 lb. – 22/

337. / 145 MR ROBERT ARTHUR, [IRVINE] TUE. 15 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 4th my last to you being the 2nd. Capt. Montgomery sailed the 3rd or 4th. Several ships of salt are arrived from Lisbon & St Ubes. I can't find that Capt. Hunter was arrived at St Ubes when the [...]. The salt has been selling here at 14/ to 15/. I bought yesterday at 14/ & I don't think that price can hold when the ships expected arrive. Therefore I cannot accept your offer for Capt. Hunters cargo,

³³² Benson & Postlethwaite were merchants at 9 Old Church Yard. In the 1750s they were correspondents of the Philadelphia partnership of Orr, Dunlope & Glenholme (Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 61; *Liverpool Directory 1774*; Williams, *Liverpool privateers*, p. 337).

³³³ Hare's last was no. 148 of 24 Aug.

& it would be too late to charter him to St Ubes, as our slaughter will probably be over by the time he would return here. If Capt. Hunter arrives I shall observe all your orders concerning him & his cargo.

Beef has fallen 2/ per cwt. & expected lower. Part of the Herrings from Greenock sold at 28/ per barrel.

338. / 145 PETER HOLME ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]³³⁴ TUE. 15 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 28th June I am not been favoured with any from you. [Gives current prices of beef, pork, butter and herrings.]

PS. Some gentlemen desired me to write to know if 30 to 40 bushels of Siberia barley could be purchased in Liverpool. When you write please to advise me thereof & the price. An additional duty is to be laid on spirits in this Kingdom, on which expectation the price of Jamaica Rum is advanced 3^d per gallon.

339. / 146 MESSRS FAZAKERLEY & GILBERT, [LIVERPOOL] TUE. 15 OCT. 1771

My last was the 28th ult. Best Cargo Beef is fallen 4/ per barrel & expected lower. Butter is also fallen 1/ per cwt. Not much freight yet stirring as Herrings are very scarce & dear, but as Beef is fallen, freight may probably be had in a month from this date. [Gives probability of increased rum duty.]

340. / 146 MESSRS HILLARY & SCOTT, [LIVERPOOL]³³⁵ TUE. 15 OCT. 1771

I have not wrote you for some time past nor been favoured with any from you. [Gives current prices of beef, pork, butter and herrings.]

Its expected that 6^d per gallon additional duty will be laid on Rum in this Kingdom, which has advanced the price of good Jamaica to 4/8 to 4/9 per gallon & an advance for overproof. Antigua 4/6. Barbados etc 4/ to 4/4 as in quality.

Exchange to London 6¼%

341. / 146 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., [LIVERPOOL] TUE. 15 OCT. 1771

My last was the 5th. Best Cargo Beef can now be made up at 39/ per barrel & expected lower. No Herrings arrived here since my last Butter is fallen 1/ per cwt. Middling small Beef 27/ to 30/ as in quality.

334 Holme was a merchant based at 12 Lord St. In 1772 he was corresponding with William Pollard of Philadelphia. During the American War Holme & Co. took out letters of marque for the *Resolution*, a 400-ton vessel with 22 guns and 100 crew (*Liverpool directory 1774*; Williams, *Liverpool privateers*, pp 160 and 669; Belchem, *Liverpool 800*, p. 133; McCusker, *Money and exchange*, p. 32).

335 They were connected to the partnership of the same name in Pennsylvania (McCusker, op. cit., p. 179).

342. / 147 RICHARD SALISBURY ESQ. & CO., [LANCASTER] WED. 16 OCT. 1771

My last was the 5th. Capt. Moore has been detained by contrary winds till yesterday. Inclosed is letter from him. I paid him since the account rendered viz

12th paid him per receipt	£ 4.11. 0
16 paid his order to Cath. Sunkind	10. 4. 9
	<hr/> 14.15. 9
Commission	7. 4
To your debit	<hr/> £15. 3. 1

Best Cargo Beef can now be shipped at 39/ and butter at 48/6. [Finishes with possible rum duty.]

343. / 147 MR THOMAS VOKES, [LIMERICK] WED. 16 OCT. 1771

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

344. / 148 MR THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, [LIMERICK] FRI. 18 OCT. 1771

I received your favour of the 9th inclosing your bill on Mr Gladwell for £120 is to your credit. Casked Butter is at 44/ to 46/. Pork 22/6. Beef (4½) at 16/6. Rough tallow 4/10 to 5/ per stone, rendered 44/. [Sets out rum market.]

345. / 148 MR SAMUEL DELPRATT, [BRISTOL] FRI. 18 OCT. 1771

My last was the 3rd ult., since which received none from you. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Edw^d Lloyd payable in London for £162.8.10 str. at 6½% is £173 to the credit of your account. This exchange, low as it is,³³⁶ is ¼% above the current. Best Cargo Beef now fallen to 39/ per barrel and expected lower. Middle price of Butter 49/.

346. / 149 ARTHUR AND BENJAMIN HEYWOOD ESQS., [LIVERPOOL] SAT. 19 OCT. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 18th inclosing your Bill on Fr^s Page for £78.10.0, which shall be forwarded in course to your credit as directed. The currency of Cargo Beef now 16/6 per cwt. It will not fall lower in time to make up for your two ships.

I salted a part this day & shall lose no time in having the Beef, Pork ready & Butter, but as to the Herrings I doubt if any will be shipped this side March next at 19/. I gave 28/ for some I was obliged to ship last [week]. A cargo of 600 barrels arrived from Gothenburg two days past. No price made for them. I think they must be last years Herrings. However I hope we may soon have plenty as this day received a letter from Gothenburg dated 23rd ult., that they had a prospect of the Herring fishing beginning early, yet I think they will not be at a moderate price till after Christmas.

I observe you don't limit the price for the 150 barrels [small Beef] for the *Phoebe*. You'll please to advise if you'll not have them shipped at the currency. I think if I was 336 It was given as 6¼ per cent in no. 318 and no. 340.

to buy now I could get them at 27/. I shall endeavour to get some Johannes.³³⁷ They are very scarce & indeed cash of all kinds, which is the cause of exchange being so low. I shall defer drawing as long as I can, yet I fear exchange will not be higher.

On expectation of additional duty of 6^d per gallon, Jamaican Rum is advanced to 4/8 per gallon & advance for the degrees above proof. Good Grenada would sell at 5^d. We have not near sufficient quantity for our winters demand & whether this duty takes place or not, it will be high here this winter. However it's the general opinion that the additional duty will take place, therefore you cannot be too speedy in shipping Rum to this Kingdom.

347. / 150 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

SAT. 19 OCT. 1771

My last was the 4th inst. with sundry Bills. I am this day favoured with yours of the 10th. As to the Bill on Amsinick & Co., you'll please to have it protested when due, & keep it by you, as I expect it will be taken up either by order of the person on whose account it was drawn or by order of Mr Volstedt.³³⁸

I have drawn on you a Bill favour Roger Scully for £200 str., my account. Inclosed is J [?] on D [?] for £26 str. with which do the needful.

348. / 150 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]³³⁹

SAT. 19 OCT. 1771

I am this [day] favoured with yours of the 7th inst. I note your complaint of the charge on the tierce Beef on the *Fanny*.³⁴⁰ I declare on the account calculation I am able to make on the cost of these tierces I had not 5% profit, which is as little as can be expected as I am at a loss in what [...] I ship, as I charge it only at the price I pay cash for it & the interest of the money [...] double the commission. It was not only the high price the Beef cost me but also the price of salt which was then 18/ per barrel, which last year I laid in for half the price, besides casks are dearer than last year.

I suppose the price you could buy a tierce of Beef at is 65/ str. which is 70/ our currency. The price of Beef in Dublin & most other parts in Ireland is much lower than ours, which cannot proceed from any other cause but our Beef being better, otherwise the graziers would bring them to our market where they get a high price.

As best Cargo Beef is fallen to 16/6 per cwt. & Mess in proportion & also salt to 14/ per barrel, the best Cargo Beef can now be made up at 39/ & as Beef & salt will probably be lower, I hope may be afforded lower by the end of this month.

Pork keeps up at 22/ to 22/6. The middle price of Butter to 48/6. 600 barrels Herrings arrived two days past from Gothenburg, called new, but I think they must be last years, since the new are not yet landed. I don't think they will be sold low enough to ship them when repacked at 26/, but I hope they will soon be much lower, as I have

337 Heywood had also looked for these coins in no. 259.

338 Hinrich Volstedt of Hamburg as in no. 109.

339 This letter is carelessly copied and the transcription should be viewed with caution.

340 See no. 247.

this day a letter from Gothenburg advising that their fishery promised to be early & plenty.

Small Beef can be afforded at 27/ per barrel. An additional duty is expected to be laid on Rum, which has advanced the price for Jamaica Rum to 4/8 and advance for overproof. Leeward Islands Rum 4/2 to 4/6 as in quality.

349. / 151 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]

SAT. 19 OCT. 1771

My last was the 11th and am favoured with yours of the 14th. Inclosed are

Arth ^r & Ben Heywood on Fr ^s Page	£78.10. 0
Edward Galway on Henry Farrell	9. 0. 0
Thomas Markham on Tho ^s Gibbons	5.14. 7½
Adair Jackson & Co. on you	<u>13. 0. 0</u>
	£106. 4. 7½

Since my last I have drawn on you for £883.9.7 as under. Please to send me the letters that were charged at your post office.

Oct 16 fav Leake	£	1275	45
1267	40	1276	50
1268	42	1277	51
1269	58	1278	52
1270	60	1279	54
Oct 17 fav Large		1280	43
1271	48	Oct 19 fav Max	
Oct 19 fav Scully		1281	77.18.0
1272	30	1282	25. 5.6
1273	35	1283	50
1274	40	1284	<u>82. 6.1</u>
			<u>883. 9.7</u>

350. / 151 PAUL AMSINICK & BURMESTER, LONDON

SAT. 19 OCT. 1771

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351. / 152 PETER HOLME ESQ., LIVERPOOL

SAT. 19 OCT. 1771

My last was the 15th inst. & am this day favoured with yours of the 9th, 10th with sundry orders, which I shall endeavour to comply with, but I cannot promise the pleasure of removing the complaints made of the provisions I shipped last year. Mr Atherton³⁴¹ charges that his Beef was made up of necks, shanks & buttock bones, of which I am positive no barrel I shipped for Mess Beef had one, & for which I could get the clerks of my cellar & the persons who pack the Beef to swear, that no such pieces was put into barrels of Mess Beef in my cellars, & to avoid mistakes the salting day when we are obliged to employ many men that we cannot depend, when we come

341 William Atherton was an estate owner in Jamaica; see no. 689.

to pack it in 8 or 10 days after, every piece is drawn out of the barrels & carefully examined by men I can trust, & if Mr Atherton should hereafter find any thing of this kind, I shall be obliged to him to return the cask to me, & I will pay every charge attending it, if any coarse piece of the sort he mentions is found therein.

As to the order of cutting the Beef in 4 lb. pieces, I leave it to your judgement how much it must deface the appearance of the Beef. I'll suppose a surloin ribb or rump of Beef cut up in 4 lb. pieces.³⁴² Part will be all bones & part all flesh, some pieces all fat & some pieces all lean, & the larger the bullock is from which the Beef is cut, the worse it will appear.

As to the Herrings, they were the best I could get & as they were repacked in my cellar I think I can vouch for their goodness, as it could be no advantage to me to send bad fish, for I could have returned them to the persons I bought them from if they were found bad.

As to Beef I must repeat it, I think the complaint is owing to its being cut into such small pieces as 4 lb. & I could wish you could order it to be cut into 8 lb. pieces, & if they chuse to divide it into 4 lb pieces they could do it in Jamaica.

I owe the fortune I have made in business, to the care I have always taken to ship the best of provisions, & am now as much a slave to my business as I was 20 years past & shall continue my care while I continue in business, & tho' I use all alike, I have ten who praise what I ship for them for one that finds fault. I know Mr Atherton would not find fault, if he did not think himself ill used, but I think he must mistake in the particulars he mentions.

I don't find the *Pennant* arrived here.

352. / 153 GEORGE ABEL, LONDON³⁴³

MON. 21 OCT. 1771

I duly received your favours of the 4th January last & 1st inst., the former empowering me to take an equal dividend, in proportion with the other creditors of the late Mr Cambridge for your demand against him of £13.16.11, & the latter desiring to be informed how that matter stands. In answering thereto, I can only say that his affairs remain much the same as advised the 18th Nov 1769, which is the reason I did not trouble you about them.

There still remains a balance due on the judgment debts, & no means of discharging even that, but by the recovery of money due to him in foreign parts, which can only be done by a lawsuit that (as I am informed) lately is, or soon will be commenced. Upon the whole, I feel that little or nothing will remain for the other creditors. Tis rather a doubt with me whether a sufficiency will be recovered to clear off the judgment debts, but whenever a state of his affairs comes to be produced, I intend to acquaint you thereof, & shall take care to have you put on a footing with other creditors.

³⁴² Mess beef was normally cut into eight pound portions and, being fit for gentlemen's tables, had neither neck or shank in the barrel (Patrick Goold, Cork to Joseph Trumbull, London, 10 August 1764; Joseph Trumbull papers, Connecticut Hist. Soc., Hartford, CT, MS Trumj 1778).

³⁴³ George Abel was a merchant of 15 Cloak Lane, College Hill (*London directory* 1768).

353. / 153 JOHN FOSTER, LANCASTER

MON. 21 OCT. 1771

I received your favours of the 28th July & 21 Aug. their contents duly observed. I procured part of your order for Grease Butter, but no opportunity of shipping offered, & as the time limited is now elapsed, there is nothing further to be done for you. Please therefore to remit me a Bill for the last parcel. Said article has been some time at 36 to 36/6 per cwt. Eating Butter 47 to 51/ for the Rose kind & other sorts 44 to 48/ per cwt. as in quality. Tallow 43/. Ox hides of 112 lbs 26/6. Light cow hides 14/. Heavy do of 80 lbs & upwards 18/ with the usual advances of 2^d per cwt. for every pound over 56 lbs.

354. / 154 WILLIAM HUGHES, LONDON

MON. 21 OCT. 1771

I have your favour of the 12th inst. & am sorry for the ship *Mary*³⁴⁴ misfortune, but glad to find that the goods received little or no damage, which is so far agreeable. Your orders for the 100 ox & 200 cow hides, not exceeding 25/ for the former & 14/ for the latter was duly noted & as the cow hides are declined to said price, I will buy them as soon as possible, but the ox advanced soon after my last & still continue at 26/6 per cwt. Should they fall to your limit, which however at present seems very doubtful, I will likewise secure 100 for you, & ship them per first vessel to Bristol to address of Mr Ja^s Moon. There are no heavy cow hides yet going. Them of 84 lbs & upwards are expected to sell at about 18/ per cwt. with the usual advance of 2^d per cwt. for every pound over 56 lbs.

355. / 154 ISAAC LUDLOW, BRISTOL

MON. 21 OCT. 1771

My last was the 4th inst. I have shipped the 10 hogsheads tallow I bought for your account on the *Hawk*, Capt. Ja^s Cowen, the amount £270.5.6. He promises to clear out & sail without delay. Tallow has since fallen to 43/ & I hope will be lower in a few days, when I shall endeavour to buy further for you. This fall is arising from accounts from England of a large importation of tallow from Russia.

We normally draw our Bills payable in London, which I doubt not will be agreeable to you.

356. / 155 MESSRS BUSH & ELTON, [BRISTOL]

TUE. 22 OCT. 1771

Agreeable to your order I provided & shipped sundry on the *Mary* as per inclosed Invoice & Bill of Lading, the amount £155 to your debit. I am quite ashamed of the high prices I am obliged to charge for each article, but it was not possible for me at that time to lay them in lower prices. Beef is since fallen [to] 18/ per cwt. & expected lower. The price of salt was very high, but now fallen a little yet I think it will be 30% dearer this winter than it was the last.

344 The *Mary* of London departed for London on 4 Oct. under Capt. John Higgins; see nos 240, 276 and 280. A description of her mishap is given in no. 375.

Inclosed is sale of your hoops per the *Swan* in 1769. I carried it with me to Bristol last year. You have also your account current balance due me £259.7.4. [Gives state of rum market.]

Capt. Chubb was quite full.

<per Capt. Cowen>

357. / 155 ROBERT GORDON ESQ., [BRISTOL]

MON. 21 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 9th I received your esteemed favour of the 1st ordering sundry to be ready to ship on the *Polly*, which are ready except for the Herrings, as the few in town are held up at an extravagant price of 28/ per barrel, but hope more will arrive & lower the price. I have posted her up for freight, but fear little will be got till Herrings come in. I have shipped your order for Bristol on Capt. Cowen as per inclosed Invoice & Bill of Lading, the amount £160.8.1 to your debit. The prices are very high, but I hope will soon be lower. The expectation of an additional duty of 6^d per gallon on Rum still continues. Whatever you send, the sooner the better as it may save that duty.

I have sold of your Rum as under & hope to finish the sale in a few days. I expect the price of Beef will soon fall.

3 at 5/1, 2 at 5/, 1 at 4/11½, 3 at 4/11, 1 at 4/9, 3 at 4/8, 1 at 4/9½, 4 at 4/7.

<per Capt. Cowen>

358. / 156 SIMSON BAIRD & CO., GLASGOW

WED. 23 OCT. 1771

Since my last of 2nd Aug I am not favoured with any from you. Its expected that 6^d per gallon additional duty will be immediately laid on Rum in this Kingdom, which with the short quantity imported this year has advanced the prices as under.

Butter in coarse firkins 44 to 49/ as in quality. That of 44/ I apprehend will answer your market. Best Cargo Beef 38 to 39/. Best Cargo Pork 50/. Some Herrings from Campbeltown sold at 28/, but as an early take was in prospect at Gothenburg, it can't be expected this price can hold

Jamaica Rum 4/8 & advance for overproof, Good Antigua 4/6, St Kitts, Barbados & Grenada etc. 4/3 to 4/6 as in quality

359. / 156 HENRY BRIGHT ESQ., [BRISTOL]

THU. 24 OCT. 1771

My last was the 4th I have now a letter from Mr Welsh³⁴⁵ that he would shortly send me the balance due you being the difference of the exchange. [Sets out rum market and prices of beef and butter as in no. 358.]

<per Capt. Cowen>

345 Of St Kitts; see no. 272.

360. / 157 WILLIAM MILES ESQ., [BRISTOL]

THU. 24 OCT. 1771

My last was the 11th inst. I cleared out Capt. Chubb the 12th. He was quite full. Enclosed are sundry Invoices & Bills of Lading for what I shipped on the *Swan*.

ES ³⁴⁶	Edward Spence	£48. 9. 6
WRI	W ^m Rhodes James	70. 9. 4
HI	Henry Harvey	9.11. 4
HV	Herbert Newton Jarrett	235.13. 5
SOW	do	51.12. 7
FT	John Sharp	79.17. 9
Account of the <i>Swan's</i> disbursements		95.10. 2
To your debit		<u>£591. 4. 1</u>

The prices are very high but I could not possibly make them up cheaper. The price of Beef is fallen. The best Cargo can now be made up at 39/. We have not as yet much come to market fit for the planters, but will by the beginning of next month. Indeed the cold spring & dry summer has not afforded grass to fatten the cattle as I could wish, & fear complaints cannot be avoided. I shall endeavour to obtain the very best in my power.

Jamaica Rum 4/8^d & advance for over proof. Exchange to London 6¼%
<per Capt. Cowen>

361. / 157 MR ISAAC LUDLOW, [BRISTOL]

THU. 24 OCT. 1771

Above is copy of what I wrote you on the 21st. The price of rough tallow is fallen to 4/9 per stone & expect to buy for you in a few days 10 hogsheads at a price agreeable thereof. Inclosed is Invoice & Bill of Loading for the 10 hogsheads per *Hawk*.

PS overleaf ³⁴⁷ <per Capt. Cowen>

[Subsequently on page 158 of the letterbook the following appeared as 'added to Isaac Ludlow's letter'.]

Inclosed is certificate from the melter. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Levi Ames £121.3.11 str. at 6½% is £129.1.1 to credit of your account.

362. / 157 [ALEX HARPER, KINSALE]³⁴⁸

Oct 22nd / 3 puncheons Rum:

No 20	116.2	
32	<u>114.1</u>	
	230.3	at 4/1 ^d £47. 0.4
66	113.8	at ditto 23. 4.8
	permit	<u>3½</u>
		70. 5.3½

346 These letters were carved into barrels and casks to assist in identification when the ship was being unloaded. No. 329 sets out the names of other consignees of the *Swan*, all of whom are Jamaican merchants.

347 Not in the manuscript.

348 This letter is not in the usual format and is not dated.

Oct 24th / 3 puncheons Rum:

No 9	121.4	
15	113.3	
	<u>234.7</u>	at 4/6 ^d 52.16.1
25	118.8	at ditto 26.14.6
		permitt <u>7</u>
		<u>£149.16.5½</u>

[Continues on dated 24th Oct.]

I have your favours of the 22nd and 23rd inst. The former inclosed Bishop on Hare for £50,³⁴⁹ which I shall forward and shall credit your account. Above you have account of 6 puncheons rum, which I have sent agreeable to your order. They are the best I have and charged as low to you as to others who pay ready money. At this season tis not so convenient to sell Rum on time, therefore request a remittance for the above as soon as possible. I shall credit your account for the Butter. I have not at present occasion for any.

Very little Rum at present on the Quay. The price will rather advance than fall. Bohea Tea 3/ per lb.

363. / 158 MESSRS FARRELL VAUGHAN & CO., [BRISTOL] THU. 24 OCT. 1771

My last was the 4th inst. I published the advertisement the cost 10/10 to your debit. In consequence of said advertisement, the melters posted up at our Coffee House the annexed agreement, which has been signed by 7 of the melters, and will probably be done by the rest of them. Tallow was sold within these 3 days at 4/9 per stone, but they this day gave 4/10. I think the price this season may govern about that price.
<per Capt. Cowen>

364. / 158 MR LEVI AMES, [BRISTOL] THU. 24 OCT. 1771

My last was the 4th. Being in cash for the balance on Thompsons £129.2.3, deduct postage 1/2^d is £129.1.1, I inclose you my Bill on Messrs Isaac Ludlow for £121.3.7 str. at 6½% is £129.1.1 being the amount of the said Bill.

I am with respects to Mrs Ames.
<per Capt. Cowen>

365. / 159 WILL WEARE ESQ. & SON, [BRISTOL]³⁵⁰ THU. 24 OCT. 1771

My last was the 7th of May since which received none from you. [Sets out price of tallow.] Provisions broak at a higher price than last year, but are now somewhat declined and expected lower.
<per Capt. Cowen>

349 Probably Hare's son William as per no. 382.

350 Possibly George and William Weare, tobacco, snuff, shoe merchants and manufacturers in Bristol. A George Weare served as mayor of Bristol in 1767 (Truxes, *Letterbook*, p. 61; BRO).

366. / 159 ARTHUR JOHN AND THOMAS WILLIAMS, [BRISTOL] THU. 24 OCT. 1771

I received your favours of the 1st and 12th inst. and have duly noted your sundry orders, which I will endeavour to execute on best terms. Tallow has fallen since my last. I have been offered it at 43/, but suspend buying for a few days in hope of doing better. I intend sending you 10 hogsheads per the *Trader*, Capt. Thomas, who expects to be ready next week. Tis as yet rather early for procuring the heavy cow hides you order.

[Continues with prices of hides and butter as per recent letters.] I will not send you any more of either sort [of butter] till further orders.

<per Capt. Cowen>

367. / 159 MR THOMAS FRANK, [BRISTOL] THU. 24 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 4th inst. I have none of your favours [Gives current prices of beef, butter and tallow as per recent letters.]

<per Capt. Cowen>

368. / 159 MR WILL GAYNER, [BRISTOL] THU. 24 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 4th inst. have none of your favours. [Gives current prices of tallow and butter.]

<per Capt. Cowen>

369. / 160 MR SAMUEL FRIPP, [BRISTOL] THU. 24 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 4th inst have none of your favours. [Sets out current market for tallow.]

<per Capt. Cowen>

370. / 160 ROBERT ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

FRI. 25 OCT. 1771

My last was the 19th. Am now favoured with yours of the 15th enclosing part³⁵¹ of two lottery tickets for which credit you £26.17.0.

I shall purchase the first good opportunity of shipping your order for account of the estate of our late worthy friend Geo. Richards Esq. I yesterday drew a Bill on you for £70 str. favour Rob^t Ewing my account. Our Beef is somewhat fallen in price but is yet too high. Herring scarce & dear.

371. / 160 SAMUEL BEAN ESQ., [LONDON]³⁵²

FRI. 25 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 15th ordering sundry to be provided for the *Best*

351 No. 290 requests that tickets be split between two deliveries for security.

352 Samuel Bean was a merchant and shipowner of New Broad St and of Lawrence, Portney Lane. He had estates in Jamaica which utilised the shipping contacts of Alexander Johnston, another of Hare's correspondents. Later he took out a letter of marque against American shipping, on 14 Nov. 1778, for his vessel the *Columbine* on the London to Halifax route (Hancock, *Citizens*, p. 142; *London directory* 1768; TNA, HCA 26).

Antonio, which shall be done as speedy as possible. [Sets out position on herrings, beef, butter and rum.] If you apply to my friends Messrs Thos Ellis & George Wilkinson, they may ship some hops on your ship.

372. / 160 MR THOMAS FLETCHER FRI. 25 OCT. 1771

By last packets I received your favour of the 15th ordering sundries to be got ready to ship on the *Liverpool* for you & Capt. McCreighton's joint account, which shall be done & shall not draw on you in less than 6 months. [Concludes with herring and rum prices.]

373. / 161 THOMAS AND CLAYTON CASE ESQS, [LIVERPOOL] FRI. 25 OCT. 1771

My last was the 7th inst. I since see Chard who declares they will not accept of less than £500 str. I got copy of Johnston's will which is annexed for your perusal,³⁵³ by which I observe there are some legacies of which it will seem necessary that you should be adviced as it may effect these lands. [Continues with state of rum sales and beef, pork and herring prices.]

374. / 161 MR ROBERT LECKY, [YOUGHAL] FRI. 25 OCT. 1771

I received your favour of the 20th inst., accompanying two Bills on this place for £66.18.8 being the amount of your note, which I send enclosed.³⁵⁴

375. / 161 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON FRI. 25 OCT. 1771

My last was the 13th inst. since which received your favour of the 10th ditto, advising the *Mary's* misfortune, which I am glad to find by other accounts is not so bad as you represent. She was run on board by a larger ship after being 12 hours safe at anchor in the Downs, which is an accident that might happen any ship, & by that means was obliged to cut their cable & run on shore, but the cargo I am informed was entirely saved with very little damage.

This vessel came from the West Indies with Rum & was not deemed a bad one, otherwise I should not have shipped on her. The Capt.³⁵⁵ is a diligent careful man, & I gave you timely advice for insurance if you thought proper to make any, therefore can't see how I have incurred any blame.³⁵⁶

Respecting your last order for Butter I bought the 100 first quality Rose at 51/ & part of the seconds at 49/. Also part of the Coarse but have not been able to meet an opportunity of shipping it in your limited time, therefore shall be glad to know, whether I may yet ship the same by the first that offers.

I intend always to conform strictly to your orders in every respect.

353 He died in Jamaica; see nos 304, 481 and 733.

354 Hare had previously requested payment in no. 168 and no. 309.

355 She had arrived on 10 Sep. (see no. 229) under Capt. John Higgins as per various letters of 4 Oct.

356 Hare's defence appears perfectly reasonable. He had a somewhat stormy relationship with Barnevelt, eventually resulting in his requesting that he take his business elsewhere; see no. 755.

376. / 162 SAMUEL FRIPP, BRISTOL

SAT. 26 OCT. 1771

I wrote you the 24th by this opportunity. By yesterdays packet I received your much esteemed favour of the 17th ordering to buy 2 or 300 hogsheads tallow if at 42/, or 100 at 43/. In consequence of which I yesterday bought 80 hogsheads at 42/ to abate 6^d per cwt., if it should fall to that price in 8 days. I bought them from Lawton & Izod, Creed, Leake & Skeys (20 each).³⁵⁷ I could do nothing with the principle melters. They ask 43 & 44/, but I hope to do something more this day. It was with difficulty these would sell more than 10 each, as the want of cash was the chief inducement to 3 of them, as the tallow cost them 5/ to 5/2 per stone, & people are unwilling to lose. I assure you I am to advance to all of them before delivery, which is some risque. You may be assured your interest as well as my own will induce me to act with the greatest caution, but we have two or 3 prying chaps³⁵⁸ who buy tallow for your place who endeavour to learn every mans business, one of whom I could perceive at that work yesterday. I shall keep you advised how I proceed.

I wish you well in your new intended partnership. I think it promises all you advantage to be connected together.³⁵⁹

<per Capt. Cowen>

357 Benjamin, Hugh & John Lawton were among Cork's leading provisioners in the 1730s and 40s. In a not unusual move for successful merchants at this time, Hugh Lawton Snr in 1750, with his son-in-law Francis Carleton, set up the bank Lawton, Carleton & Feray which failed in 1760. In 1773 the family imported hoops under their own name of Lawson & Co. In partnership with other long established firms they also exported butter, beef, pork and hides under Lawton Carleton & Co.; they imported French wine under Lawton & Brown; and imported perfume under Lawton & Izod. The family were also involved in local politics, Hugh Jnr (d. 1801) serving as sheriff 1767 and mayor 1776. Kinsmen William and Christopher also served as sheriffs in 1775 and 1778. Hare's first wife, Margaret Maylor was a niece of Hugh Lawton Snr and her first cousin Hugh Jnr was a friend of Hare, signing a codicil to his will, 22 Dec. 1792 (NLI, MS 342, *Butter accounts of a Cork merchant*; Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 77; O'Kelly, *Private banks*; M.V. Conlon, 'The Maylors, Lawton & Carleton' in *JCHAS*, 48 (1943), pp 156–161; *HC*, importers/exporters; Lucas, *Cork directory*). Kevan Izod became a freeman in 1747, having served Calwell, Lawton & Carleton. He operated as merchant from Patrick's St. Charley Crofts, an apprentice of his in 1790, quit his service due to an 'unconquerable dislike to the smell of grease and tallow, and a greater aversion to old Mr Izod and his wig' (Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 643; Lucas, *Cork directory*; Charley Crofts, *Memoirs* (Cork, 1829); *Exact list... 13th August, 1783*).

Edward Creed became a freeman in 1740 having served Francis Austen. He operated as a chandler at Blarney Lane; he was appointed a valuator by Cork Corporation in 1773 for the parish of St Mary Shandon (Caulfield, op. cit., pp 600 and 873; *HC*, op. cit.; Lucas, *Cork directory*; *Exact list... 13th August, 1783*).

Henry Leake is profiled in no. 283.

The Skeys were a minor merchant family. John Skeys was appointed a market juror in 1755. William Skeys Jnr served his father William Snr and became free in 1759. He exported salmon in 1773. Michael, a chandler, was appointed a valuator for the parish of St Nicholas by Cork Corporation in 1772, Richard supplied provisions to the value of £372.4s.10d. to the British Navy in 1785, while Sarah was a grocer in Brown St in 1787. There was a lane called Skeys Lane off Blarney St at this time, which disappeared during slum clearance in the twentieth century (*Cork Journal*, 23 Oct. 1755; Caulfield, op. cit., 28 Sept. 1759 and 21 Jul. 1772; *HC*, op. cit.; Lucas, *Cork directory*; TNA, ADM 112/171).

358 See no. 377 and no. 379 following.

359 The new firm was Fry, Fripp & Co.

377. / 162 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., BRISTOL

SAT. 26 OCT. 1771

My last of the 4th per Capt. Evans with my Bill on Jn^o & Thom^s Williams for £383.19.6. Beef is fallen 1/ per cwt. since my last & can now be afforded at 39/ per barrel. Butter is also fallen at 47/ to 51/ as in quality.

I request your sending the inclosed to Mr Fripp or put in the post office. I do it to avoid some prying chaps who are curious to find out some of my correspondents.
<per Capt. Cowen>

378. / 163 WILLIAM WHITE & ROBERT MAGEE & CO., [DUBLIN]

SAT. 26 OCT. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 23rd inclosing 2 Bills. Dolomain on Travorse [?] is accepted and I herein return it to you. I sent my [...] account with Gifford on Fravoyd [?] to the country. He would not accept it, but will pay it when I send it to him with accounts which I shall do in 2 or 3 days and credit your account for the same.

4½³⁶⁰ Beef 16 to 16/6 per barrel

5¼³⁶¹ Beef 17/3 to 17/6 per barrel

Best Butter 46/ to 51/

Pork 22/ per cwt.

379. / 163 MR SAMUEL FRIPP, [BRISTOL]

SAT. 26 OCT. 1771

Above is copy of what I wrote you this morning by Capt. Cowen. I sent it under cover to Mr Munckley lest some of our devious chaps should conjecture of my purchasing for you. I have this day agreed with John Lloyd for 100 hogsheads tallow at 42/ certain. I could not buy them on any other terms. I shall endeavour to compleat your order to 300 hogsheads, and as you don't mention any time to ship them to you, shall expect your directions thereto. At present no ship offers and am told some of the melters afford 6/ per tun.

I expect a ship from St Ubes with salt, which I doubt not would take yours over at a moderate freight. As I am to pay beforehand for a good part of the tallow, and for the remainder on delivery, I shall have occasion to draw on you. I suppose it will be convenient to draw on you payable in London. I shall expect your further advice if you and company should think proper to extend your orders.

380. / 164 WRAXALL & HALL, [BRISTOL]

SAT. 26 OCT. 1771

My last was the 11th. Salt should keep up. I wish your ship may appear in time to benefit thereof. I am favoured with yours of the 17. Its probable some freight may offer for Madeira, where small cheap Beef as may be made up at under 30/ per barrel, frequently answers.

Our camblets³⁶² are sometimes carried thither & and answer well in the purchase

360 4½ cwt. bullocks out of which came cargo beef.

361 5¼ cwt. bullocks out of which came mess beef.

362 Camblet was a fabric in demand in Portugal both for the domestic market and for their African and Brazilian markets; its export from Cork at the time was prohibited by law.

of wine. The price of camblets is $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{3}{4}$ per yd., pinks & scarlets in proportion, but a ship found with them aboard is liable to confiscation. We have little or no danger in our harbour on that account.³⁶³

When Capt. Lundburg arrives I shall get him what freight may offer for Bristol. Tallow is the chief thing that may be expected. That article is now 42/ & tis the only thing you could expect to gain by, as provisions are very high.

381. / 164 MESSRS CAMPBELL, McNEAL & CAMPBELL, [CAMPBELTOWN]

MON. 28 OCT. 1771

My last was the 11th. Am favoured with yours of the 14th. Annexed is sale of the 30 puncheons Rum neat proceeds £361.5.0, and as you desire an immediate remittance to Messrs Dunlop & Wilson, I charge the sale with $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ for risk of debts, which is really less than the risque, as tis unavoidable to make bad debts. Tis but 10 days since a fellow bought Rum from me and several others paying $\frac{1}{2}$ cash. He sold it directly at 9^d per gallon less and ran off in debt.

I have this night remitted Messrs Dunlop & Wilson my bill on Jn^o Tarleton Esq., at 21 days sight for £339.4.0 str. at $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ is in full for procuring of said Rum, and it being the first of our dealing I charge no interest for the time I shall be in advance for your account.

I don't find any alteration in the currency of our market since my last, nor any Herrings since arrived, except 600 barrels from Gothenburg for which is asked 27/ per barrel. When your ship arrives I shall act agreeable to whatever advice you shall please to give me.

I think I shall be able to give some freight to St Kitts if your ship is here in time. I shall recommend to some of my friends at St Kitts to ship Rum on your ship, but I think they will scarce admit its going to Scotland for the difference of the expend with you, and what it is at Milford, as the risque of the sea is much more,³⁶⁴ and as to Belfast, our markets are so much higher for Rum that I have consignments of 500 puncheons from there yearly.

382. / 165 [NAME OBLITERATED BUT ALMOST CERTAINLY TO THOMAS READ OF DUBLIN.]

MON. 28 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 19th. Inclosed is my Bill on Jn^o Tarleton for £200 str., also Geo Bishop on Wil^m Hare Esq. for £50, the latter above annexed to the said Bill. On a purchase I lately made from Sir Rob^t Tilson Deane Bart there was an incumbrance of £1500, which by councellor Woolfs advice I am safe in paying to Lady Deane, whose power of attorney is come over from England to her son Jacobin Deane Esq. to receive the same. He will call on you and you will please to give him my inclosed note, filling up the date on his signing, the receipt which you'll please to have

363 Hare had a low opinion of the competence of the Revenue authorities in Cork harbour.

364 Vessels travelling to Scotland would presumably navigate around the North of Ireland, whereas to Milford would travel around the south of Ireland and St George's Channel.

annexed to said power, copy of which receipt is inclosed. When signed you'll please to send me the same.

Since my last I have drawn on you for £1115.6.11 as per annexed account.

Oct 23: Bills 1285 to 1288 fav Thos Palmer	£201
Oct 23: 1289 to 1291 fav Jno Cussen	101
Oct 25: 1292 fav H & R Lake	43.15. 9
Oct 26: 1293 to 1294 fav Edm ^d Barry	115. 9. 9
Oct 26: 1295 to 1299 fav Alex Harper	257. 9.11
Oct 26: 1300 to 1304 fav Edw ^d Creed	110. 0. 0
Oct 28: 1305 to 1307 fav W ^m Hanostly	86.11. 6
Oct 28: 1308 to 1311 fav Leake	200
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	1115. 6. 11

383. / 166 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., [LIVERPOOL] MON. 28 OCT. 1771

My last was the 19th since which received none from you. Our markets are much the same as I advised in my last but rather on the decline.

I have this day drawn a Bill on you favour Dunlopp & Wilson for £339.4.0 str. and for £200 favour Thos Read both at 6½% is £574.5.0 to the credit of your account.

384. / 166 MESSRS DUNLOPP & WILSON, [LONDON] MON. 28 OCT. 1771

Above is my Bill on Jn^o Tarleton Esq. for £339.4.0 str., which I remit you by order and for account of our mutual friends Messrs Campbell McNeal and Campbell, the receipt of which you shall please to advise them, and me.

385. / 166 ALEXANDER JOHNSTON ESQ. AND SON, [LONDON] TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I received your esteemed favours of the 11th ult. and 16th inst. Am sorry to find Mr Kirkpatrick displeased at the high price of the provisions shipped on the *Home Castle*, and bad quality of the Butter. The Beef and Pork was charged lower than I would have sold them for here, and the latter no more than I paid for it.

As to the quality of the Butter I scarce see better than it was when I shipped it, but by a regulation entered into³⁶⁵ three years since, encouragement has been given to the makers to make it fresh. This I opposed, as I was certain it would hurt our West India Trade. However I was at last obliged to comply & to pay ½^d per firkin for inspection fees. I now find my affections of hurting our West India Butter come to pass, and there is no getting it salt enough, especially at the first of new Butter, when we are glad to take all that comes to market.

I shall provide and ship the order you now send me as quick as possible the casks are marking. I should be glad of your advice whether the 3rd shipment ordered the 22nd April last, should be shipped besides what is now ordered. I apprehend its not intended, and I suppose it would be agreeable as Butter continues so high and late in

365 By the newly formed Committee of Merchants; see no. 271.

the season. Indeed it should have been shipped earlier, but could not get a ship that would take it.

I received the 30 puncheons Rum per the *Alice* and by order of the proprietors sold them & have remitted the proceeds.

I have this day drawn the following Bills on you	
1 favour Savage French ³⁶⁶	£100. 0. 0
1 favour Bull & Moody	200. 0. 0
1 favour Tho ^s Read	218. 9.10
Your charge on the 30 puncheons	
Rum for insurance ³⁶⁷	9. 0. 6
	<hr/> £527.10. 4

which is the full amount of what I shipped the 16th January last on the *Junio*.

I drew some time past on your late partnership for the balance of the account. Mr Haly [?] refused to accept it, as it was for £4.15.10 more than his account made it. I drew a Bill afterwards for so much that of the first Bill. Since found that it was for postage of letters during the correspondence with your House as rendered in a general account of March last and no obligation made thereto.

Provisions are very high. Our best Cargo Beef 39/ per barrel; Cargo Pork 50/; Butter 48/ to 49/. As to the consignment of sugars at this place, the 6 months credit given the sugar Houses is a great discouragement and altho' they are very safe,³⁶⁸ at this season of the year or scarce at any time we could not get it discounted, and if I was to remit the proceeds it would be a disadvantage to my other business. Our three sugar Houses join together their purchases so that they have them at what price they think proper to give.

386. / 167 JOHN SPITTA, [LONDON]

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I duly received your esteemed favour of the 19th inst. This day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £943.0.11 str. at 6% is £999.12.7, payable at 42 days sight, to which please give your usual honours, and charge the same to our mutual friend Mr Fred^k Dunker of Hamburg. [Please seal and forward...]

387. / 167 MR LUDER LANG, [LONDON]³⁶⁹

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

The 17th June last I received your favour of the 3rd April, accompanied by one from Mr Hugh Connor in recommendation of Mr Fred^k Christ Pascha[?] of Frankfurt, whom upon either of your recommendations I would with pleasure have rendered every

³⁶⁶ Savage French was a Cork merchant; his grandfather, James French, had served as mayor of Cork in 1696, and his father Savage French Snr owned the *Ann*, which in the 1730s brought rum, ginger and scrap pewter and iron to New York from Jamaica in exchange for a typical mainland cargo for the islands. Savage Jnr became a freeman in 1768 (Caulfield, *Council book*, pp 400 and 831; Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 77; *Exact list... 13th August, 1783*).

³⁶⁷ Referred to in no. 235.

³⁶⁸ That is financially strong and good for any credit offered.

³⁶⁹ Luder Lang was a merchant at 20 Broad St building (*London directory 1768*).

service in my power, but our Rheinish wine trade is scarce worth mentioning, and those concerned in it have of late had many applications, and generally do a little with each, which put it out of their power to do much with others.

Enclosed you have a letter for our mutual friends Messrs Heinrich and Conrad Huase [?] of Bremen, covering Invoice and Bill of Lading for 14 casks horntips shipped for their account and risque on the *Sophia Marguretha* of and for Bremen, Harman Wassels master, amounting to £183.1.3 Irish, on which they desired me to direct the insurance without mentioning by whom. I therefore as I suppose it consistant with their intentions I request your effecting the insurance accordingly, and account with them for the same. Capt. Wassels intends to clear out tomorrow and to sail next day if the wind permits. [Please seal and forward...]

388. / 168 MESSRS HERMAN MEYER & CO., [LONDON]³⁷⁰

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

My having the pleasure of writing to you is only to advise that I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order, for £156.5.3 str. at 42 days sight, to which please to give due honours. I charged the same to our mutual friend Mr W.G. Eichhoff of Hamburg whose order I had to draw on you for 4 last of Butter, but I have only shipped two.

If (as I make no doubt) you accept the Bill favour Mr Eichhoffs account, you will of course [please seal & forward...], but if you should not honour my Bill please get the amount of the Butter insured, and forward the account together with my said letter and Invoice and Bill of Lading to my friend Mr Heinrich Volstedt of Hamburg, who in that case will take care of my interest, and make provisions for my draft with your charges at maturity.

389. / 168 MR JOHN EWING, [BELFAST]

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 24th. Best Cargo Beef cannot at present be afforded less than 39/ per barrel. We have no large Cargo as yet slaughtered, but may soon be expected. Salt is very high, but as several ships are expected it will soon be lower, and may lessen the charge of making up Beef and Pork near 1/ per barrel. Pork is at 50/ per barrel. Beef of inferior quality may be had from 27 to 32/, but I don't put my name on those sorts. A sale is expected on all kinds of Beef.

I could not know with any certainty the price of wheat or flour but believe American wheat is not worth more than 15/ and flour in proportion. We have had a plentiful and good harvest. Not much Rum here at present for sale. Good Barbados would sell at 4/4 as we get 4/6 for Antigua. Few people here ship to the W. Indies on their own account, and such as do ship, have vessels of their own.

Inclosed is the *Molly's* disbursements £99, I find it was omitted to be sent you. The charge on the staves was only boatage and reckoning about 2/ per ton and lower 2½%.

370 Herman Meyer & Co. were merchants at 4 Mincing Lane (*London directory* 1768).

390. / 169 MESSRS SIMON BAIRD & CO., [GLASGOW]

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

My last was the 2nd Aug. since which received none from you. Rum has advanced here on expectation that a duty not less than 6^d per gallon will be added to our present duty on spirits, and that Rum from Britain should pay the same duty as it does directly imported from the W Indies. If this should be the case it will be an addition of near 1/ per gallon on what comes from Great Britain. Of this I thought proper to advise you, that you may benefit by an immediate shipment for Ireland. Good Philadelphia or New York staves would sell a £6 to £7 per thousand.

The price of new Beef broak high is now fallen to 39/ for the best kind of Cargo and expected lower. Cargo Pork 50/. West India Butter 46/ to 49/ as in quality. A small cargo of Herrings arrived from Greenock mostly sold at 28/, but as some are since arrived from Gothenburg, and more expected we can't expect this price to hold.

Jamaica Rum 4/8 and advance for overproof. Antigua 4/6. Barbados etc 4/4

391. / 169 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

My last was the 25th. Enclosed you have the following Bills with which please to do the needful

Wm Murrell	£155. 1. 8
Herman Meyer & Co	156. 5. 3
Thom ^s Elton	60. 6. 0
Jn ^o Spitta	943. 0.11
Grote Son & Co	156. 1.10
P Amsinick & Burmester	219.10. 6
Will de Drusina	311.13.11
do	154.19. 1
do	156. 0. 0
Jn ^o Teasdale	105.13. 2
Isaac & Thom ^s Smith	82. 0. 3
Jn ^o Lonsdale	54. 1. 1
	<u>£2554.13. 8</u>

392. / 169 THOMAS ELTON, LONDON

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £60.6.0 str., payable 21 days after sight, to which please give your usual honour & charge the same to our mutual friends Messrs Geo, Jas, Ben & Jn^o Walmsley of Rochdale.

393. / 170 MESSRS ISAAC & THOMAS SMITH, [ROCHDALE]

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

My last was the 23rd Aug. since have none of your favours. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for 10 casks Scrapings and 40 casks and firkins of mitre Grease Butter, shipped for your account on the *Hillary* of Barbados, John Griffith master, the

amount £87.2.9 to your debit, and this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £82.0.3 str. at 21 days sight payable in London, which at the exchange at 6¼% balances the same. I could not obtain this parcel on lower terms on account of the scarcity and demand on which account the clean Grease advanced to 36/ to 36/6 per cwt., but as I expect a decline in the price of eating Butter a while hence it will of course affect that of Grease, and occasion it to be in greater plenty. Capt. Griffith will be ready to sail in two days.³⁷¹

394. / 170 MR JOHN TEASDALE, [MANCHESTER] TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I duly received your favours of the 11th ult. and 5th inst., and note their contents. The price charged Mr Londsdales was 30/ per cwt. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for 30 casks Scraping Butter shipped for your account on the *Hillary* of Barbados, John Griffith master, the amount £112.5.3 to your debit, and this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands for £105.13.2 str. at 21 days sight payable in London, which with exchange at 6¼% balances the same. [Gives grease prices as in no. 393.] I intend shipping you another parcel as soon as possible.

395. / 170 MESSRS PAUL AMSINICK & BURMESTER, [LONDON] TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £219.10.6 str. at 42 days sight, to which please to give your usual honours, and charge the same to our friend Mr Nicholas Sohnbach of Hamburg, [Please seal & forward...]. You'll see thereby that this draft is for account of 4 last Butter and Beef shipped for his account on the *Bateer Kooper* of and for Hamburg, Johann Andreas Meyer master, which you'll please get insured agreeable to his directions.

396. / 171 WILLIAM MURELL, [LONDON] TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I am favoured with your esteemed of the 9th inst. and duly note the contents. The present is to advise that I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £155.1.8 str. at 42 days sight, to which please to give due honours, and charge the same to our mutual friend Mr. N Sohnbach of Hamburg. [Please seal & forward...]. You'll see thereby that this draft is for account of 2 casks Butter and Beef shipped for his account on the *Sophia Marguretha* of and for Bremen, Harman Wassels master, which you'll please get insured agreeable to his directions.

I am sorry it went so contrary with the Butter that I could not have the pleasure of executing any of your orders, but hope another time it will go more favourable, and whenever you incline to speculate and favour me with any order, may depend on my best attentions to your interest.

371 He had not sailed by 2 Nov.; see no. 421.

397. / 171 JOHN NORTH, LIVERPOOL

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 7th ult. have none of your favours. I have shipped your 3 hogsheads glew on the *Hillary* of Barbados, John Griffith master, amounting to £83.12.11, which is to your debit. The Invoice & Bill of Lading goes by the vessel to save postage. She will be ready to sail in two days.

Tallow has declined to 42/, ox hides of 112 lbs 25 to 24/, light cow hides 14/ say of 56 lbs & under. Very few of the heavy kind yet going. They are expected to rule at about 18/ with the usual advances. Rose Butter is fallen 1 to 2/ per cwt. Coarse kinds are also on the fall.

398. / 171 STEPHEN FORD, LIVERPOOL

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 4th inst. have none of your favours. I have shipped your 50 firkins Butter on the *Hillary* of Barbados, Jn Griffith master, amounting to £81.4.9 which is to your debit. I was obliged to pay 47/ for them. The Invoice & Bill of Lading shall go by the vessel to save postage [Finishes with prices as in no. 397.]

399. / 172 JOHN LONSDALE, HARLINGDEN

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 25th ult. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 15 casks Scraping Butter shipped for your account on the *Hillary* of Barbados, John Griffith master, for Liverpool the amount £57.8.8 to your debit, and this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £54.1.1 str. at 21 days sight payable in London, which with exchange at 6¼% balances the same. This parcel compleats your order for 3 or 4 tons. [Gives butter prices as in no. 393.]

Mr Copes affairs remain in the same situation as before & I really know not what further to advise you.

400. / 172 GEORGE, JAMES, BENJAMIN AND JOHN WALMSLEY, ROCHDALE

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

My last was the 23rd Aug since which have none of your favours. The present serves to accompany the annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 50 casks of Grease Butter shipped for your account on the *Hillary* of Barbados, John Griffith master, for Liverpool the amount £64.14.4 to your debit and this day I have drawn on your friend Mr Thomas Elton of London for £60.6.0 str. payable 21 days after sight, which with exchange at 6¼% balances the same. This parcel about compleats your order. Tis more than half of what I collected since my last, whereby you may judge of the scarcity. [Gives butter prices as in no. 393.]

401. / 172 GROTE SON & CO., LONDON

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £165.92 at 42 days sight to which please give your usual honour & charge the same to our friend Jacob Hinrich Lühring of Hamburg. [Please seal and forward...].

402. / 173 WILLIAM DE DRUSINA & CO., LONDON

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I have this day drawn on you favour Maitlands or order at 42 days sight for

£330.7.11 = £311.13.11 str – Johann Jacob Behrens

£165.7.2 = £156.0.0 str – Dan^l Gotth^d Schmidt

£164.5.0 = £154.19.1 str – Claes Trahn

all of Hamburg, to which please give your usual honour & charge the same to said friends. [Please seal and forward...]

403. / 173 MR GEORGE WILKINSON, [LONDON]

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

Since my last of the 8th inst. am favoured with yours of the 1st, 8th & 12th and duly note their contents. I was sorry for the *Mary's* misfortune, but pleased to find that the cargo suffered no great damage. I have not yet been able to get an opportunity for shipping the remainder of your skins. The heavy and light are bundled separate. Inclosed are sundry sales viz:

32 casks Tea per *Lancashire* £948.18. 7

7 do. per *Dozy* [?] & *Mary* 220. 3. 1

3 do. & 4 boxes which remained of your parcel per
Roy[al] Charlotte 89. 2. 7

5 bags W. India cotton wool which remained per *Success* 47. 6. 8

which sums are to your debit making together £1305.10.11 and please note the same in conformity if right.

I have sold all your Bohea Tea, 3 chests at 3/, 3 chests Green at 5/9 No 497, 501 & 508, 2 do at 5/10 No 585 & 587, 2 do at 6/3 No 604 & 608 and 1 chest of the fine Bloom at 8/. The buyers think it too high for which reason have not sold more. I have only put off one bag of your cotton since my last at 12^d as others sell at 11^d very good quality. The Action does not yet appear, nor no other vessel with new hops. They are much wanting. Not a bag of old remaining for sale, therefore the first here arriving will sell well if not too many together, nor in too many hands.

Your Bill on P[er]jersey? & Co. for £167.15.9 was duly honored, but I shall be obliged to you to forbear drawing for a month or six weeks, cash being very scarce here at present, and our bankers unwilling to take Bills on account of the loan to be granted by Parliament,³⁷² together with the difficulty of getting remittances from England in return. Tallow 42/; Ox hides of 112 lbs 25/; Light cow hides 14/.

404. / 174 MR THOMAS ELLIS, [LONDON]

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 10th inst with Invoice and Bill of Lading for 16 bags hops for the *Ariadne*, which after arrival shall be disposed of to the best of your

³⁷² In the opening session of the Irish parliament commencing 8 Oct., the lord lieutenant had announced that, as national revenue did not cover expenditure, money would be requested to discharge arrears. The parliament subsequently sanctioned a loan of up to £200,000 at an interest not exceeding 4 per cent (*Commons Journal*, xv, 9, 10, 55 and 150; *Irish Statutes*, x, 71–87).

advantage. They are much wanting at present. Not a bag remaining for sale, therefore the first that arrives will sell well, if not too many together nor in too many hands. Inclosed I remit Dan^l Nowlands Bill on Geo Drinkwater & Co. of Liverpool payable in London for £100 str. at 6½% making £106.10.0 Irish to your debit. I expected to have made you a large remittance but was disappointed in payments coming in. However I hope soon to receive some.

With respect to the account, you may draw on me towards the hops you intend consigning me. You may if you chuse at the middle of Dec. draw for $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ the value, but it would not be convenient sooner, cash being at present very scarce here, and our bankers unwilling to take Bills on account of the loan to be granted by parliament, fearing that may draw the cash out of their hands.

405. / 174 BULL & MOODY ESQS, [LONDON]

TUE. 29 OCT. 1771

I duly received your esteemed favour of the 28th ult., and note the contents. Above I remit you my Bill on Alex Johnston Esq. and Son for £200 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 6½% makes Irish £213 to your debit. I expected to have remitted the balance of your account, but was disappointed in a payment of near £70³⁷³ due from a person in the country, who at length sent me Bills on two people in this town which will not be due these 3 weeks. When in cash you shall have a remittance. Bohea Tea sells here at 3/. Green 5/9 to 6/ as in quality.

406. / 174 MR JOHN NORTH, [LIVERPOOL]

WED. 30 OCT. 1771

I wrote you yesterday by post advising to have the freight of 3 hogsheads glew on the *Hillary*, John Griffith master. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for the same, which I wish well to hand.

You have also inclosed Bill of Lading for 15 casks Grease Butter account Mr John Lonsdale of Harlingden.
<per Capt. Griffith>

407. / 175 WHITTAKER & WHITE, [LIVERPOOL]

WED. 30 OCT. 1771

Inclosed is Bill of Lading for 50 casks & firkins Grease Butter shipt to your order on the *Hillary* of Barbados, John Griffith master, by order & for account of Messrs Geo, Ja^s, Ben & John Walmsley in Rochdale.
<per Capt. Griffith>

408. / 175 STEPHEN FORD, [LIVERPOOL]

WED. 30 OCT. 1771

I wrote you yesterday by post advising to have shipt you 50 firkins Butter on the *Hillary*, John Griffith master. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for the same, which I wish well to hand. You have also inclosed Bill of Lading for 50 casks Grease Butter account Isaac & Thomas Smith of Rochdale.
<per Capt. Griffith>

409. / 175 ROBERT MARROW

FRI. 1 NOV. 1771

Inclosed is Bill of Lading for 30 casks Scraping Butter shipped to your order on the *Hillary*, John Griffith master, by order & for account of Mr John Teasdale of Manchester.

<per Capt. Griffith>

410. / 175 MR JOHN LACY

FRI. 1 NOV. 1771

Mr Finch informs me that the tenants of Carragraige³⁷⁴ refuse to give up the article entered into for a lease, which they refuse to give up as well as to give up said article, which is only conditional & void, as they refuse to sign the lease. I desire you will immediately distrain the land for the half years rent due 1st Nov. I shall immediately advertise the lands again & take care to get better tenants.

Don't distrain till the 12th or 13th.

411. / 175 P. H. BALEMANN, LONDON

FRI. 1 NOV. 1771

I am this day favoured with your esteemed of the 24th ult. covering one from W. G. Eichhoff of Hamburg, the contents of which are very agreeable, as I should have been very sorry if any misfortune had happened him, exclusive of what risque I run with him. I now doubt not either you or Messrs Paul Amsinck & Burmester will have assured him, that my protested Bill in the hands of Maitlands, shall certainly be paid at maturity. Otherwise he may find it difficult to get the Butter from Mr Henry Volstedt, whom I had requested to secure it for me until he was sure my draft would be paid for Mr Eichhoff's account [obliterated].

412. / 176 JOHN & WILLIAM ANDERSON, LONDON³⁷⁵

FRI. 1 NOV. 1771

I am this day favoured with your esteemed of the 24th ult., desiring information about Königsberg timber. In answer have to acquaint you that said article is at present very scarce here, as we have not had a cargo from any part of the Baltick this year. Therefore the first arrived 2 or 3 cargoes in the spring will without doubt meet a ready sale & bring 45/ per ton at least, but our buyers don't chuse to engage before arrival, unless they get it on their own terms, so that I think the sooner your friend can dispatch any hither the better, & you'll please give me timely advise of the particulars for my government in securing buyers against arrival.

Norway timber 30/ per ton

413. / 176 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

FRI. 1 NOV. 1771

My last was the 29th ult. with sundry Bills value £2554.13.8. I have this day received a letter from Mr P. H. Balemann No 26 Priney[?] Street near the Bank, advising that

³⁷⁴ See nos 503, 704 and 706 regarding these lands.

³⁷⁵ John and William Anderson were merchants of Charterhouse Sq (*London directory* 1768).

they would pay the Bill in your hands on Messrs P. Amsinick & Burmester for £300.17.7 in case they do not pay it account of Mr W. G. Eichhoff, so that in case of need you'll please to apply to Balemann.³⁷⁶

I have this day drawn on you for £500 favour of Thom^s Read and for £70 favour Capt. Prinrose[?] Kennedy

414. / 176 MAITLAND & BODDINGTON ESQS, [LONDON] FRI. 1 NOV. 1771

I received your much esteemed favour of the 20th and 12th ult. Your sundry orders shall be provided and shipped as quick as possible. Our Beef is higher than last year. Herrings very scarce but many expected.

I have almost finished sale of the *Nancy's* cargo of Rum. When finished shall make you remittance on account of Messrs Wilcocks and Marson. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Tho^s Read for £589.11.3 str., account of our mutual friend A, J & E Baillie being the account of provisions shipped the 7th Nov last on the *Daniel*. I have also drawn a Bill on you favour ditto for £164.8.10 str. at 6% is £174.6.2 being the amount of provisions shipped account of Mr Crozier.

415. / 177 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN] FRI. 1 NOV. 1771

My last was the 28th ult. Inclosed are my Bills on

Maitlands	£500. 0. 0
Maitland & Boddington	589.11. 3
ditto	164. 8.11
Tho ^s & Simon Vokes on R ^d Gladwell	90. 0. 0

which please to pass in course to my credit.

Since my last I have drawn on you as under for £2,146.3.6³⁷⁷

Oct 30	£		£
Jno Andrews		1321	48
1312	24.19	1322	50
Ed ^d Creed		1323	53
1313	25	1324	55
1314	24	1325	58
1315	21	1326	60
1316	20	1327	46
Jn ^o Lloyd		1328	63
1318	90	1329	65
1317	10	1330	68
1319	40	1331	70
1320	43	1332	73
1320 [<i>sic</i>]	45	1333	75

³⁷⁶ See no. 388 and no. 411.

³⁷⁷ Creditors were tallow and beef suppliers; see no. 376.

	£		£
1334	79	1346	30
1335	59	1347	70
Edw ^d Creed		1348	50
1336	28	1349	49
H & R Lake		1350	18
1337	60	Nov 1	
1338	40	Mich ^l Skeys	
1339	30	1351	40
1340	36	1352	45
1341	34	1353	50
Sam ^l Scully		1354	33.4.6
1342	51	E Creed	
1343	40	1355	35
1344	60		<hr/>
1345	82		2146.3.6

416. / 178 MR JAMES PATTERSON, [BELFAST]

FRI. 1 NOV. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 19th. When the *Eagle* arrives I shall dispose of your Rum to the best advantage. Good Antigua Rum sells at 4/6 and I think good Barbados will sell at 4/4, but it seems now doubtful if the additional duty will take place or not. I shall ship your tracking Butter on the *Eagle*. It's 46/ to 48/6.

Best Cargo Beef 39/. Ditto Pork 50/.

417. / 178 JOHN HENDERSON, [BELFAST]

FRI. 1 NOV. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 24th ult. I have only 11 puncheons of the *Oliver's* cargo to sell. I am selling good Antigua at 4/6, but the latter end of yours is but ordinary. I have been running them off at or under price, however have benefitted on the report of an additional duty. At foot you have account of what I sold since the 11th ult. I shall provide your order for the *Eagle* and *John* as quick as possible. Large Cargo Beef is not yet come to market but expected in a few days. Best Cargo Beef keeps up as does the price of salt, so it cannot be afforded under 39/ per barrel. Pork 50/. Butter 46/ to 48/6. We have not much Rum here at present for sale. I think the prices will keep up all this winter.

I observe you have drawn the £2000 on Mr Read and your account debited accordingly.

Sold since the 11th ult., 12 at 4/4, 2 at 4/5 & 1 at 4/3.

418. / 178 MR JOHN HOLMES JUNIOR, [BELFAST]

FRI. 1 NOV. 1771

I received your favour of the 22nd. Hope this will find you safe returned from Dublin. Am sorry for the melancholy occasion of your going thither. Fevers here are very common and fatal, but hope the disorder is declining.

Our large Cargo [Beef] don't come as early as this time to market. I shall endeavour

to buy the first that comes, which hope to effect next week, but if the ship should arrive I must ship best Cargo Beef, which will now stand 39/ per barrel. Altho' Beef is fallen salt continues scarce and dear, but expected to fall as the winds continue to the south. [Gives rum prices as in no. 390.] We have not the usual quantity on hands for the winter consumption.

419. / 179 THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, LIMERICK

SAT. 2 NOV. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 31st ult. inclosing your Bill on Gladwell for £90, which is to your credit. Beef still keeps up but think it must fall in a few days. Tallow about the same as with you. Hides about 1/ per cwt. lower here than with you. Rum keeps up. I assure you I get 4/8 for Jamaica cash & 4/6 for Antigua.

420. / 179 SAMUEL FRIPP, BRISTOL

SAT. 2 NOV. 1771

My last was the 26th by ship & copy by post, advising that I had bought 180³⁷⁸ hogsheads [tallow] your account, since which have only bought 30 hogsheads. Moylan³⁷⁹ would not sell me under 43/. Another principle melter would sell me 40 or 50 hogsheads at 42/ but expected I would advance the whole value beforehand, which I did not chuse to run the risk of, & altho' I offered to advance £500 they would not comply. No rough tallow has since been bought under 4/10 & tis said some give 5/ per stone. I am still in hopes I shall be able to compleat your 300 hogsheads.

The cattle do not yield the quantity of tallow as usual, so that I think the quantity on the whole will not be as much as last year.

<per Capt. Bean>

421. / 179 DAVID KENYON, LIVERPOOL

SAT. 2 NOV. 1771

My last was the 5th ult., since which received none from you. I thought it better to humour Capt. Griffith³⁸⁰ to get him to go in the ship, altho' sometimes he would not go, at other times he would take some freight that offered on freight, & then he would not take it, & afterwards took it. He has been cleared out these 2 days but I find he is not yet sailed. He has got wheat & other goods about 50 tons.

He wanted to [end of page obliterated] for advice whether he could attach the freight in my hands. I gave him at different times £79.12.6 this currency on the ships account, a good part of which he says he expended on the ship & in discharging some of his hands. The greatest part of it, by the account he gave me, a large sum, is due to him. I wish he was safe arrived with you, as you'll be better able to settle with him than I am. As soon as he is sailed, I shall send you account of his disbursements.

Best Cargo Beef 39/; do Pork 50; Butter 46/6 to 49/

378 No. 376 suggests 80 hogsheads.

379 Denis Moylan; see no. 289.

380 Of the *Hillary*; see nos 222, 302 and 442.

422. / 180 MESSRS PRENTICE & TALBOT, LONDON SAT. 2 NOV. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 24th ult.³⁸¹ [Gives details of the ship *Mary's* misfortune as in no. 375.] Your order for 200 firkins Butter was noted & shall be executed per first opportunity on the best terms our market will admit of.

The present prices are for best second quality Rose 49/ & first do 51/, second coarse firkins 46 to 45/, ditto large casks 45 to 44/ per cwt.

423. / 180 BUCKLAND & SMITH, LONDON SAT. 2 NOV. 1771

I received your favour of the 22nd ult. [Gives details of the ship *Mary's* misfortune as in no. 375.] As to deducting my commission I can ensure you that I shall lose more than that by the 3rd quality Rose that I was obliged to take along with the 2nd which are yet on hands & the price of that kind has fallen 2/ per cwt. [Finishes with butter prices.]

424. / 181 JAMES GAMMELL & CO., GREENOCK MON. 4 NOV. 1771

Since my last of the 12th ult. am not favoured with any from you. Capt. Moody arrived this day. Have sold about 3 or 400 barrels of his salt at 14/ per barrel. Its very ordinary but as he says the cargo is better, he is gone down to send up a right sample & hope to get 15/ if its as good as two cargoes which sold this day at that price. Our coarse firkins Butter is fallen 3rd quality to 40/ & 2nd ditto about 42/. Rum keeps up. I shall endeavour to get a freight for your ship to the W. Indies tho' fear it will not be in my power to get her near full.

425. / 181 JAMES DES COTES & CO., LONDON MON. 4 NOV. 1771

I refer to my last of the 11th ult. & have since none of your favours. This only serves to advise that I have this day drawn on you favour Thom^s Read Esq. or order, for £227.14.2 str. payable 21 days after sight to which please give due honour & charge the same to our friend Mr Jacob Wichelhausen of Erberfeld, whose order for 200 salted ox hides I have executed, as you will see by the inclosed, to which I beg leave to refer you, requesting that after perusal you will please to seal & forward the same to him. Capt. Jarvis intends sailing tomorrow if the wind permits, which I mention for your government in making the insurance, as I make no doubt Mr Wichelhausen has given you orders for that purpose, tho' he mentions nothing of it to me.

(Exchange 6% £241.7.5, charged 5/2 postage)

426. / 181 GEORGE FREDERICK WILLMANN, DUBLIN MON. 4 NOV. 1771

I duly received your favour of the 28th ult. If the vessels you mention³⁸² were now here I could procure freights for both of them to Bordeaux at 12 to 14 livres per ton, but no one will engage on a vessel not in harbour, & altho' there are other foreign vessels

381 Hare's last was no. 278 of 4 Oct.

382 Probably the *Geneviva Louis*; see no. 454.

expected think it will nevertheless be the interest of the above to touch here without delay. Direct the Capt. to come to my house³⁸³ immediately on arrival.

427. / 182 SUTTON & SCHOMBART, LONDON

MON. 4 NOV. 1771

This only serves to advise you that I have this day drawn on you favour Tho^s Read Esq. or order payable at 21 days sight for £43.17.5 str. to which please give due honour & charge the same to our friend Mr Heinrich Volstedt of Hamburg, to whom please forward the inclosed after perusal & sealing, as I refer you thereto.

428. / 182 WILLIAM HUGHES, LONDON

MON. 4 NOV. 1771

Since my last of the 21st ult. have none of your favours. Ox hides having afterwards declined to your limit, I bought the 100 you ordered & took freight for them & the cow hides on the *Friendly Trader* of Cork,³⁸⁴ Tho^s Thomas master, for Bristol, the only ship up for said place. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for the same amounting to £219.7.6 to your debit & this day I have drawn on you favour Tho^s Read Esq., or order for £206.19.2 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 6% balances the same.

Capt. Thomas expects to be ready in 2 or 3 days. The ox hides of 112 lbs are since fallen to 24/ & lighter kinds lower, but that could not be foreseen, or I should not have bought. The cow hides are bought up briskly, & some people pay 3 or 6^d more for them. If you intend ordering any more of either, best not lose time, as the bullocks will be mostly slaughtered this month. I shall send Mr Moon³⁸⁵ a Bill of Lading by ship.

429. / 182 JOHN GODDARD, ROTTERDAM

MON. 4 NOV. 1771

My having the pleasure of writing to you is to cover the inclosed Bill of Lading for 200 ox hides shipped on the *Chance* of Cork, W^m Jarvis master, to your address, by order & for account & risque of our mutual friend Mr Jacob Wichelhausen of Erberfeld, whose orders you will please to follow with the same.

<per Capt. Jarvis>

430. / 183 JAMES BAILLIE ESQ., LONDON

TUE. 5 NOV. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 18th ult. & note the firm of the House established at St Kitts & Grenada for European business, whose orders shall be punctually executed when they come to hand, & shall recommend their House whenever occasion offers.³⁸⁶ At foot you have the present currency of our market, which I hope will be soon lower.

383 Hare lived on Merchant's Quay. However in October he had taken possession of a 'town' house in Ballintemple; see no. 588.

384 The previous year this vessel had run aground on the 'Giant's Steps' near Monkstown in Cork's inner harbour (*HC*, 20 Sept. 1770).

385 James Moon of Bristol; see no. 354.

386 No. 813 names this firm as Frazer, Grant & Baillies.

I regularly shipped the provisions for your estates at Grenada, of which I think I advised Messrs Maitland & Boddington.³⁸⁷ The last were of the 12th Dec amounting to £94.14.4 & of the 21 June £101.13.0 this currency. Our slaughter will be soon over. Wish our friend may give timely orders.

Best Cargo Beef 39/, Small Beef 26 to 30/, Best Cargo Pork 50/, West India Butter 48/6 to 49/

431. / 183 THOMAS READ ESQ., DUBLIN

TUE. 5 NOV. 1771

My last was the 1st inst. Am favoured with yours of same date. Inclosed are my Bills viz

On Alex Johnston & son	£218. 9.10
James des Cotes & Co	227.14. 2
W ^m Hughes	206.19. 2
Sutton & Schombart	43.17. 5
Tho ^s Worswick on	20. 0. 0
Rob ^t Albion Cox	<u>717. 0. 7</u>

Since my last have drawn on you as under for £1358.7.7.

	£		£
Nov 2 fav. Ed. Lloyd		[Nov 2 Jn ^o & Ml Skeys, <i>contd</i>]	
1356	40	1373	45
1357	41	1374	47
1358	49	1375	48
1359	41.15.8	1376	50
		Nov 4 Fran ^s Woodley	
Nov 2 John Furse ³⁸⁸		1377	11.15.6
1360	45	Nov 4 Jn ^o Furse	
1361	41	1378	60
1362	30	1379	70
1363	31	1380	55. 7.8
1364	38	1381	51
1365	34.2.6	Nov 4 Jos Bready	
Nov 2 Tim ^y Dorgan		1382	40
1366	60	1383	38. 2.2
1367	43	Nov 4 Jn ^o Furse	
Nov 2 Jn ^o & Ml Skeys		1384	22.15.0
1368	30	1385	20
1369	33	1386	40
1370	35	1387	50
1371	40	1388	34. 9.1
1372	43	[Total]	<u>1358. 7.7</u>

³⁸⁷ He did as per nos 97, 129 and 16.

³⁸⁸ John Furse was a chandler at Bandon Rd. The following year he was appointed a valuator by Cork Corporation (Lucas, *Cork directory*; Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 874; *Exact list...* 13th August, 1783).

432. / 184 WILLIAM THOMPSON, BARBADOS

WED. 6 NOV. 1771

Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Lading for sundry shipped on the *Jupiter* to your address by order & for account of Messrs Galen Thomson & Co. The prices are very high but could not be afforded lower, as the price of the Beef, salt & barrels are much higher than last year [Reiterates how the current year was poor for cattle.]

I am favoured with yours of the 21st Aug. Thank you for the prices current, which are not equal to the high prices here. I should however send you a small consignment, but a large purchase³⁸⁹ I made in the county of Limerick last summer makes it quite inconvenient at present.

433. / 184 MESSRS ARFWIDSON & SON, [GOTHENBURG]

WED. 6 NOV. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 22nd Sep. and 9th ult. By the first I was in hopes I should have part of my order executed as soon as it got to hand. By your last I find I cannot expect them for some short time, but hope you will, agreeable to your promise, dispatch me a cargo as soon as to my neighbours, and that you will lose no time in executing the full of my order, agreeable to my letter of the 10th Sep.

I note that you men[tion] of your drawing directly on London. Mr Bellander's House³⁹⁰ always drew on me payable on London, and I accepted them payable at a certain House there. This method was and is more convenient to me as I ship large quantities of provisions for several Houses there, and I made the bills payable at such House where the debt was due to me, without any charge of commission.

However if it is inconvenient to you to draw in that manner, you'll please to draw on Maitlands, who shall have orders to honour your drafts, sending them duplicates of the Bill of Loading and at the same time ordering them to insure 2/3 of the value. You will find it your interest to ship my orders early, as I reship to the W. Indies 4000 barrels annually, and when I can't repack them in time, must buy them from others.

I extend the limit for the first cargo 6^d per barrel higher, yet hope they will be under 12/.

434. / 185 ROBERT ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

WED. 6 NOV. 1771

My last was the 1st. I have drawn on you favour Chr Meade

One bill for	£50
One do for	50
One do for	51. 6. 6
	<hr/> 151. 6. 6

I wrote³⁹¹ to Messrs Arfwidson and Son of Gothenburg [ordering] from 1000 to 2500

389 The purchase of the Deane estate in Limerick; see no. 3.

390 George Bellender (b. 1718) was a Scottish doctor who founded the firm of that name in Gothenburg. He died in 1770, so Hare may have turned to Arfwidson as an alternative supplier (Wilhelm Berg, *Genealogiska anteckningar om Göteborg-släkter* (Göteborg, 1939, Ser. 2, vols 1 and 2), pp 196–7).

391 See no. 213 and no. 433.

barrels Herrings, and desired they may draw on you for the cost, sending you a duplicate of the Bill of Loading which Bills you'll please to accept, and insure $\frac{2}{3}$ of the value.

435. / 185 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON

WED. 6 NOV. 1771

I refer to my last of the 29th ult., since which am favoured with yours of the 22nd ditto, & have honoured your 2 Bills for £327.16.7. I observe you had shipped on the *Ariadne* 18 chests Tea & 25 bags hops, & shall mind the owners engagement for carrying them at half freight. Since my last have only sold 2 chests of your Green Tea viz., 594 at 5/10 & 597 at 5/3 per lb. The demand for all kinds seems dull at present. Am offered only 7/6 for your fine Bloom. Please advise if I shall let it go so. I find others sell Bohea at 2/11, as I was offered that price & refused it from 2 people, who afterwards supplied themselves elsewhere at the same, & I must acquaint you that several have of late complained of the quality of your Bohea Tea. One man has returned about half a chest sold him, that proved faulty towards the bottom, which I shall endeavour to put off in the best manner.³⁹²

The *Action* is arrived & has brought 59 bags hops, which are come to a good market. Am sorry you had not a few on her. I shall endeavour to obtain an advanced price for your 6 chests Bohea Tea, but fear it will not be profitable for the above reasons. I have not sold any more of your cotton, as I stand out for 12^d & others sell lower. Your order for skins & hides were noted, but I don't find there are any more skins for sale & tis as yet too early for the heavy cow hides. They are expected to sell at about 18/ with the usual advances of 2^d per lb. for every lb. above 56 lbs.

Exchange 6% to 6½

436. / 186 JOHN FOSTER, LANCASTER

FRI. 8 NOV. 1771

I duly received your fav of the 29th ult. with a remittance for £20 str., which at 6% exchange makes £21.4.0 Irish to your credit. Your order for 400 cow hides of 80 lbs is noted, & shall be executed as soon as possible on the best terms for your interest, but they don't usually begin to kill the large cows so early as this. I will endeavour to have them taken off carefully & send them by two vessels as directed. Grease Butter is now 35 to 34/. Eating Butter in coarse casks is declined to 40 to 44/ per cwt. as in quality, Rose Butter 46 to 51/. Tallow 42 to 43/. Ox hides of 112 lbs 24 to 23/ per cwt.

437. / 186 THOMAS ELLIS, LONDON

FRI. 8 NOV. 1771

Since my last of the 29th ult. have none of your favours. The present is to advise that the *Action* is arrived from your place with 59 bags hops, which are selling at £11 per cwt., but the buyers take very sparing. I hope the *Ariadne* may soon appear.

392 He disposed of it to another trader; see no. 508.

438. / 186 PETER HOLME ESQ., LIVERPOOL

FRI. 8 NOV. 1771

My last was the 19th ult. since which received your favour of same date. I could wish it was in my power to defer drawing on you, especially as exchange is fallen as low as 5¾ & no cash to be got for Bills. I however got 6% for a Bill & this day drew on you favour John Lloyd for £400 str. payable in London is £424 to your credit.

I passed this in payment of goods. I much fear exchange will still be lower, as cash is very scarce in all this Kingdom, and yet the price of provisions keeps up & no prospect of a fall. I bought the only cargo of Herrings that arrived from Gothenburg at the high price of 26/. I can't say what they may stand when repacked.

Jamaica Rum 4/8.

439. / 187 WILLIAM HARDEN

FRI. 8 NOV. 1771

I received your favour of the 4th inclosing Edw^d Lloyd on Davy Lloyd for £80, out of which I have repaid 12/ to Mr Finch. The remainder is in full for one half year rent due me the 1st May last. I should be well pleased if convenient to you, to remit me the rent due the 1st inst., as my late purchase in the Co. Limerick makes me short of cash in my business, & indeed its customary to pay off the whole year in Nov 6th when the landlord does not call for one half year before the other is due.

440. / 187 SUMMERS & CLIBBORN, [HAVERFORDWEST]

SAT. 9 NOV. 1771

I should have answered your sundry favours of the 31st Aug, 13, 14 & 28 Sept & 11th ult.,³⁹³ but could not prevail with [...] & Pedder to take out certificates, which Mr S [?] has since done & sent them to you. I now inclose you the other certificates for the *Ann & Kitty*, for Lucas, Harris, Denroche & Hare & also certificates for the *Hillary*, Digby & Hare. Mr Strettel sent his.³⁹⁴ You have also certificates for the *Alice*.

393 Hare's last was no. 217 of 13 Sept.

394 Jasper Lucas (d. 1804) was one of Cork's leading provisioners in the decades before 1750 to the American War. He served as sheriff in 1770 and in 1773 he exported butter and imported port wine. He served on the Committee of Merchants in 1781/2, and became mayor in 1795 (Benjamin Burke, *Irish family records* (London, 1976); Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 77; Francis H. Tuckey, *Cork Remembrancer* (first published 1837; reprinted Cork 1980), p. 159; *HC*, importers/exporters; CCMM; *Exact list... 13th August, 1783*; *Cork Mercantile Chronicle*, 17 Oct. 1804).

There were a number of traders with the name Harris in Cork at this time. The one mentioned is probably William, a cooper of Ferry Quay (*HC*, importers/exporters; Lucas, *Cork directory*; *Exact list... 13th August, 1783*).

The Denroche here is most likely Stephen (1703–1787) a merchant who was trading in 1748, appointed sheriff in 1752 and during the Seven Years War he was a co-owner of two privateers. The firm was a minor exporter of butter, beef, pork and bread in 1773 (NLI, MS 342, *Butter accounts of a Cork merchant*; L. M. Cullen, 'Privateers fitted out in Irish ports in the eighteenth-century' in the *Irish Sword*, III (1957–58), p. 176 (henceforth cited as Cullen, *Privateers*); *HC* op. cit.; *Exact list... 13th August, 1783*; Lucas, *Cork directory*; *CEP*, 15 Jan. 1787).

The Hare here may be Richard Hare himself. The Digby is John Digby (see no. 2) and Strettel is Thomas Strettel (see no. 249).

The many references to certificates in this letter relate to applications for the rebate on the importation of rum or herrings. No. 521 indicates that these merchants had shares in the importation of rum (and possibly sugar) on their own account, shipped on the *Ann & Kitty*. It also suggests that Wilcock & Marson, merchants of St Kitts, may have been the suppliers of the rum and have also had a share in its sale. The fact that the *Ann & Kitty* left Cork for St Kitts (see no. 460) supports the assumption.

I now inclose you my Bill on Sam^l Munckley for £59.4.3½ for your charges against the *Hillary & Ann & Kitty*. I also inclose you sale of the 2 puncheons of Rum, neat proceeds to your credit £29.5.3. When in cash shall be remitted you which I expect will be sometime next month.

441. / 187 HENRY BRIGHT ESQ., [BRISTOL] SAT. 9 NOV. 1771

My last was the 4th ult., since which have no alteration in our market. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Messrs Meyler & Maxse for £72.10.6 str. at 6% is £76.17.6 to the credit your account. The exchange is very low altho' ¼% more than the currency. Cash is very scarce to be got for Bills, and wish it was convenient to you to send over some guineas [?] of 5 [...] w^t. It would save above 6%, as at this season I shall be obliged to draw on my friends.

442. / 188 MR DAVID KENYON, [LIVERPOOL] SAT. 9 NOV. 1771

My last³⁹⁵ was the 10th. I find Capt. Griffith is sailed & I hope is with you by this time. Annexed is what he had from me the amount £97.3.7 to your debit. You have also account of his freight amounting to £200.6.8 to your credit.

Beef etc as in my last

443. / 188 MR ROBERT CUMMING SAT. 9 NOV. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 14th ult. I answer Capt. Ewing arrived here some time past, & I sold his salt which raised £276.17.6 all which I paid him in cash except 6 barrels Beef & a Bill of £42.12.0 which he remitted to London to pay his insurance. The salt sold well, but would have yielded considerably more but the grain was too small for this market. He sailed for Maryland in ballast the 30th ult. He took with him some indentured servants.³⁹⁶ How many I can't say. I am pretty certain he wrote you. I delivered him some letters directed for him. He proposes coming here next spring with lumber. Capt. Ewing is a sober diligent man & I think would thereby save money for his owners.

444. / 188 RICHARD FARR ESQ., & SONS, [BRISTOL]³⁹⁷ SAT. 9 NOV. 1771

I received your favour of the 26th & lost no time in shipping 20 firkins & 10 barrels best Mess Beef on the *Friendly Trader*, Capt. Thos Thomas, who I expected would have

395 Actually was the 2 Nov. (see no. 421) and the one prior was 5 Oct.; see no. 303.

396 Typically in return for passage across the Atlantic, a servant gave the purchaser of his or her indenture all rights to his or her labour for a set period, usually four years. Cork was a popular port for the gathering and shipping of servants to the American ports of Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore. Lane, Benson & Vaughan (see no. 207) in 1767 were active in gathering indentured servants for the Philadelphia market (Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, pp 78, 128 and 129).

397 The Farr family traded with Cork from as early as 1719. Richard Farr (c. 1708–1782) was a Presbyterian merchant and shipowner, a member of the Society of Merchant Adventurers, and mayor of Bristol in 1763. He managed thirty-seven slave voyages between 1727 and 1746, and his son Richard Jnr managed twenty in the period 1747–1772. The firm went bankrupt in 1778 (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, pp 25, 37, 123, 144 and 195).

cleared out ere this, but I think he will clear out positively in two days. Bill of Loading & Invoice shall be sent by the ship, the amount £102.5.10.

445. / 189 MESSRS GALEN, THOMPSON & CO., [BELFAST] SAT. 9 NOV. 1771

I received your favour of the 24th ult. Capt. Mathie arrived here the 31st ult. I lost no time in discharging the Rum & shipping your order. I cleared him out the 6th, but he is still detained by contrary winds. Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Loading for his cargo the amount

	£859.16.3
& account of ship & victualling	39. 7.3
To your debit	<u>£899. 3.6</u>

I have balanced your former account by your remittance. I never dispute trifles with my friends. I gave 26/ per barrel for Herrings this week. Provisions keep up. I charged you as low as I could. Indeed Butter of 3rd quality may now be bought at 46/.

446. / 189 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY, [BRISTOL] MON. 11 NOV. 1771

My last was the 26th ult. Am favoured with yours of the 29th. Beef & Pork continue as in my last. Butter fell 1/ per cwt. I observe your intention of sending a vessel for Madeira & Barbados & would take in for Tobago. I find about 500 barrels offer for the latter place, but them who have the orders will not engage, but as few ships take in for that island there will be but little danger of its being shipped before your ship may arrive.

The 9th I drew on you favour Meyler & Maxse for £72.10.6 str., & a Bill favour Summers & Clibborn for £51.4.3 str.

447. / 189 MR DAVID KENYON, [LIVERPOOL] TUE. 12 NOV. 1771

My last was the 9th. Since favoured with yours of the 28th ult., and note your order to ship on the *Marg.* of Chatthaven the value of £40 to £41 str. in Butter, account of Mr Geo Backhausen, which shall be done. That article is now at 48/ the best quality for the W. Indies. [Gives prices of beef, pork and herrings as in no. 449.]

448. / 189 MESSRS JAMES & LAUD WEBSTER TUE. 12 NOV. 1771

I am favoured with yours of the 30th ult., ordering sundry to be shipped on the *Prince George*, Capt. Fryer, which shall be done on his arrival. When shipped shall forward you with Invoice & Bill of Lading.

449. / 190 MR BENJAMIN JOHNSTON, [LIVERPOOL] TUE. 12 NOV. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 4th, and am thankful for your kind intentions of favouring me with your commands. Our markets have been, and continue very high and but little prospect of them being lower this year. The current prices you have at foot.

As to procuring freight tis altogether uncertain as few people here ship on their own account and orders on commission is generally for particular ships. However tis frequently otherwise, but no one here will engage to ship without the vessel is in the harbour. I can only say that the beginning of next month may be a good time for a ship to expect to get something on freight.

The credit we give is 6 months at the expiration of which we draw payable in London, but for Butter & tallow on which we have no profit but the commission of 2½% we usually draw in 3 months. Our slaughter will be soon over therefore should be glad of your orders by return of the post as the quality of Beef begins to decline after this month.³⁹⁸

No Herrings for sale. Tallow a hogshead	42/	
Best Cargo Beef	39/	} per barrel
Mess do	50/	
Best Cargo Pork	50/	
Mess do	59/	

450. / 190 MR SAMUEL ARMSTRONG

TUE. 12 NOV. 1771

I am this day favoured with yours of the 5th inst. ordering 60 firkins Butter to be shipped per first opportunity to Kingston, which article is now at 48/. I observe you propose to remit the value in due time. Our custom here is to draw on you payable in 21 days sight in London, for remittance on Dublin does not answer for us, as we are obliged to allow from 1 to 2% to get cash here for such Bills. We draw for Butter soon after shipping, at farthest in 3 months, as we have no profit on that article but the commission of 2½%. We charge only the cost which we pay on receiving it. Tallow we also draw for as soon as shipped. [Concludes with prices as in no. 449.]

451. / 191 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., [BRISTOL]

TUE. 12 NOV. 1771

I wrote to you last night. Above is my Bill on John and Tho^s Williams for £257.11.8 str. with which please to do the needful, and when in cash place to my credit. Exchange is very low, down to 6½%. No money to be had.

452. / 191 MR WILLIAM GAYNER, [BRISTOL]

TUE. 12 NOV. 1771

I refer to my last of the 24th ult. per Capt. Cowen, and am this day favoured with yours of the 2nd inst. complaining of the quality of 77 casks Butter per *Brittania*,³⁹⁹ and that they were shipped contrary to your order, therefore desiring to know what you would do with them.

You ordered 100 best large sized casks not worse than the 20 per *Juno*⁴⁰⁰ and these 77 were the very same sort, and all picked Butter for which reason tis strange that the

398 Orders were subsequently received and shipped on the 3 Jan. on the *Ann*, but Johnston died shortly afterwards; see no. 683.

399 The *Brittania Yacht*; see no. 291.

400 See no. 128 of 20 Aug.

quality should be disapproved of, but I reckon your market has declined. I advised some time ago that there were very few of the first quality coarse made in proportion to the other sorts, perhaps not one in one hundred. I procured you 22 of these kind which were a long time collecting, and the remainder of the 100 shipped of the best 2nd, which I think were not 6^d per cwt. inferior to the others, and was such as you had before received and approved of. Therefore cannot see how I varied from your order. The price of the 2nd quality casks such as the 77 was for a considerable time after I shipped them at 46 to 46/6 & even 47/ per cwt., but is lately fallen to 43 to 42/, so I can't encourage your returning them, but hope you will find an opportunity of disposing thereof, better than you seem to think at present. Rose Butter first and second quality may be bought at 50/ & 48/ per cwt.

Your order for 20 hogsheads of tallow not exceeding 43/ was noted, and I will endeavour to execute the same on best terms. At present our melters expect higher prices, but I think they must come down. Your directions as to consigning and drawing shall be observed.

PS I find the demand for Butter for the London market still continues as well as for Holland.

<per post & copy per Capt. Thomas>

453. / 192 JOHN BRADSHAW⁴⁰¹

TUE. 12 NOV. 1771

I received your favour of the 2nd inclosing W^m Weights Bill on Sir George Colebrooke & Co.,⁴⁰² for £120 str. is £136, which shall in course be to your credit. I wish you had not sent me more tickets as a third of the first 500 are not yet disposed of,⁴⁰³ as the previous scheme is so much preferred. However I shall not return them till the time you mention as the brokers expect to put off a good many this week.

I shall ship your order on the *Eagle*. Beef keeps up but Butter has fallen a little within these last days.

401 Several John Bradshaws have been identified in Cork, Dublin, Belfast and in England, and it is impossible to distinguish which is relevant here.

402 Sir George Colebrooke (1729–1809) inherited his family's merchant bank in Threadneedle St in the City of London. He was MP for Gattton (Surrey) from 1754 to 1774, and used this to gain lucrative government contracts. His father-in-law, Peter Gayner, was an established Irish merchant in Antigua who left an estate reportedly worth £200,000 on his death in 1738. Colebrooke set up a bank at 9 New Broad St in London and was also associated with the bank of Colebrooke, Lessingham & Binns at 62 Threadneedle St. In the early 1770s he speculated on the prices of raw materials and in 1771 lost £190,000 dealing in hemp. The following year he audaciously tried, unsuccessfully, to corner the world market for alum. Such ventures resulted in a spectacular bankruptcy. In Ireland in 1764 he opened a bank at Mary's Abbey, Dublin with the wealthy wine merchant, Edward Sneyd, as his agent. This failed in 1773 (Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 98; *Dublin directory; London directory 1768*; L. M. Cullen, *Anglo Irish Trade 1660–1800* (Manchester, 1968), p. 165; L. M. Cullen, 'The Dublin merchant community' in L. M. Cullen & P. Butel (eds), *Cities and merchants; French and Irish perspectives on urban development 1500–1900* (Dublin, 1985), pp 203 and 208, note 45; Hancock, *Citizens*, p. 349).

403 Those received in July; see no. 29.

454. / 192 GEO FREDERICK WILLMANN, DUBLIN TUE. 12 NOV. 1771

I observe by your favour of the 9th inst., that the ship *Geneviva Louis* was ready to proceed for this place.⁴⁰⁴ After arrival I will endeavour to procure her the highest freight possible. There's no encouragement can be given of freight from here to Lisbon, as we have towns ships constantly on the trade.

455. / 193 JOHN & THOMAS WILLIAMS, BRISTOL TUE. 12 NOV. 1771

I refer to my last of the 24th ult. per Capt. Cowen. The present serves to accompany the annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 10 hogsheads tallow shipped for your account per the *Friendly Trader*, Thom^s Thomas master, the amount £271.2.1 to your debit, & this day I have drawn on you favour Sam^l Munckley Esq. or order for £257.11.8 str. at 61 days sight, which with exchange at 5¼% balances the same. This is a low exchange owing to the scarcity of cash. The currency direct on London at 21 days is but 5½.

I luckily procured these 10 hogsheads for you at 42/. The price is since advanced & several refuse selling at 43/. I will buy the remaining 10 on best terms. Capt. Thomas intends clearing out in a day or two. He refused taking the claret under 12/ per dozen freight delivered on shore, which I did not think advisable to give without your directions.

PS I think you had best agree with some of the Capts to take the wine to you.
<per post & copy by Capt. Thomas>

[The letter book now skips eleven weeks and recommences on 30 Jan. 1772. The book used in the interim has not survived.]

⁴⁰⁵ [...] [Continuation from 12 Nov. 1771] the resolution was ready, which I think was not doing as you would be done by, & must in the end prove a loss to you. As for my own part I declined importing any, these 4 years past on the same account, and must do the same next year unless put on a certainty of having the first.

456. / 193 MESSRS STEPHEN & JOHN WELSH, [ST KITTS] THU. 30 JAN. 1772

I have frequently wrote you since the year 1768,⁴⁰⁶ and sent you your account current, balance due me being £19.9.1. I now inclose your account balanced by my Bill favour Messrs Smith & Walker for £18.2.9, which at 7¼% the present currency exchange from hence to London is in full for said balance.

Rum kept up pretty well last summer as I had most of what came to Cork consigned to me, & was not obliged to sell by auction as others have generally done. At present Barbados Rum is only 3/9 to 10^d owing to a large importation from England, as was

⁴⁰⁴ See no. 426 of 4 Nov.

⁴⁰⁵ This letter appears to relate to herrings. Note that the *Hibernian Chronicle* for 1772 is extant, enabling references in the manuscript to shipping to be cross-checked.

⁴⁰⁶ Including no. 160 of 28 Aug. 1771.

expected additional duty of 6^d would be laid on in this Kingdom, but now that expectation is over & the market overdone.

<per the *Blaze Castle*>⁴⁰⁷

457. / 193 JAMES GRASSETT, [BARBADOS]

THU. 30 JAN. 1772

I expected long ere this you would have paid Messrs Smith & Walker the balance due me. By the former account sent you there was due £76.15.3. The 6 puncheons Rum were sold by Mr Sam^l Munckley in Bristol, where they yielded more than they would here & neated £45.13.6, remains due to me £31.1.9, for which have drawn a Bill on you favour Messrs Smith & Walker which I hope you will duly honour to end this long affair.

<per the *Blaze Castle*>

458. / 194 SMITH & WALKER, BARBADOS

THU. 30 JAN. 1772

Above is copy of my last per the *Jacky*. I hope you have been able to procure the balance from Mr Grasset, being £31.1.9 for which you have my Bill on him. I heard he was lately in Dublin. I also trouble you with the following Bills viz.

Mine on Mr Edw ^d Cotton	£4. 0.11
do on Mr Tho ^s Cobham	6.16. 6
do on Messrs Step & John Welsh	18. 2. 9

which are for balances of accounts due me as per accounts sent them by this opportunity. Whatever you receive on my account please to ship Rum to Mr Munckley, or a good Bill whichever may be most convenient to you.

<per the *Blaze Castle*>

459. / 194 THOMAS COBHAM, BARBADOS

THU. 30 JAN. 1772

Annexed is your account current balanced by my Bill favour Messrs Smith & Walker, which doubt not will be duly honoured.

<per the *Blaze Castle*>

460. / 194 MAITLAND & BODDINGTON ESQS, [LONDON]

THU. 30 JAN. 1772

My last was the 7th inst. Inclosed are Invoice and Bill of Loading for the sundrys shipped on the *Rev* and *Ann & Kitty*.

	16 barr Beef	44. 4. 5	}	per the <i>Ann & Kitty</i> for St Kitts
	10 do	27.14. 0		
	[Various sundry	27.14. 5		
container symbols]	do	12.19.11	}	per the <i>Rev</i> for ditto
	do	17.11. 8		
	100 barr herrings	126.16.10		
	50 ditto	63. 8. 5		
	sundry	39. 6. 8		

No opportunity offers for Nevis or St Vincents.

407 The *Blaze Castle* arrived 22 Jan. on route to Grenada under Capt. Smith (*Port News*). It was possibly named by Thomas Farr of Bristol who built Blaise Castle in 1766; see no. 670.

461. / 195 SAMUEL FURZE, ESQ. & SON

FRI. 31 JAN. 1772

I received your esteemed favour of the 16th and thank you for accepting my Bill altho' an error appeared of £52.10.0, which on examination I find was owing to the Bill drawn for so much paid Messrs Erenich, which Bill was carried by mistake to a wrong credit. I now credit your account therewith.

Annexed are the sundry Invoice and Bill of Loading for your orders to account Jarvis & shipped on the *Rev*, Capt. McCarrie, who is ready to sail.

	£25. 5. 9
[Various	19.14.11
packaging	58.19. 6
symbols]	111. 6.10
	18.16. 5

which sums are to your debit & compleats your orders. The prices are very high but I assure you they are as low as can be had here.

462. / 195 MR THOMAS CALVERT, [LANCASTER]

SAT. 1 FEB. 1772

My last was the 7th. Am since favoured with yours of the 17th and 24th. I am told that 9 months credit is given for Beef and 3 for Butter, but then the Bills are drawn at shipping, payable at 3 and 9 months after date, which is better for the shipper, and I would be content therewith as on occasion these Bills may be discounted.

Inclosed are Invoice and Bill of Loading for your order shipped on the *Content* the amount £144.7.7 to your debit.

463. / 195 EDWARD & RICHARD SALISBURY, LANCASTER

SAT. 1 FEB. 1772

I received your favour per Messrs Garrett & shipped your order per the *Salisbury*⁴⁰⁸ with some small alterations they thought fit to make therein. They sailed this day or yesterday. Inclosed you have Invoice of the cargo the amount to your debit £1,021.10.0. Account of ship's disbursements you shall have in 2 or 3 days.⁴⁰⁹ It is not made out or would have sent it this night.

You have also inclosed sales of your Rum per the *Betsy* of which

£450.11.10	to the <i>Betsy's</i> credit
31. 8.10	to the <i>Betty's</i>
343. 9. 2½	do
36. 2. 5	do
861.18. 3½	

I observe what you mention as to indulgence in drawing, which I always do as much as in my power, but at present am in advance for duty of large quantities of Rum consigned me to above £7,000, & have within these 3 months paid above £20,000 for

408 Possibly James and John Garrett of Jamaica; see no. 723. The *Salisbury* arrived 28 Jan. from Lancaster under Captain Davis on route to Jamaica (*Port News*).

409 Hare did not get round to sending it until 24 Mar.; see no. 657.

Beef & Butter & have £3,000 yet unpaid, besides other demands, which put it out of my power to wait for remits on Dublin, & if under a necessity must draw on you payable in London, but you may be assured I will not do it without an absolute necessity. As I charge only what I pay in cash for Butter it will not afford above 3 months. [Unlike?] other articles we have only the 2½% on them.

I was obliged to sell the last of your Rum very low, it being of a very bad flavour, so bad that I could not sell a puncheon of them for 2 months, & obliged at last to sell them low in order to finish the sale.

464. / 196 T & J GREG & W. CUNNINGHAM, BELFAST SUN. 2 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 6 ult. If your brig *Molly* should touch here, she shall be dispatched to you. The best staves sell at £6 & the sale but dull.

Inclosed is sales of your 40 puncheons Rum neat proceeds £987.2.8½ to your credit, risk of debt excepted. I don't expect to be in cash for some months as cash is scarce. I have made as much as possible of them. I don't remember as much Rum here as at present, the price 3/9 to 4/. Jamaica 4/4 to 4/6.

465. / 196 GIBSON & WINTER, LONDON SUN. 2 FEB. 1772

My last advised receipt of two Bills received account of Messrs Fripp & Co. I am favoured with yours of the 21st ult. inclosing Wilkinson on me for £271.5.0 remitted on said account which is to their credit.

466. / 196 JAMES CUNNINGHAM, [BELFAST?] SUN. 2 FEB. 1772

I received yours of the 20th Dec. I forwarded your letter by Capt. Griffith.⁴¹⁰

467. / 197 STRANGMAN & COURTENAY, WATERFORD⁴¹¹ SUN. 2 FEB. 1772

I have to acknowledge your favours of the 6, 9, 15 & 29 ult., the contents whereof duly noted. The 240 barrels Beef from Dungarvan arrived 2 days ago, which I am repacking as they would not do otherways. I find some barrels different in weight. The whole will be finished in a day or two & then will send you a remittance. The other Beef you mention for sale will not suit me at present.

Butter rather looks up with us; Fullbound 47 to 52/ as in quality, the coarse kinds 38 to 43/ per cwt., tallow 45/, Pork 22/. Herrings are here in abundance, the price as low as with you & will be lower. I sold two cargoes Konigsberg timber since my last at 45/. Please keep me advised of any alteration in said article with you.

410 Griffith sailed for Barbados aboard the *Chattham* with butter beef and pork on 19 Jan. (*Port News*).

411 The Strangmans were prominent Waterford merchants. Hailing from Queen's County (Laois), they formed associations with fellow Quakers, the Courtenays and Ridgways. Merchants and ship owners, they were prominent in the Newfoundland provisions trade (L. M. Cullen, 'The overseas trade of Waterford...', in *JRSAI*, 88 (1958), pp 165–178; P. M. Egan, *History, guide and directory of county and city of Waterford* (Kilkenny, 1895), p. 428; T. N. Fewer, *Waterford people: a biographical dictionary of Waterford* (2004), p. 197).

468. / 197 JAMES PATTERSON, [BELFAST] SUN. 2 FEB. 1772

My last was the 18th ult.⁴¹² Inclosed is sales of your 30 puncheons Rum neat proceeds £644.16.3½ to your credit risque of debts excepted.

469. / 197 JAMES TEMPLETON, [BELFAST]⁴¹³ SUN. 2 FEB. 1772

My last was the 11th ult. Inclosed is sales of the 10 puncheons Rum per the **Eagle**, neat proceeds £213.5.4½ to your credit, risque of debts excepted.

470. / 197 STRANGMAN & COURTENAY, WATERFORD MON. 3 FEB. 1772

My last was the 1st inst. to which refer. Inclosed I remit 3 Bills on account of the Beef viz.

£130	Tho ^s & Simon Vokes on Rich Gladwell
15	Edw ^d Gallwey on Joseph Pike
38.18.9	Phil Long on Tho ^s Eagan
<u>£183.18.9</u>	

For which please to give me credit. My next will carry the balance.

471. / 198 THOMAS READ ESQ., DUBLIN MON. 3 FEB. 1772

I have your favour of the 29th ult. Inclosed are

Rob ^t Nixon on Christian & Smith	£300. 0. 0
My bill on John Lonsdale	96.16. 5
Bar Cramer on Peter Pugitt	65. 0. 0
John Smith on Sam ^l Munckley	81.10. 9
	<u>543. 7. 2</u>

472. / 198 FERDINAND LEONARD, KILKENNY MON. 3 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 1st inclosing a Bill on Dublin for £38.18.9 in part of the Bill sent you. If you find a good opportunity you may send the remainder to me in cash, or to Tho^s Read Esq. in Dublin for my account. When I next am going to Dublin or coming from thence, I will get them to call on you.

I am most obliged for the trouble about it. Mrs Waters told Mr Dyer and me that all the judgement debts would be paid last March. I find she has no inclination to pay Mr Dyers debt.⁴¹⁴ Therefore must get her outlawed agreeable to Mr Dyer's order. Mr Matthews & family are all well.

412 His last in the manuscript is (see no. 123) 20 Aug.

413 He married a daughter of Benjamin Legg (see no. 318). James was the co-owner with John Steward of Ballydrain of the emigrant vessel the *Liberty*, and was involved in the promotion of the emigrant trade (Gamble, *Belfast*, pp 34, 198 and 306).

414 See no. 141; no. 752 suggests Hare managed eventually to get the debt paid by 24 April.

473. / 198 MR ROBERT BARNEVELT, [LONDON]

TUE. 4 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 23rd ult., and duly noted your order for Butter, Bacon and Pork, but am sorry to advise that nothing can be done for you for the Butter, that article being scarce at present and not to be had under 50/ for 2nd quality Rose, and 52 to 53 for 1st ditto. As to the 2nd quality coarse firkins, there are none on hands. The last price thereof as well of large casks was 43/, 3rd ditto are now 39/ per cwt.

There is no bacon for sale here except a small kind made at Bandon (about 12 miles from here) for home consumption, and the [...] only about half the weight you mention, which sells from 3½ to 4^d per lb. I will make up the 20 or 30 barrels Pork for you, and ship them as soon as ready.⁴¹⁵ The last price of this kind was 53/ per barrel, but I am of the opinion the large contracts for Government will cause it to advance. Hereafter I will draw on you at 60 days after sight.

474. / 198 BULL & MOODY ESQS, [LONDON]

TUE. 4 FEB. 1772

I duly received your favour of the 14th Dec. & note the contents. Your 15 chests Tea came safe to hand, and I have used my best endeavour to dispose of the same, but the demand for some time past has been very slow. Shopkeepers say tis considerably fallen with you, which prevented them buying as usual, on which account I have not been able to put off more than 4 chests of the above, viz. 1 of the Singlos at 5/6 and 3 of the Bloom at 5/8 per lb. I shall be glad of a line in acceptance of my government, and if you think advisable to sell lower.

Bohea Tea 3/ per lb. but expected lower.

475. / 199 MESSRS GEORGE, JAMES, BENJAMIN AND JOHN WALMSLEY, [ROCHDALE]

TUE. 4 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 24th ult. I have noted your order for 6 tun Grease Butter or Scrapings, which I will endeavour to obtain as soon as possible, and on the lowest terms. The late prices of said article were 34 to 32/, but they are so scarce at present that tis uncertain when I may be able to collect the above quantity.

476. / 199 MESSRS GARNER & WILLIAMS, [LONDON]

TUE. 4 FEB. 1772

I duly received your favour of the 23rd ult., accompanying Capt. Patt Rejitor's note for £15.6.0, which I will take the necessary steps to recover after his arrival. [Gives butter and pork prices as in no. 473.] Hops are about £10 per cwt.

477. / 199 MR POWER⁴¹⁶

TUE. 4 FEB. 1772

I have received yours and credit the bearer £2.2.6 as you desire. I think 2 more should not be paid before hand. Tis the worst pay in the world. I forgot to show you [...] letter. When in town put me in mind to show it you. I mentioned the large amount due me in my last. £2.2.6 will not lessen it.

⁴¹⁵ It was shipped by 15 Feb.; see no. 509.

⁴¹⁶ Hare's agent at Bally Mt Allan; see nos 67, 85, 167 and 187.

478. / 200 MR THOMAS CLARK, [WITNEY]

TUE. 4 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 15th ult. desiring information of the price of St Ubes salt from the month of January to May last year. In answering have to acquaint you that it sold at about 11/ per barrel, but afterwards advanced on account of the usual supplies not arriving, and during our slaughter it yielded from 14 to 17/ per barrel. A St Ubes may generally [...] out about 3 barrels. The duty is about 2/ per barrel and no part is drawn back upon what is consumed on meat exported.

Your order for 40 small sides of green bacon was noted, but as no ship is ready for Bristol I have postponed doing anything therein, til I hear again from you, as I was at a loss to know on what manner you would have it made up. There is very little bacon made here for exportation. The present price of Pork is 22/ per cwt., but tis apprehended will advance by means of the large contracts for the Government.

Our Butter will lose more or less in weight. I always take as much care therein as possible. [Gives butter prices as in no. 473.] Tallow 45/.

479. / 200 WILLIAM STEVENSON & CO., SALTCOATS⁴¹⁷

TUE. 4 FEB. 1772

I received your favour & ought to have furnished sales of your Herrings long since, but I hope hurry of business & my being confined with the gout will apologise for the neglect. Inclosed you have sales neat proceeds £188.7.10 to your credit. You have also account of what I advanced the Capt. being £126.0.4 to your debit. I expect very soon to be fully in cash & shall remit a Bill for the balance. I paid the duty at our Custom House for the coal & oil, which is included in the charge of duty on the sale of the Herrings.

I made as much of your Herrings as I could. We have now several thousand of barrels from Gothenburg & though they paid 4/ per barrel duty, yet the sale is slow at 19/ per barrel & will be lower. I cannot recommend your sending any here for sale, our demand for exportation being in a minimum order.

Capt. Weir sold the coal & oil.

480. / 200 JOHN HENDERSON, [BELFAST]

TUE. 4 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 21 & 24th. Herrings are daily arriving from Gothenburg. The West India ships were mostly supplied before ours arrived.⁴¹⁸ The first cargo sold mostly at 26/. I was obliged to give that price for 305 barrels. I wish I could put them off at 19/.

I am sorry tis not at present in my power to remit Messrs Allen & Marlar £1,400 for your account. I have been obliged to remit £11,000 to Dublin within these 5 weeks to pay the Bills that fell due, which I drew on Mr Read for my Beef etc. & must remit £2,000 more in the course of the month. Indeed the large sum I am in advance for duty etc of Rum consigned me from England & the West Indies makes me very poor for the present. Its not less than £7,000 in advance for this article.

⁴¹⁷ A port in Ayrshire on the west coast of Scotland near Ayr.

⁴¹⁸ This refers to the 2,000 barrels purchased jointly; see no. 121. They must have arrived too late in Cork to catch the lucrative first shipments to the West Indies.

It gave me pleasure to find that Capt. Martin's cargo was saved. Pray my compliments to him. Butter is advanced & grows very scarce the price of 2nd is 50/ & 3rd 48/. Your letter will be forwarded in a few days by the *Peggy*,⁴¹⁹ Capt. Nixon.

481. / 200 RICHARD WATT ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

THU. 6 FEB. 1772

I have by this opportunity of the *Hill*, Capt. Pendergast, sent you a dozen of Ling, as they may be useful in your passage to Jamaica⁴²⁰ which I hope will be safe. Since my last of the 25th I saw Jessop who told me that one of the parties now gone out to Jamaica, I think it was Chard.⁴²¹ On your arrival at Kingston you will hear of his proceedings from Mr Ed^d Hoard to whom I believe he is to apply.

Herrings repacked for the West Indies can now be shipped at 20/.

482. / 202 RICHARD SAVAGE ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]⁴²²

THU. 6 FEB. 1772

By the opportunity of Capt. Pendergast, I have sent you a dozen of Ling & crave your acceptance of. Mrs Hare & family join me in best respects to you & Mrs Savage of whose health we wish a long continuance. [Concludes with an illegible afterthought.]

483. / 202 MR FRANCIS WOODLEY, [DUBLIN]

FRI. 7 FEB. 1772

I received yours of the 18th Nov & 22nd ult. The first so [brief?] that my son Jack said he supposed that you was not paid so much a line as in England. I have not seen Jones since. I doubt not but you will make such searches in Tuckeys affairs as is necessary. The bad weather and an illness in my foot kept me at house. [The remainder of this paragraph relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

Mary⁴²³ has certainly answered Miss Norris's letter by a long nonsensical one. We had the pleasure of her sisters company yesterday. Mrs Hare & family join in best respects to you, Mrs Woodley & Miss Norris who I hear is on the point of matrimony.

484. / 202 THOM^s READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]

FRI. 7 FEB. 1772

My last was the 3rd & received yours of same date, inclosing Caldwell & Wilson on Bensons & Co. for £110 which I return you accepted.

419 The *Peggy* sailed on 23 Feb. for Antigua with butter, beef and pork (*Port News*).

420 He arrived in Cork on route to Jamaica on 26 Mar.; see no. 695.

421 See nos 304, 373 and 733.

422 In 1759 during the Seven Years War he was one of the Liverpool merchants and shipowners who requested the *Liverpool Advertiser* to cease publishing the list of vessels sailing from that port, as they had reason to suspect that French privateers were accessing the information. In July 1777 he was one of a committee of merchants appointed to represent the interests of those engaged in the African trade (Williams, *Liverpool privateers*, pp 155 and 562).

423 Hare's daughter also known as Polly. In 1774 she married Col. John Bagwell, MP and had eight children; she resided at Marlfield, Co. Tipperary, but died at 'her house' in Baker St, London in 1812 (*HC*, 28 Feb. 1774).

485. / 203 REV WILLIAM ANFIELD

FRI. 7 FEB. 1772

I received your esteemed favour per Mr Beyson,⁴²⁴ who I doubt not has thus informed you that the gentleman who had resolved to leave us⁴²⁵ (& in consequence thereof had accepted an invitation to be master of the school at Shrewsbury [?] and minister of their meeting house there), had been induced to alter his mind & remain with us, otherwise I am certain Mr Beyson would have been very acceptable to our congregation. I was sorry to find he came over at a season of the year the most disagreeable, but I hope he may have as agreeable a passage home as he had from Liverpool to Cork.

My son John desires his best respects to your & his acquaintance at Warrington. He has been confined to his room a few days past with a severe cold but is this day come downstairs.

486. / 203 JOHN SPITTA, LONDON

FRI. 7 FEB. 1772

Since my last of the 24th Nov. have none of your favours. This only serves to advise that I have orders from our mutual friend Mr Johann Friedrich Dunker of Hamburg to ship on his account, on the *Bateer Kooper*, Johann Andreas Meyer, master (which I daily expect) from fifteen to twenty lasts of Butter, and to draw the amount on you, which I shall do if the Butter can be had, unless you should have objections, in which case I would request your advice.

487. / 203 JOHN NORTH, LIVERPOOL

FRI. 7 FEB. 1772

Inclosed herein Bill of Lading for sundries shipped on the *Billy* viz.,

200 Cow hides account John Foster of Lancaster

110 Casks of Grease Butter account John Lonsdale of Harlingden

488. / 203 STEPHEN FORD, LIVERPOOL

FRI. 7 FEB. 1772

Inclosed herein Bill of Lading for 80 casks & firkins Grease Butter per *Billy*, account Isaac, Tho^s & Ben Smith.

489. / 204 T. & J. GREG AND W. CUNNINGHAM, [BELFAST]

SUN. 9 FEB. 1772

My last was the 2nd. Your brig *Molly* arrived here the 7th.⁴²⁶ I expected the Capt. would be in town yesterday, but could hear nothing of him. I therefore sent down your letter to him this day to Cove⁴²⁷ by one of my clerks, who informed him that the price could not be had for the staves so that he proposes, wind permitting, to sail tomorrow. The gentlemen to whom he applied should certainly have directed him to me, as some of them must have known I did business for you. They all at least know I had a large share of the Belfast commissions, & should even on that account direct him to me.

424 Of the academy at Warrington; see no. 518 and no. 535.

425 Possibly Samuel Perrott Jeffries, Minister of the Trinity Presbyterian congregation at Prince's St, Cork since 1770 (*History of the congregations in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland 1610–1982* (Belfast, 1982 and 1996)).

426 Not found in the *Port News*.

427 Cobh; see no. 205.

490. / 204 WILLIAM AND JOHN OGLE, NEWRY

MON. 10 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 3rd & observe the terms those you bought our Herrings from, are willing to sign the debentures, with which I will not comply, & if they do not immediately do the needful, I shall take advice how to proceed in a legal way to procure payment.⁴²⁸ At present am advised to file a Bill against them & such as may clear up the affair, but shall wait our best lawyer's return from the term, as I shall not regard any expense to recover my right. This you may inform them of.

I have not yet heard from Bordeaux. When I do you shall be advised.

491. / 204 THOMAS HOLLAND, BANDON

TUE. 11 FEB. 1772

I have your favour of the 10th inclosing your Bill on Rob^t Warren & Co. for £22.15.0, which shall be to your credit. Agreeable to your order I send per bearer, one chest of choice Bohea Tea the amount as at foot £51.9.0 to your debit. Tis charged at the lowest. This article is very scarce here at present. I have very good Green of different kinds from 5/6 to 8/ per lb. if you should want.

Hops £10.5.0 to £10.10.0. The carrier says you have some dirty Butter. I am always taking it, the present price 31/.

492. / 205 MESSRS JOHN & WILLIAM WILSON

TUE. 11 FEB. 1772

Above you have my Bills on Messrs Fry Fripp & Co., one for £220 str., which I remit you by order of Capt. Andreas Appelberg, the other for £50 account of Capt. Barge Lindy, receipt of which you'll please to advice.⁴²⁹

493. / 205 MESSRS FRY, FRIPP & CO., [BRISTOL]⁴³⁰

TUE. 11 FEB. 1772

Since my last of the 18th ult. I am not favoured with any from you. I have now got the 80 hogsheads tallow for your account & shall expect your order to ship them. It may be the more necessary as our journeymen coopers have published a silly notice that they will not hand any casks of tallow larger than a tierce after the 25th March. In opposition to which & general other resolutions that they would impose on us, the merchants have joined together & we hope to force them to repent of their folly,⁴³¹ but as they are such a villainous pack, it would be better to have the tallow shipped least they should take it into their heads to do mischief.

428 For further on this affair, see nos 264, 537 and 671.

429 Appelberg, master of the *Charlotte* of Gothenburg, arrived on 5 Jan. with herrings from Gothenburg and departed in ballast to St Ubes on 10 Feb. Lindy, master of the *Two Brothers*, also arrived with herrings on 5 Jan. and left 10 Feb. in ballast for Cagliari (Port News).

430 They concentrated on the export of soap and tallow candles to the colonies (Morgan, *Bristol trade* p. 95).

431 On 31 Jan. the Corporation gave the Committee of Merchants 200 guineas towards the regulation of trade and preventing all unlawful combinations of journeymen tradesmen and for persecuting all such concerned in riots and meetings detrimental to the peace and trade of the city (Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 866, 31 Jan. 1772).

The melters will not sell under 45/. I should have been able to have completed your whole order, but for the large orders from your city which came into other hands. I have drawn the following Bills on you.

fav Tho ^s Read	£500
fav Jn ^o & W ^m Wilson	220
ditto	50
Sum all £770 str. at 7¾% is £829.13.6 to your credit.	
NB. £50 Bill to the debit of Capt. Lindy	£53.17. 6
£220 do Capt. Appelberg	£237. 1. 0

494. / 206 MR PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), [LIMERICK] TUE. 11 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours & should be glad to make you a proposal for sale of a quantity of Rum, but I have but little that I can dispose of viz. about 6 puncheons Jamaica & 40 of Montserrat. The latter I am selling fast at 4/ to 4/1. A gentleman that is concerned in them does not chuse to leave them go off at a lower price. He has it indeed under consideration whether he will not keep it up higher as there is again a talk of an additional duty. I have a cargo of Jamaica Rum cellared, but the owners have not left me at liberty to sell it at present.⁴³²

I sold the last of my Bohea Tea this day. The Green is of different qualities at 5/6 to 6/. Teas are on the advance in London & I expect orders to advance it here. I am selling the Hops at £10.5.0 to £10.10.0. This article is on the advance in England

495. / 206 MR LAURENCE MAHON, [LIMERICK] TUE. 11 FEB. 1772

I received yours of the 30th ult. Had I not been in want of cash I should not be so urgent with you. I don't want to put money out at interest, but have been obliged in the course of last year to take up a large sum to help my purchase in your country and kin.⁴³³ I am not in any way uneasy about the safety of what you owe me, yet I am in absolute necessity for it, as the Rum was for other peoples account & I have long since determined not to remit anyone proceeds of goods sold for their account till I am absolutely in cash for the same. For this reason & the want of cash I must insist on your immediate paying. You have had many opportunities of sending the cash if you was inclined to do it. You had a good opportunity by Mr Volkes & many others. I expect you will not defer paying any longer.

496. / 207 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN] TUE. 11 FEB. 1772

My last was the 7th. Am favoured with yours of same date. Above you have my Bill on Fry, Fripp & Co. for £500 str.

432 David Evans of London; see nos 538, 585, 730 and 767.

433 The purchase of the Deane estate in Co. Limerick; see no. 3.

497. / 207 MR HUGH PRINGLE, [LIVERPOOL]⁴³⁴

WED. 12 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 31st and immediately applied to Messrs Hamilton & Smith,⁴³⁵ who said they were ready to pay the £14.15.1 being the sum they were in cash for your account, and would write Mr Moore Disney to discharge his debt of £14.12.6, which I did not doubt would be done on application, he being a gentleman of large fortune in the country.⁴³⁶ I therefore deferred writing to you expecting they would have been able to settle for that sum, but on application this day find they have received no account from him. They paid me the £14.5.1, which I shall remit to you if Mr Disney is not soon paid. If they should not soon receive an answer I will write to him.

As to O'Brynes debt of £51.11.2, I fear it will never be got, he having failed about 4 years since and worth nothing. No doubt but Mr Disney will pay his debt unless its forgot by him by the length of time since it was contracted.

498. / 208 SAMUEL BEAN ESQ., [LONDON]

FRI. 14 FEB. 1772

I am this day favoured with yours of the 1st inst. You may be assured I never draw on you till an absolute necessity obliges me to it, & it happens that the season most disagreeable for you to be drawn on, is that in which we mostly want cash.

I shall provide your order for the *Home Castle* as quick as possible. Butter is very scarce & advanced. They ask 51 to 52 for the best & 49 to 50 for the most inferior. Indeed there is scarce any of the best for the West Indies to be got. I shall get the best I can. As to Pork, it has been very high all the winter & is advanced by 1/ per barrel on account of a contract for 2,500 barrels to be engaged the 20th inst. for the Government, to be landed at Portsmouth & London.

I know nothing cheap here except Herrings, which can be shipped at 20/ per barrel repacked for the West Indies, and if more arrive they may be lower.

499. / 208 MESSRS HILLARY & SCOTT, [LIVERPOOL]

FRI. 14 FEB. 1772

Since my last of the 3rd inst., am not favoured with any from you.⁴³⁷ By a large importation of Herrings the price is fallen so low they can be afforded when repacked for the West Indies at 20/ per barrel & if more arrive as is expected, they will be lower. Beef keeps up as in my last. Some charge more. Pork much the same but looks up. Butter advanced about 2/ per cwt. & grows very scarce. Exchange for London is up to 7¾%. Jamaica Rum 4/4 to 4/6 & an advance for over proof of ½^d per gallon for each degree.

434 Hugh Pringle was a merchant of 18 Hanover St. He was associated in 1768 with Benjamin Fuller of Philadelphia in the acquisition of Belfast linens. Later the firm of Pringle & Co. owned the *Nancy*, Capt. Nelson, a slaver of 150 tons which arrived in Jamaica in 1779 with 420 slaves (*Liverpool directory* 1774; Truxes, *Irish-American trade*, p. 61; Williams, *Liverpool privateers*, pp 234, 257, 669).

435 They were Cork merchants; in 1773 they were importers of rum and copper (*HC*, importers/exporters).

436 Created a freeman of Cork in 1768, he owned an estate at Churchtown, Co. Waterford near Carrig-on-Suir. He married Elizabeth Vereker (1745–1777) (*Caulfield, Council book*, p. 831). Hare reminded Disney of the debt due in no. 642.

437 There is no letter to them dated 3 Feb. in this letterbook.

500. / 209 RICHARD WATT ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

FRI. 14 FEB. 1772

Above is copy of my last per Capt. Pendergast. Am this day favoured with yours of the 30th ult. Seeing no advance here in Rum, I have kept on selling & have finished the sale of yours to 3 or 4 puncheons, which as soon as I can sell, I shall furnish you with the sales. This article will rather fall than rise here, as we have more than sufficient till new arrives.

I am sorry you have had so bad a fit of the gout, altho' I have not been able to walk out of my house or put on a shoe till last week. The *Betty* sailed 27th ult., the *Martha* 13th do.⁴³⁸

501. / 209 ROBERT GORDON, [BRISTOL]

FRI. 14 FEB. 1772

I am this day favoured with yours of the 4th. I shall ship your order per first for Montego Bay. I expect the *St Peter* from Liverpool.⁴³⁹ I thank you for ordering your friend in London to remit me £1000. The certificate for the Rum per Capt. Glashford was forwarded 4th Oct. per Capt. Evans & copy sent by post.⁴⁴⁰ Provisions keep up here except Herrings, which can be supplied at 20/ & expected lower. Please to advice if you don't find the certificate & I will endeavour to get a duplicate.

502. / 209 THOMAS READ ESQ., DUBLIN

FRI. 14 FEB. 1772

Above is my Bill on J.F. Barham for £215.16.10 & on Dorothy Forster for £91.13.1. These were intended to be sent you the 14th ult., but thro' hurry of business forgot.

503. / 210 MR JOHN LACY⁴⁴¹

SAT. 15 FEB. 1772

I advertised the lands of Carragraige in the Limerick papers last month, & I now inclose you some advertisements to be posted up at Nenagh & the other proper places that you may have an opportunity to send them to. Before I agreed for the lands with the Williams that now have it, several in the neighbourhood offered for this farm viz Mr Crawford,⁴⁴² Mr Bryan Tampand & several others. If any of them are now inclined to give new proposals I shall be glad to receive them, as I am determined to set it to the first good tenant that offers the value.

Let me know what the present possessors are doing, & whether they have saved any of the land or leave it waste. We must endeavour to secure this present half years rents. Mr Pepper will give you all the assistance in his power.

438 The *Betty* of Newry had arrived on 14 Jan. under Capt. Whitingham from Bordeaux with wine and brandy, and sailed for Newry with the same cargo on 4 Feb.: the *Martha* sailed on 13 Jan. to Jamaica with beef and pork (*Port News*).

439 She arrived 2 Apr. under Capt. Rigg (*Port News*).

440 See no. 268. Capt. Evans was master of the *Brittania Yacht*, to Bristol on 4 Oct; see no. 291 and no. 292.

441 Lacy was Hare's agent for these lands in Limerick; see nos 410, 704 and 706.

442 Hare eventually offered the lands to Crawford; see no. 706.

504. / 210 PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), LIMERICK

SAT. 15 FEB. 1772

I have your favour of the 13th inst., & am sorry I cannot comply with your offer for the Rum for the reasons before mentioned,⁴⁴³ but when I am at liberty to sell will acquaint you thereof.

As I would gladly give you all the encouragement in my power & to shew my inclination, I accept your offer of £10 per cwt. for 10 bags hops payable in 3 months or 1½% discount for ready money, altho' by last packets said article was on the advance, & some even as high as £9 in London.⁴⁴⁴ As the quality of hops in general this year is not as good as we formerly had, I request you'll appoint someone to chuse out the 10 bags for you, to prevent any complaints afterwards.⁴⁴⁵ I will likewise let you have 10 chests plain Green Tea at 5/3 on the above conditions. I hourly expect a fresh supply of Bohea and when it arrives will advise. I am constantly and largely supplied with these articles and can always sell, on as reasonable terms as any one.

505. / 211 JAMES BAILLIE ESQ., LONDON

SAT. 15 FEB. 1772

I lately received your much esteemed favour of the 3rd Dec. per Capt. Falkland on whom I shipped your order for Hermitage Estate,⁴⁴⁶ as per annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading the amount £96.13.4 this currency. Exchange 7½%. Capt. Falkland sailed the [blank] inst.⁴⁴⁷ I charged each article as low as possible.

506. / 211 MAITLAND & BODDINGTON ESQS, LONDON

SAT. 15 FEB. 1772

I received your much esteemed favour of the 4th ult., which I omitted to acknowledge in my last of 31st ult., which handed you Invoices & Bills of Lading for the sundrys for St Kitts. Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Lading for your order for Mau^{ce} Brohan Esq., the amount £25.18.4 to your debit.

Please to send the inclosed to our mutual good friend James Baillie Esq. It conveys to him Invoice & Bill of Lading for the provisions for his estate at Grenada, the amount £96.13.4 this currency. If Mr Baillie should not be in London,⁴⁴⁸ you'll please to insure or not, agreeable to his directions.

507. / 211 WILLIAM HUGHES, LONDON

SAT. 15 FEB. 1772

I refer to my last of the 27th ult., & being since without any of your favours the present serves to accompany Invoice & Bill of Lading for 300 cow hides, shipped for your account on the *Charming Polly* of & for London,⁴⁴⁹ David Jos Kean master, amounting

443 See no. 494.

444 Presumable £9 sterling, to which shipping costs to Cork would be added.

445 The quality being so poor led to a bitter complaint; see no. 627.

446 Acquired by the Baillies in Grenada in 1765; see no. 10.

447 Falkland, master of the *Maclan*, sailed to Grenada 14 Feb. with beef, pork and butter (*Port News*).

448 Baillie often travelled to and from the West Indies; see no. 239.

449 The *Charming Sally* had arrived on the 19 Jan. with a cargo of salt, wine and fruit. It departed on 18 Feb. with beef, pork and butter for London (*Port News*). The newspaper suggested she was of 'Cork' not 'London'.

to £115.19.7, which is to your debit & this day I have drawn on you to my own order £107.8.5 str. at 21days sight, which with exchange at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ balances the same. The above vessel is ready to sail first favourable wind.

508. / 212 GEORGE WILKINSON & CO., LONDON

SAT. 15 FEB. 1772

I have to acknowledge your sundry favours of the 14, 23, 24, 29 ult. & 4th inst., their contents observed. Your Bill for £271.5.0 arrived by that of the 23rd, is honoured & when the *Two Arthurs* & the *Two Friends* arrive,⁴⁵⁰ I will dispose of your Teas by them on best terms, as well as those on hands, but our buyers are very backward at present. I have sold all your Bohea & four chests Green since my last viz., No 633 & 636 at 6/, No 793 & 795 at 5/3, also 2 bags cotton wool at 12^d, one of the inferior at 10½, 3 bags hops at £10 & 1 at £10.5.0 per cwt. Altho' you mention this article to be on the advance with you, it has but little effect here. I had a chest Bohea Tea returned since my last, No 550 of the *Lancashire & Barmouth*, for its bad quality, being a remarkable large kind, & having neither smell or taste. The buyer had not occasion to open it till lately. However I have found an opportunity of putting it off to another, together with part of another chest before advised you to be returned at 2/10.⁴⁵¹

I intend to get the best information about calf skins & will advise you. Butter becomes scarce & advances, Rose 48 to 53/, other sorts 39 to 45/ per cwt. as per quality. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 300 cow hides shipped for your account on the *Charming Polly* of & for London, David Jos Kean master, the amount £114.15.3 to your debit. Said vessel is ready to sail first fair wind, wishing her a good voyage. Exchange $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $\frac{3}{4}$.

509. / 212 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON

SAT. 15 FEB. 1772

I refer to my last of the 4th inst., since which received your esteemed favour of the 29th ult., & am thankfull for your kind offers of services respecting the Pork contract,⁴⁵² but I must inform you that for different reasons I have declined any concern therein for my account. However if you or any of your friends should take it & are pleased to favour me with orders for making up any part thereof, I will endeavour to execute the same on best terms in my power.

Your order for Butter is noted & I could wish you had given me liberty in your former letter to buy at the currency, as said article is further advanced since my last, occasioned by the demand for your market as well as for other parts, but you may depend on my purchasing for you as cheap as possible. There is no first quality Coarse to be had & I despair of getting many seconds, what is now going of that kind being chiefly third. Next week I intend shipping what I may be able to collect for you.

Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 30 barrels best Mess Pork, shipped for your account on the *Charming Polly* of & for London, David Jos Kean master, the

450 The *Two Arthurs* arrived the following day; see no. 566, and the *Two Friends* on 11 Mar.; see no. 627.

451 Possibly that mentioned in no. 435.

452 This refers to a Government contract; see no. 498.

amount £85.12.3 to your debit. This day I have drawn on you to my own order for £79.12.10 str. at 60 days sight, which with exchange at 7½% balances the same. I hope the quality of this Pork will be found to satisfaction. I could not now purchase to afford it under 54/ and fear it will be higher. Capt. Kean is ready to sail first fair wind.

510. / 213 FRANCIS WOODLEY, DUBLIN

SUN. 16 FEB. 1772

[The first paragraph relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

I must request you would call to Ferd^d Leonard of Kilkenny when you are coming to Cork.⁴⁵³ He will send £13.2.4 by you to me. It will be only to let him know you will bring it, & he will wait on you with it.

Sure there may be Protestant nuns as well as Papist ones. Miss Norris perhaps intends to be one (if she can't help it).

511. / 213 CLAUS HEIDE & CO., LONDON

SAT. 15 FEB. 1772

I duly received your esteemed favour of the 17th Aug & 3rd Sept last, and am much obliged for honouring the Bills then drawn on you.⁴⁵⁴ The present is to advise that I have this day drawn on you to my own order for £700 & £558.4.11 (£1,346.6.5 Irish at 7%) at 6 months date account Messrs Ryberg & Thyssen & Co., and £796.18.7 (£852.14.3 Irish at 7%) at 3 months date account Mr Christian Ludvig Budts both of Copenhagen to which please give your usual honour & charge the same to said friends. [Please seal & forward...]. Messrs Ryberg & Thyssen & Co. advise that you were to make insurance on the cargo shipped per their vessel the *Elsabe Magdalena*,⁴⁵⁵ Jean Andreas Jansen master, home to St Croix, the amount whereof as per inclosed Invoice is £1049.16.8 this currency, but they would not have the supplies for the ship or Capt. insured. She is ready to sail first fair wind.

512. / 214 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND, [LONDON]

MON. 17 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 23rd ult. The *Anna Dorothea* is at last arrived, as did several others after 3 months passage. I yesterday received Messrs Arfwidson & Son orders to dispose of their part of the *Anna Catharina's* cargo, my proportion thereof being 310 barrels, comes to per their Invoices £163.0.3 str., which you'll please to pay them after deducting their proportion of the charge of insuring $\frac{2}{3}$ of their part, the whole being 1000 barrels the amount of the whole of their Invoice being £525.17.6. Annexed you have my Bills viz.,

On Jn ^o Craven for	£300	str. at 3 months date
On Clause Heide & Co	£700	at 6 months

⁴⁵³ See no. 472. This indicates that the regular road from Dublin to Cork was at this time routed through Kilkenny.

⁴⁵⁴ See no. 66.

⁴⁵⁵ The *Port News* describes it as the *Eles Roette* of Christian Sands which left for St. Croix on 14 Feb. with beef, pork and tallow.

ditto	£558. 4.11	
On W ^m Hughes	£107. 8. 5	at 21 days sight
On Barnevelt	£79.12.10	at 60 days sight

As you will be in advance for my account you'll please to reimburse yourselves by getting such aforesaid Bills discounted as necessary. I shall soon send you Bills of a shorter date of payment.

The Rev Wm Moore went from hence to Dublin. He told me had not made any call there having deferred it till his return from Cork. It was reported here that his family at Halifax [?], had never heard from him from his leaving them. [Remainder is illegible.]

513. / 215 MR JOHN HENDERSON, [BELFAST] MON. 17 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 20th & should not have hesitated to remit Messrs Allen Marlar & Co. agreeable to your former letter, if I could conveniently have done it, but was under the difficulty mentioned in my former,⁴⁵⁶ & as I never dealt with banks am unwilling to begin now as they usually show a great part of any profit.

I have examined the account between us and find the 1000 firkins Butter shipped last August,⁴⁵⁷ and the £2000 you drew on Dublin, fully payable to your credit and my half of the Herrings, so that I am no way to be charged with the discount of the Bill. I have this night remitted Allen Marlar & Co. for your account £796.18.7 str. payable 3 months after date, which they will discount after the usual time of Bills from hence. Its charged to your account a 7½% is £856.14.0. I shall soon remit to make it £1000.

Herrings are retailing a 18/ to the hucksters, who have them opened and refuse two out of three for want of being full. I could wish to get 17/ for them at which some I hear were sold.

NB. The 1000 firkins Butter were in course of payment 3 months after shipping.

514. / 215 ALLEN MARLAR & CO., LONDON MON. 17 FEB. 1772

Above is my Bill on Messrs Claus Heide & Co. for £796.18.7 str., I remit you by order of our mutual friend Mr John Henderson. It is drawn at 3 months date (15th inst.). I could not with convenience remit you at a shorter time. The difference between this and a Bill at the usual time you'll please to deduct & credit him for the nett produce. I expect soon to make you another remittance.

515. / 216 JOHN CRAVEN, LONDON THU. 13 FEB. 1772⁴⁵⁸

In consequence of a credit procured by my owner from Messrs Chippendale & Selby of Copenhagen to draw on you for £300, I have this day taken the liberty to value on

⁴⁵⁶ The shortage of funds as described in no. 480.

⁴⁵⁷ See no. 94 and no. 121.

⁴⁵⁸ This letter is inserted out of sequence Hare wrote it on behalf of Baggeson who probably did not write in English. Craven was a warehouseman at 6 Princes St near the Mansion House (*London directory* 1768).

you for that sum in favour of Mr Rich^d Hare, or order, payable at 3 months after date, to which I request you'll give due honour. I shall not draw any other Bill on you except the above mentioned to Mr Rich^d Hare who shipped my entire cargo

Signed by Chr Baggeson

JOHN CRAVEN

Above is Capt. Christian Baggesons letter of advise of his Bill on you for £300 str., account of his owner in my favour, which I doubt not will be duly honoured. When I was in London the summer before last I called sundry times at your house in hopes of the pleasure of seeing you, but you was at that time in the country. When you have any commands this way I should be glad to serve you. I have succeeded to Mr Cambridges⁴⁵⁹ business & am favoured with the commissions of almost all his friends in the continent.

Sugars here are usually governed in price by the currency in England. Should you have any from St Croix for this place, I should be proud of your commands. Provisions are very high here & no prospect of an immediate fall.

Best Cargo Beef 39/, do Pork 50/

Best Butter 49/, Herrings 20/

516. / 217 SAMUEL BEAN, [LONDON]

TUE. 18 FEB. 1772

My last was the 14th. I am favoured with yours of the 8th. I had purchased the most part of the Butter before yours came to hand, and it was well I did for its since advanced 1/ per cwt., and I think it almost impossible to get 500 firkins, but if you should think of keeping the vessel till new Butter, please to advise that I may endeavour to get them. As to Butter I think it will be very late and the price very high. Pork is also daily on the advance. About 200 barrels now offer for freight for Jamaica.

517. / 217 MESSRS GREG AND CUNNINGHAM, [BELFAST]

TUE. 18 FEB. 1772

My last was the 9th. Am favoured with yours of the 12th. I could not get more than £6 for your staves. Above is sales thereof £4.5.9 to your credit. The quantity d.d⁴⁶⁰ did not answer to the Bill of Loading as 715 staves were the whole that were d.d.

518. / 217 MR ROBERT KENNEDY, [LIVERPOOL]

TUE. 18 FEB. 1772

My last was the 14th ult. since which have received none from you. Inclosed is sale of the coal landed out of the *Robert*,⁴⁶¹ neat proceeds £9.19.5 to your credit. You have also account of disbursements on said ship.

I hope Mr Beyson⁴⁶² arrived safe at Liverpool. He sailed hence the 12th.

459 Deceased; see no. 352.

460 'd.d' is a freight distinguishing mark.

461 She arrived on 5 Jan. from Liverpool; Capt. Foulks master, with coal and goods for the West Indies (*Port News*).

462 Of the Warrington Academy; see no. 485 and no. 535.

519. / 217 MESSRS WILLIAM WHITE & ROBERT MAGEE & CO., [DUBLIN]

TUE. 18 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 29th ult., & your letter for Grenada is forwarded by the [blank].⁴⁶³ Capt. Waters⁴⁶⁴ was sailed from hence before yours came to hands.

520. / 218 MR WOODLEY, [DUBLIN]

THU. 20 FEB. 1772

[This is the first of many letters relating to a dispute on Hare's purchase of part of the Stepney estate in Cork and Limerick in 1766. Francis Woodley, attorney, acted for Hare, and the Vokes family in Limerick were witnesses on his behalf. Hare's letter in *Faulkner's Dublin Journal* of the 28th to the 30th April 1772 sets out the basis of the dispute (see Appendix 4).

As these letters are repetitive and have no mercantile interest, their text has been excluded and any letters referring to the case contain the comment "Relates to the legal case; see no. 520".]

521. / 220 MESSRS WILCOCK AND MARSON, [ST KITTS]

WED. 19 FEB. 1772

Above is copy of my last of the 10th Dec. Rum has been going off but slow. However hope soon to dispose of the remainder of yours per the *Peggy* of which have sold 25 puncheons as under. What remains is very low. Inclosed you have

Sale of your sugars your ½ proceeds	£475.13. 6
Account of sale of the staves your ½	9. 7.11
Nt. proceeds of y ^r ⅓ of the <i>Ann & Kitty</i>	65.12. 6
Your ⅓ part of freight of Rum per ditto	69.12.11
Your ½ of the <i>Peggy</i> freight	52. 2.11

which sums are to your credit.

As soon as your Rum is disposed of, the balance of your account shall be remitted Messrs Maitland & Boddington. As our syder failed last year it is some advantage to the sale of the Rum as that and water is used in room of syder

Sale of the *Peggy's* Rum. 12 at 3/11, 8 at 4/1, 1 at 4/4, 3 at 4/1 & 1 at 3/10

522. / 220 THOMAS ELLIS, LONDON

TUE. 18 FEB. 1772

Since my last of the 28th ult., am duly favoured with yours of the 21 & 28 do, the contents observed. Notwithstanding the stir in hops with you, they continue to go off here but slowly & at low prices. I have however put off 4 bags of yours per *Mary* at £10.5.0 & I will use my endeavours to dispose of the remainder on best terms. A vessel arrived from your place a few days ago which brought only 8 bags.

Annexed are sales of hops received for your account viz.,

16 bags per the <i>Ariadne</i> n ^t proceeds	£392.13. 4½
13 do per the <i>Zachary Bailey</i>	301.13.11½

⁴⁶³ Possibly the *Maclan*, Capt. Falkland, that departed for Grenada on 14 Feb. (*Port News*).

⁴⁶⁴ Probably Capt. Dominick Waters of Cork, who died 1804. The *Times* of London, 22 Apr. 1785 carries a harrowing description of his adventures after his vessel sank in Cuba.

which sums are to your credit. Please note the same in conformity if free of error.

PS. The quantity of hops imported from 1st Sep 1770 to the 1st Sep 1771 was 810 bags, which I find was omitted to advise you.

523. / 221 FRANCIS WOODLEY, [DUBLIN]

THU. 20 FEB. 1772

[The first two paragraphs of this letter relate to the legal case; see no. 520.]

Inclosed is a request of Miss Roberts about a concern in Galway. I shall be obliged to you to recommend to some *honest attorney*⁴⁶⁵ of that place & that will soon go thither.

Polly⁴⁶⁶ has got an answer which I saw. She has cautioned her not to believe anything you write about her.

Mr Woodley

Miss Margaret Roberts of this city has been in possession for several years past of a lease of lives under the Corporation of Galway. She set a lease for 31 years to Mr Charles Tallon who died about Sep. last. During his life he punctually remitted the rent to her, and sent her the Corporation's receipt for the said rent. The last she received was Michelmas 1770. Since his death she has frequently wrote to Mr French, father to Mr Tallon's widow and to others, but received no answer. She is apprehensive that the Corporation may reject her & that the heirs of Tallon do not intend to pay her the rent which is £30 per annum, out of which is paid £12 to the Corporation.

She requested me to write you that if you know any good attorney at that place, that you would put the affair into his hands to recover the years rent out of which he must pay the Corporation & remit the neat proceeds to her by a good Bill on Cork or Dublin, sending her the Corporation's receipt.

524. / 222 THOMAS EARLE ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]⁴⁶⁷

FRI. 21 FEB. 1772

I received your esteemed favour of the 2nd ult. per Capt. McDaniel with a parcel of white salt & coals.⁴⁶⁸ The white salt came too late for our slaughter, which ends at or before Christmas, & those that bought it must keep it till next winter. I sold a cargo a

⁴⁶⁵ Underlined in the original manuscript.

⁴⁶⁶ Hare's daughter Mary.

⁴⁶⁷ Thomas Earle (1719–1781) followed his father's footsteps as a merchant with premises at 10 King St. He established a prosperous business house in Leghorn (now Livorno), dealing in wine, coffee, hides and marble, and is credited with being the first merchant to import white marble, used for sculpture, into Liverpool. He also established a business in Genoa and undertook trading ventures with his brothers Ralph and William in Liverpool, including slave trading. In 1760, together with another of Hare's correspondents, Peter Holme, the Earles were partners in the slaving vessel the *Calypso*. The Earle papers give a harrowing account of their slaver the *Unity* on its voyage from Africa to the Americas in 1770. Later, in 1779, during the American War Thomas had a 3/16 share in the privateer the *Enterprise*. He died in Leghorn in 1781. After his death his business was amalgamated with his younger brother William's, trading as T. & W. Earle & Co. This owned the *Harlequin*, one of three ships associated with the capture of the most valuable West Indiamen taken during the American war. Upwards of £40,000 of her proceeds were lodged in the Court of Admiralty (Belchem, *Liverpool 800*, p. 133; *Liverpool directory 1774*; Williams, *Liverpool privateers*, pp 19, 192, 287 and 609; the Earle family papers held in the archives of Merseyside Maritime Museum).

⁴⁶⁸ He arrived on 14 Jan. from Liverpool on the *Leghorn Galley* of Liverpool (see no. 714) with 'white salt & coal for Cork and goods for Jamaica' (*Port News*).

short time before at 9/ but it was up at the quay, which makes a considerable difference in the sale.

Annexed you have account of sales thereof, neat proceeds when received £188.1.1 to your credit. You have inclosed the certificates. I should write you before now but had some difficulty to get the certificates. You have also inclosed account of ship's disbursements £25.13.1 to your debit. Capt. McDaniel sailed the [blank]⁴⁶⁹ & has had good winds. I procured him some freight about 140 barrels, which was all that offered.

525. / 222 RICHARD SAVAGE ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

FRI. 21 FEB. 1772

My last was the 6th per Capt. Pendergast with a dozen Ling and 5 corned cod. John Dunn a private of the brig *Robert*, Capt. Atkinson[?] called here this evening demanding I would advise you that he was sent home passenger in a ship bound for Bristol in order to give you an account of said ships arrival at Barbados with 105 slaves. Says they did not lose one. He arrived Barbados the 25th Dec and sailed in the *Virgin Queen* for Bristol, which ship put in here by contrary winds.⁴⁷⁰

526. / 223 MESSRS ROGER HOY & KINLOCK, LONDON

TUE. 18 FEB. 1772

Above you have my Bill on Mark Davis for £194.6.2 str. which I remit by order and for account of our mutual friend Messrs Geo Bellander & Co. being the balance of the freight of their ship *Almond*. You'll please forward the inclosed letter to him.

527. / 223 MESSRS DULOPP AND WILSON, LONDON

TUE. 18 FEB. 1772

Above you have my Bill on Mark Davis Esq. for £300 str., remitted you by order and for the account of Messrs Campbell McNeal and Campbell, receipt of which you'll please to advise them. I expect to be in cash shortly for the balance of their account about £200 more, which shall be remitted you.

528. / 223 MR THOMAS CROMARTIE, [LONDON]

FRI. 21 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 20th ult. I should have sent you a remittance ere this on account of the Rum per Capt. Higgins, but the scarcity of cash this winter made the purchasers very backward in their payments. I have a considerable part thereof outstanding, but hope speedily to get it in and shall soon remit you the balance whether I receive it or not. Above you have my Bill on Mark Davis Esq. for £200 str. and Francis[?] Connor on Mr Charles Connor for £30 str. at 7¾% is £247.15.6 to your debit.

469 He sailed on 10 Feb. with beef and pork for Jamaica (*Port News*).

470 She arrived in Cork from Barbados under Captain Forsayeth on 20 Feb. with sugar and elephant teeth, and left for Bristol on 27 Feb. (*Port News*).

529. / 223 MESSRS CAMPBELL McNEAL & CAMPBELL, [CAMPBELTOWN]

FRI. 21 FEB. 1772

By last post I received your favour of the 13th. I should have made a remittance account of your Herrings, but it is not customary to call on them we sell to for a few months, yet I have to collect the whole very speedily. In the meantime I have this night remitted Messrs Dunlopp & Wilson a Bill for £300 str. at $7\frac{3}{4}\%$ is £323.5.0, which is to your debit. I shall in a few days remit you the balance of your account.

I have several sums due me of your Rum sold last Sep.⁴⁷¹ We have vast quantities of Herrings here from Gothenburg retailing by the single barrel to the hucksters at 18/ per barrel and by the parcel at 17/ and soon said to be lower.

Jamaica Rum 4/4 to 6^d; Antigua 4/2; St Kitts 3/10 to 4/.

530. / 224 MR MARK DAVIS, [BRISTOL]

FRI. 21 FEB. 1772

Since my last of the 28th ult., I received your favour of the 8th. The exchange from here to London was at $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ at the time I shipped on the *Cyrus*,⁴⁷² which is the exchange you should charge to your friend. I shipped the order to Withyword [?] on the *Betty*, Capt. Acurcy who sailed the 27th ult., the amount £79.1.2 this currency to your debit. If Mr Pendergrast should apply to me, I will negotiate his Bill on you for £64.5.8½. I accept of your kind permission to draw on you, & as tis sooner than I draw on my other friends, I shall credit your account 2% for it. Indeed the purchase I made last year makes me more in want than usual. I have drawn the following bills on you viz.,

fav Luke Shetele [?]	£226.11.11
do Rog Hoy & Kinlock	194. 6. 2
do Tho ^s Cromartie	200. 0. 0
do Dunlopp & Wilson	300. 0. 0
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	920.18. 1 str
at $7\frac{3}{4}\%$	992. 5. 6
and 2% I allow you on the same	18. 8. 4 str

531. / 224 MR DAVID KENYON, [LIVERPOOL]

FRI. 21 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 19th. Annexed [*] is account of the exports to Barbados since the holydays. Butter is grown very scarce and is a 50/ to 52/, Pork 51/, Herrings 20/, Best Cargo Beef 39/ to 40/. Not much freight stirring at this season of the year. Jamaica Rum 4/4 and advance for overproof. Barbados etc. 3/10 to 4/

[*] 763 barrels Beef	1296 firks ^s Butter
134 barrels Pork	209 barrels Herra

471 See no. 235 addressed to Charles McNeal & Co.

472 See no. 269 and no. 311.

532. / 225 MR PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), [LIMERICK] SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 17th inst. by Mr Connellan, who chuse out the 10 bags hops,⁴⁷³ & saw them weighed. Inclosed is the currency receipt & account of the same amounting to £249.12.10, which is to your debit. I am now selling the balance thereof at £10.5.0. My Bohea Tea is arrived the price 2/11 per lb. I observe you have a quantity of Beef for sale. Should be glad to know your lowest terms delivered here, the weight in each barrel, and what coarse % were left out of the Mess.

Having received orders relative to the sale of my Jamaica Rum,⁴⁷⁴ I am selling the same at 4/6 cash. It is very choice.

533. / 225 MR JAMES MOLONY, [LIMERICK]⁴⁷⁵ SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

In answer to your favour of the 17th inst., I have two parcels hops, one at £10.5.0 & the other at £10.10.0. Bohea Tea 2/11 at which price your agreeable. I am willing to take good Dublin Bills in payment.

534. / 225 MR JOHN HIGGINS SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 12th Dec and 11th inst. I received a letter from Mr Cromartie, and last night remitted him two Bills for £230 str., and shall soon remit him the balance whether I receive it or not. I should have made him a remittance before this, but I had not got in as much as the duty till this month. I never knew people so backward in pay as this winter. It's a general complaint throughout the Kingdom.

I was glad to hear you suffered no more by being put on shore.⁴⁷⁶ Provisions continued high all the winter and is rather on the advance, the prices as under, but Butter is so scarce that little is to be got at present.

Best Cargo Beef 39/ to 40/ per barrel

do Mess 52/ to 50

Best Cargo Pork 50/ to 51/

Best Mess ditto 54/ to 55/

Best Butter 52/

Jamaica Rum 4/4 to 6^d

Leeward Islands do 3/10 to 4/1

Herrings repacked fit for exportation 20/ per barrel

535. / 226 HENRY BRIGHT, BRISTOL SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

Your favour of the 8th came to hands last post. Provisions are on the advance here, except Herrings which are repacked and fit for exportation at 20/ per barrel, which is

⁴⁷³ As suggested in no. 504.

⁴⁷⁴ Those referred to in no. 494.

⁴⁷⁵ James Moloney was a grocer at Broad St (Richard Lucas, *A general directory of the kingdom of Ireland 1788: Limerick...* (reprinted in *The Irish Genealogist*, 3 (no. 12), Sept. 1967).

⁴⁷⁶ It seems he is John Higgins, ship's master of London, captain of the *Mary* mentioned in no. 240 and in various others to no. 288, which ran aground; see no. 375.

3/ cheaper than they stand those that imported them. [Gives prices of beef and pork as in no. 534.] I charge only half the price for ½ barrels. Others charge more.

Butter is growing very scarce & but little to be had good at 52/ for the best kind. This and Pork is high throughout the Kingdom. You could not be too early in your orders for these articles, especially the Butter, as none is now making and the new will not be at market before May, and will then probably be very high. Butter from Ireland is much wanted for the London market.

Mr Beyson from the academy at Warrington was with me for 6 weeks. His account of your sons application to study gave us all great pleasure.⁴⁷⁷

<copy per *Juno*>

536. / 227 GEORGE BELLANDER, GOTHENBURG

TUE. 18 FEB. 1772

Capt. John Carl Falck of your ship *Alliance* handed me your esteemed favour of the 20th November last, in consequence whereof I gave him all the assistance in my power, & collected his freight whereof you have the account annexed, neat proceeds £278.17.0 to your credit. You have also the Capt's account for £69.9.8 supplied him, & for the balance I this day remit Messrs Roger Hoy & Kinlock £194.6.2 str. at 21 days sight, the exchange at 7¾% making Irish £209.7.4. Said Capt. is ready to sail in ballast the first fair wind.⁴⁷⁸

Mr Benson⁴⁷⁹ gave him a very cool reception, being very displeased at his long delay, and refused at first to pay his freight any other than Irish str., as the Bill of Lading did not specify British. However I prevailed on him to settle it in British str. as all the other vessels were paid so, and it was certainly your intention, but hereafter it will be best to insert British in the Bills of Lading to prevent disputes.

There has been such vast quantities of Herrings imported here from your place, as well for account of people here, as some sent to market for account of those with you, that it leaves no manner of encouragement for speculation. The price is already reduced to 17/ per barrel and expected lower. There has been lately an additional duty of 1/ per barrel laid on foreign Herrings imported into this Kingdom.⁴⁸⁰

537. / 227 MESSRS WILLIAM AND JOHN OGLE, [NEWRY]

SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 16th. It is not the value of the debent[ures]s that [rankles?] but the being imposed on.⁴⁸¹ When I sold the 100 barrels to Mr Goold no mention was made of the debenture, and yet as tis always understood I did not hesitate to pay it. I had from you in the whole, 806 barrels. If you can obtain from them so as

⁴⁷⁷ Bright's son Richard; see no. 284. For Beyson see no. 485.

⁴⁷⁸ She arrived in Cork on 26 Jan. and departed 18 Feb. in ballast to Cagliari in Sardinia (*Port News*).

⁴⁷⁹ Probably James Benson of Lane, Benson & Vaughan, who in no. 611 was equally irate at another late arrival.

⁴⁸⁰ 11 & 12 Geo. III, c. 1 (1771–2) imposed this additional duty on herrings imported after 25 Dec. 1771, exempting those from Britain. For herrings imported and re-exported within nine months, the exporter could reclaim the duties paid.

⁴⁸¹ See nos 264, 490 and 671.

to pay me 8^d per barrel, which is half the nett debenture, on the whole I am willing to accept of it. If they don't comply with this, you'll be pleased to return me the certificates. They may dispute the whole as well as the half. I can prove the buyers are entitled to all debentures by the practice in Dublin, Cork and all other places.

Good barrel staves are at £5.10.0. We have more than sufficient for a years supply. Therefore cannot encourage your sending any to this market.

538. / 228 DAVID EVANS ESQ., [LONDON]⁴⁸²

SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

I received your esteemed favour of the 13th ult., and ask your pardon for the neglect in addressing my letter to your company, which I shall avoid for the future. I keep your Rum by me in hopes the price may mend. I sold but 3 puncheons at 4/6 and the advance for overproof. We have had some small expectation within these few days that an additional duty may take place but it now seems to be blown over again and shall go on with the sale at 4/6. Others are selling at 4/4.

I wrote by sundry ships concerning the mistake in the AH WB⁴⁸³ provisions, which letters would probably be in time to avoid any bad consequences from it. The *Dronhare* & *Esther* orders were right.

539. / 228 MR JOHN BRADSHAW

SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

My last⁴⁸⁴ was the 23rd Dec. as I therein gave you an account of what tickets I had in the Belfast £ scheme, I should be obliged to you to send me the printed list, if any is published, of the lott[ery]s in which they are included, and I will send you the tickets that are prizes. I shall be great loser. Please send an account of what I am chargeable with for the tickets I had from you.

540. / 229 MR JAMES BASHFORD, [BELFAST]

SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

My last was the 18th ult. Inclosed is sale of your cloth, neat proceeds £111.4.4 to your credit. You have also your account current balance due me £113.0.2. Butter very scarce a 50 to 52/ per cwt. Herrings 20/ per barrel.

541. / 229 MISS SPRING

SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

I sold the interest of a house on Tuckeys Quay⁴⁸⁵ to Mrs Dillon, which I understand is now yours by her will. Mr Rogers the head landlord has twice sent to me for your rent. As Mrs Drisdell says she does not yet owe you any & therefore cannot pay him, I promised to write to you about it, & you'll please to pay the rent to the bearer hereof Mr [blank] & I will send you Mr Roger's receipt, or if you please to order your friend in Cork to pay it, otherwise Mr Rogers will distrain the house, & it will probably remain the rest of your time untenanted to your loss. Your compliance & answer will oblige.

482 David Evans was a merchant at 5 Nicholas St, Lombard St (*London directory* 1768).

483 Cargo symbols.

484 See also no. 453.

485 Now the west side of the Grand Parade.

542. / 229 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON

SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

Since my last of the 15th inst., have none of your favours. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 210 firkins Butter shipped for your account on the *Thornton* of Scarborough, Jno Fletcher master,⁴⁸⁶ the amount £313.18.8 to your debit, & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order £293.7.11 str. at 60 days sight, which with exchange at 7% balances the same. Said vessel is cleared out & ready to sail first fair wind.

I could not procure this parcel lower on account of the scarcity & great demand for all sorts. The Rose Butter is now 1/ per cwt. higher than yours cost. If I can pick you up a few more of the second quality Coarse to ship on another vessel now in loading, I'll do it.

PS. I hope the quality of this Butter will please⁴⁸⁷ considering the season of the year, as I had an opportunity of chusing the greatest part out of a large parcel.

543. / 230 JOHN AND THOMAS WILLIAMS, BRISTOL

SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

Since my last of the 18th ult., have none of your favours. I have shipped for your account on the *Juno*, Sam^l Williams master, for Bristol 6 hogsheds tallow, 35 firkins Grease Butter & 2 dozen claret, amounting to £245.9.2 to your debit. The Invoice & Bill of Lading shall go by said Capt., who proposes clearing out in 2 or 3 days. I luckily procured the tallow at 44/6. There is none now to be had under 45/. The Grease cost 34/. Eating Butter of all sorts is become very scarce & considerably advanced, the Rose kind to 50 to 54/ as in quality. I have this day drawn on you favour Sam^l Munckley Esq. or order £260.18.0 str. at 61 days sight, which with exchange at 7% making Irish £279.3.3 balances for the above & what I shipped on the *Andrew*.

544. / 230 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., BRISTOL

SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

Since my last of the 24th ult., am not favoured with any from you. Capt. Smith sailed the [blank].⁴⁸⁸ I debit your account for his disbursements £122.0.3. I have shipped your order for Bristol on the *Juno*, Capt. Williams, viz., 100 firkins Butter your account £145.14.9 & the SH order £54.15.2 to your debit. Account shall be sent you by the *Juno*, which clears out in 2 or 3 days.⁴⁸⁹ Above my Bill on Jn^o & Tho^s Williams for £260.18.0 str. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Summers & Clibborn for £70.19.5½ which place to my account. [Gives butter, pork and herring prices as in no. 534.]

545. / 231 SUMMERS & CLIBBORN, HAVERFORDWEST

SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

I am indebted for sundry of your favours. I thought Capt. Nixon had remitted for charges on the *Peggy's* cargo till I came to settle with him (he sailed this day).⁴⁹⁰ Above

486 She sailed 28 Feb. to London with beef, pork and butter (*Port News*).

487 It did not, leading to complaints and eventually to Hare in frustration instructing Barnevelt to take his business elsewhere; see nos 602, 674 and 755.

488 He sailed on 18 Feb. to Dominica on the *Lasaye Planter* with beef, pork and butter (*Port News*).

489 Her departure is not recorded in the *Port News*, but her return from Bristol on 17 June is.

490 He sailed to Antiqua with beef, pork and butter (*Port News*).

you have my Bill on Sam^l Munckley Esq. for £70.19.5½ being your charge on the *Peggy*. Inclosed are certificates for the sugar & Rum. I observe what you intend to charge on foreign sugars. I apprehend you will have but few from St Croix.

546. / 231 ROBERT ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND, LONDON SAT. 22 FEB. 1772

My last was the 17th inst. Above is my Bill on Robert Barnevelt for £293.7.11 with which please to do the needful.

547. / 231 JOHN EWING, [BELFAST] MON. 24 FEB. 1772

I find I have not wrote you since the 11th Dec., nor advised you that I remitted Mr. Jn^o Guerin a Bill on London for £230 str. the 24th Dec. at 6½% is £244.19.0 to your debit. Inclosed you have sales of your 25 puncheons Rum, neat proceeds £497.4.8 to your credit, risque of debts excepted. This Rum was very low & indifferent.

Scarce any Butter to be got. The most inferior kind is 50/. Herrings repacked 20/ to 19/.

548. / 231 MR JAMES PATTERSON, [BELFAST] MON. 24 FEB. 1772

Since my last of the 2nd inst., I am not favoured with any from you. Inclosed is sale of the 20 puncheons Rum per the *Chattham*,⁴⁹¹ neat proceeds £403.17.1 to your credit, risk of debts excepted. This Rum was very low and indifferent. Butter is advanced and very scarce the 3rd quality 50/. Pork is advanced to 51/. Herrings repacked 19/ to 20/. Capt. Griffith paid me £18, which he received freight of Rum, & is carried to the owners credit as under

freight of Rum per *Chattham*

To Mr Pattersons credit £10

To Mr Templeton's do 6

To Mr Henderson's do 2

549. / 232 LORD KERRY⁴⁹² MON. 24 FEB. 1772

I was favoured with yours of the 10th ult., and though I was of opinion it would not be convenient to me to accept of your proposal for the lands you intend to dispose of, yet I was willing to inquire into the circumstances thereof, account of which confirmed me in that opinion I conceived of this inconvenience to me. Indeed I have always

491 The *Chattham* arrived on 4 Jan. from Belfast with rum for Cork and goods for the West Indies. It sailed 19 Jan. with beef, pork and butter for Barbados (*Port News*).

492 Francis Thomas FitzMaurice (1740–1818), the 3rd earl of Kerry who succeeded to the title as a minor aged 7. He was described by Horace Walpole as 'a simple young Irish Peer who married an elderly Irishwoman that had been divorced on his account, and wasted a vast estate in the idlest ostentation'. His cousin the Marquis of Lansdowne wrote that 'having no posterity, he sold every acre of land which had been in our family since Henry II'. The earl left his home in Lixnaw about 1766 establishing himself in Paris, and it is not clear to where this letter was addressed. It may have been to his land agent the Rev. Christopher Julian (J. Anthony Gaughan, *Listowel and its vicinity* (Cork, 1973), pp 74–75, henceforth cited as Gaughan, *Listowel*).

endeavoured to lay out my money on purchasing the fee and not a tail rent. I must observe to your Lordship that part of the fishing of the [...] and Gale as annexed to the lands of Ennismore were purchased by me a few years since,⁴⁹³ and I doubt not but your Lordship will provide for any privilege when you may sell your interest. If your Lordship may at any time have any land near Ennismore to dispose of I would be glad to become a purchaser.

550. / 232 MR ALEX HARPER, [KINSALE]

MON. 24 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 31st ult. inclosing a Bill of £65 str., which at 7¼% is £69.14.3 to the credit of your account. It also inclosed Henry & Cleary's [?] note for £13.11.10, which was presented for payment, but he refused till the next assizes, as he says that was the agreement when he paid the note. Inclosed you have your account balance due me £22.2.1. Observe I have given you credit for the Butter. I have some good Antigua & very choice Jamaica Rum, the former 4/ & the latter 4/6 per gallon. Hops £10.5.0 to £10.10.0. Bohea Tea 2/11. Green Tea 5/3 to 6/ per lb.

I shall be obliged to you to inform Mr McGussolk [?] that I must insist on the immediate payment of the balance of his account and of his note.

551. / 233 FRANS WOODLEY ESQ., [DUBLIN]

TUE. 25 FEB. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

552. / 233 MR JAMES GAMMELL, [GREENOCK]

MON. 24 FEB. 1772

My last of the 17th Dec handed you sales of Capt. Moody's salt, neat proceeds £578.17.5 & account of his disbursements £128.6.0.⁴⁹⁴ Also inclosed my Bill on Maitlands for £300 str., which hope went safe to house. I received your favours of the 5th & 21st Dec and supplied Capt. Maleohn with sundry, for which he gave me a Bill on you for £116.19.2 str., exchange 6¾% is £124.17.0, which is to your debit as I enclose the Bill to you.

We have a very great plenty of staves, the last Philadelphia selling at £5.15.0 to £6. I can't sell yours at £6 except a few odd thousand to the country. If I miss this season of selling they may lie long on hand. I shall therefore expect your order to sell lower. I think the best of them will not yield more than £5.10.0 & some of them not so much.

We have more Herrings than will be demanded either for home consumption or export till next winter, retailing at 18/ the single barrel & by the parcel at 16/ & lower.

I shipped the [?] vinegar of which you have Invoice & Bill of Loading inclosed, £10.1.4 to your debit, as is £6.2.2 disbursements on the *Minerva*. Your letter to Capt. Moody was forwarded.

⁴⁹³ In 1766 Hare had purchased estates at Ennismore in north Kerry, near Listowel, from Maurice FitzGerald (d. 1780), the sixteenth knight of Kerry. He was obviously interested in increasing his land ownership there. Later in 1796 Hare's eldest son William laid out £12,000 securing several parliamentary seats for the Government in return for his elevation to the title of Viscount Ennismore (Registry of deeds, Dublin, Book 243, p. 231, no. 159360; Dickson, *Old World colony*, p. 108).

⁴⁹⁴ The previous letter to Gammell in the letter book is no. 424.

553. / 234 MARK DAVIS ESQ., [BRISTOL] TUE. 25 FEB. 1772

My last was the 21st advising of sundry Bills on you & allowing you £18.8.4 being 2% for prompt payment. Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Loading for the sundry shipped on the *Betty*. Herrings are very plenty & can be shipped at 20/.

<per *Juno*?>

554. / 234 ROBERT GORDON ESQ., [BRISTOL] TUE. 25 FEB. 1772

My last was the 14th inst. Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Loading for your order, account Edward East Esq., £25.10.9 to your debit. You have also sales of the 13 puncheons Rum per the *Polly*, neat proceeds when received £208.8.6½ to your credit. If your friend in London could get Bills on Cork it is best, as at this time ½ or 1% is paid to get cash for Bills on Dublin.

<per *Juno*?>

555. / 235 MR GEORGE CHAMPION, [BRISTOL] MON. 24 FEB. 1772

I received your esteemed favour of the 16th ult., inclosing a Bill on Kilkenny for £48.1.0, which is to your credit altho' I must wait till I get a friend to call for the cash to bring it from there.⁴⁹⁵ It is very inconvenient & indeed next to impossible to get remittances for Bills on any of the towns in this Kingdom, & even Bills on Dublin cash cannot be had for them here under 1% discount. I hope you will get Bills to remit me on Cork, as at this season we have no occasion of money in Dublin. [Gives prices of beef, pork, butter and herrings as in no. 534]

When you have any commands this way I shall be glad to serve you. Exchange 7½% to ¾ on London.

<per *Juno*?>

556. / 235 SAMUEL DEPRATT ESQ., [BRISTOL] MON. 24 FEB. 1772

My last was the 18th ult. with the sundry Bills of Loading & Invoices for what I shipped on the *Miriam*. Inclosed is account of said ship's disbursements the amount £96.14.1 to your debit. [Gives prices of butter and herrings as in no. 534.]

<per *Juno*?>

557. / 235 HENRY BRIGHT ESQ., [BRISTOL] TUE. 25 FEB. 1772

Annexed is copy of my last to post. I omitted to credit you when I drew for the balance of your account, with my subscription to your infirmary, which you'll please to continue to pay & advise me that I may credit your account for the same.

By advise from Waterford they charge their best Cargo Beef at 38/ & Pork much higher than ever.

<per *Juno*?>

⁴⁹⁵ Francis Woodley; see no. 510.

558. / 236 THOMAS HARRIS ESQ., [BRISTOL]⁴⁹⁶

MON. 24 FEB. 1772

I received your esteemed favour of the 13th July & 13th Nov. Your remittance will be satisfactory whenever it suits your convenience. Inclosed are Bill of Loading & Invoice for the sundry shipped account of Mr Prevants per the Betty agreeable to his order, the amount £123.0.6 to your debit. Provisions were very high all the past winter.

<per *Juno*?>

559. / 236 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., [BRISTOL]

MON. 24 FEB. 1772

Above is copy of my last of the 22nd inst. Inclosed are account of the *Blaze Castle*'s disbursements. Also Invoice & Bill of Loading of what goes herewith per the *Juno*. Also Mr Frays [?] & Mr Andrew's receipts.

<per *Juno*?>

560. / 236 JAMES MOLONY, LIMERICK

WED. 26 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 24th & agreeable thereto have sent you one chest Bohea Tea & one bag hops as per inclosed account at foot, the amount £74.16.9½ to your debit. You have credit for Mr Mark's Bill on Dublin £30 & I shall expect to be punctually remitted the balance in 31 days, or must charge 1^d per lb. advance on the Tea, which is scarce here at present. I have no half chests.

561. / 236 THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, LIMERICK

WED. 26 FEB. 1772

Inclosed is a receipt for one chest Green Tea the amount as at foot, £26.0.3½ to your debit. My Bohea is arrived, the price 2/11 per lb. Your beech logs were landed yesterday & shall be disposed of as soon as possible.

562. / 237 MR RICHARD DRISCOLL

~~1 MAR.~~⁴⁹⁷ SAT. 29 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 25th ult. inclosing one from Capt. Tho^s Sherlock master of the *Lawrence* of Liverpool, said to belong to Mr John Knight. The Bill is not endorsed therefore not proper for me to pay. You should have taken the Bill on his owner, payable to you & with your endorsement. I would readily pay it although I have not corresponded with Mr Knight for some years. Indeed I believe he has no correspondent here at present. I am obliged to act with caution as I not long since have suffered by paying a Bill of a stranger. You'll please to examine the ships papers & if the ship belongs to Mr Knight on your getting the Bill as above I will pay it at sight. I return you the Bill, also a letter to Capt. Sherlock inclosed.

⁴⁹⁶ Thomas Harris (c. 1711–1797) was a shipowner and merchant who was sheriff of Bristol 1753 and mayor 1769. Thomas Harris & Co. were managing agents of three slaving voyages in 1752 and 1753 (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 310).

⁴⁹⁷ An understandable mistake in a leap year.

563. / 237 CAPT. THOMAS SHERLOCK

SAT. 29 FEB. 1772

I received yours with one from Mr Driscoll inclosing your draft on me payable to Mr Knight, which I return him as tis not endorsed. Your Bill should be on your owner payable to Mr Driscoll & endorsed by him. When done it shall be paid for the sum of £13.13.0. I have not corresponded with Mr Knight for many years past, & as you are a stranger to me, you'll please show Mr Driscoll the ships papers. This caution I think necessary, as I paid a Bill not long since, which I ought not to have done & lost the money.

564. / 237 THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, [LIMERICK]

SAT. 29 FEB. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 27th. Am surprised you should think of delaying to buy the remainder of the 100 barrels Pork, which I bought from you at 52/ per barrel of 1.3.14⁴⁹⁸ per barrel, to be delivered before the 20th March. Mr T[homas] V[okes] is sensible I showed him the letter wherein the ship was to be here by that time & as I positively bought them from him, I must expect them that I don't disappoint the ship. She will not delay here three days, all her cargo being ready except the Pork. It's true the calculation was at 21/, but if it had fallen to 20/ you would not have abated me in proportion nor would I expect it, therefore cannot disengage you.⁴⁹⁹

565. / 238 PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), LIMERICK

SAT. 29 FEB. 1772

I received your favour of the 27th & am sorry to advise that tis not in my power to accept of your offer for the Rum, being limited to 4/6 & ½^d per degree, at which I am selling for cash. However if you incline to take 40 or 50 puncheons as above, you may have 3 months or 1½% discount if agreeable to pay cash. As to my safety I am no ways uneasy if the quantities was ten times as much.⁵⁰⁰

566. / 238 MR GEORGE WILKINSON AND CO., [LONDON]

FRI. 28 FEB. 1772

I refer to my last of the 15th inst. and am since favoured with yours of the 19th, whereby was glad to find that the resolution of the [...] respecting their neat sales is likely to prove favourable for the Teas on hands, which I wish may be the case, for here Teas go off very slowly at present

The *Two Arthurs* arrived the 16th inst., and brought 20 chests Bohea, 8 chests Green Tea & 8 bags of hops. I have sold one chest of your Bohea Tea at 2/11 & 5 of the Green since my last viz., No 614 at 7/6, 629 at 6/6, 602 at 5/9, 754 & 796 at 5/3 per lb. Also 13 bags of hops at £10, 8 at £10.5.0 per cwt. & 2 bags cotton wool at 12^d a lb., and the remaining 7 bags W. Indian do at 9^d. This latter being an indifferent kind

498 The weight of a barrel of pork is 1 cwt 3 quarters and 14 lbs (210 lbs or 1.875 cwt), the same as that for beef; see no. 103.

499 Hare continued to have problems in getting the Vokes to fulfil their contract; see nos 581, 659, 680, 705 and 765.

500 Roche obviously has a market for rum and has suggested to Hare that having so much in his cellars could be a security risk.

would not yield more. Annexed are certificates for your 6 chests Tea per *Two Arthurs*.
Exchange $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $\frac{3}{4}$

567. / 239 FRANCIS WOODLEY ESQ., [DUBLIN]

SAT. 29 FEB. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

568. / 239 STEPHEN FORD, LIVERPOOL

SAT. 29 FEB. 1772

I duly received your favour of the 31 ult. & 12th inst., which I deferred answering for a few days to see if anything could be done in your order for Butter, which I now find cannot, as all kinds are become very scarce & the price of Rose Butter advanced in consequence since my last to 52 to 50/ for 2nd & 3rd quality. There is none of the second quality coarse firkins to be had at any price & I despair of being able to do anything in your order for Scrapings at 32/, a new buyer having advanced the price to 33/. Tallow 45/ per cwt.

569. / 239 FRANCIS WOODLEY ESQ., DUBLIN

SUN. MAR. 1 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

570. / 240 SIMSON BAIRD & CO., GLASGOW

SAT. 29 FEB. 1772

I have your esteemed favour of the 17th inst. I cannot encourage your speculating in Herrings as I think the quantity imported since the first Jan. from Gothenburg amount to 24,387 barrels, which is much more than any export or home consumption will call for, especially as most of the planter's orders were shipped before Christmas. We now pay 4/ per barrel duty on importation. Notwithstanding we are glad to sell at 16 to 17/ per barrel in the quantity & a single barrel at 18/ to the hucksters, who will not take a barrel that is not full.

[Gives prices of butter, pork, beef, staves & rum as in no. 534.]

571. / 240 FRANCIS WOODLEY ESQ., DUBLIN

MON. 2 MAR. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

572. / 242 THOMAS READ ESQ, DUBLIN

MON. 2 MAR. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

573. / 242 MESSRS ISAAC THOMAS AND BENJAMIN SMITH, [ROCHDALE]

MON. 2 MAR. 1772

I refer to my last of the 28th Jan. with Invoice & Bill of Lading for 80 casks & firkins Grease Butter per the ship *Billy*, amounting to £98.15.10 english, which I desired you to remit to my friends Maitlands, and being since without any of your favours the present is to advise that said article is advanced to 35/ and in great demand, Scraping 33/ per cwt. & both scarce, as is eating Butter of all kinds.

574. / 242 MR JOHN LONSDALE, [ROCHDALE]

MON. 2 MAR. 1772

I duly received your favour of the 30th Jan. and 9th of Feb. and have noted your further order for Grease Butter and Scraping, but fear will be some time before I can ship you another parcel as both articles are very scarce. The price of Scrapings has been advanced since my last to 33/ by a new buyer, & clean Grease to 35/ per cwt. Eating Butter of all kinds is likewise become scarce & in great demand. Rose Butter sold as high as 50/ to 54/ & other sorts 40 to 46/ per cwt., as in quality.

575. / 243 MR THOMAS ELLIS, [LONDON]

MON. 2 MAR. 1772

My last was the 18th ult. with sales of hops per *Ariadne* & *Zachary Bailey* to which refer. Was since favoured with yours of the 10th, on consequence whereof I kept up the remainder of your hops per *Mary* to £10.10.0, but have not been able to sell a bag at it. However as there are not many others now on hands, I think the buyers must soon come to us, especially if fresh supplys don't speedily drop in. One vessel arrived from your place since my last with 8 bags.⁵⁰¹

576. / 243 JOHN TEASDALE, [MANCHESTER]

MON. 2 MAR. 1772

I duly received your favour of the 20th ult., & have to advise in answer that Grease & Scrapings are both very scarce at present. The latter lately advanced to 33/ by a new buyer, consequently nothing can be done at your limit. Neither is there much of it to be had at any price. Clean Grease 35/. Eating Butter of all sorts is likewise become scarce and in great demand.

577. / 243 MR JOHN SPITTA, [LONDON]

TUE. 3 MAR. 1772

I duly received your favour of the 18th ult., whereby observe with surprise that you had not received any order from Jn^o Duncan to honour my drafts for his account, altho' he wrote me that he had given you the needful directions on that head.

Capt. Meyer has not yet arrived but daily expected,⁵⁰² therefore I am providing his cargo of Butter as fast as possible, agreeable to the order of Mr Dunker⁵⁰³ and the others concerned, but despair of being able to compleat the whole as Butter is become very scarce. His dispatch from hence is limited to the end of this month so that I should be glad to hear again from you for my government with respect to what I may ship for Mr Dunker.

578. / 244 MESSRS JOHN & THOMAS WILLIAMS, [BRISTOL]

MON. 24 FEB. 1772

Above is copy of my last of the 22nd inst. per post and annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for the sundries per *Juno*, which I wish well to hand.
<per the *Juno*[?]>

501 As previously reported; see no. 522.

502 He arrived on 5 Mar. on the *Bateer Kooper* from Hamburg in ballast (*Port News*).

503 Johann Friedrich Dunker of Hamburg; see no. 699.

579. / 244 FRANCIS WOODLEY ESQ., [DUBLIN] TUE. 3 MAR. 1772

[First part relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

The beds are ready for the ladys. Miss Norris is to have the choice which of the boys is to be her bedfellow and Miss Woodley her choice of the other or me.⁵⁰⁴

I understand the suit against Laulhe was commenced by Rob^t Williamson.

580. / 244 THOMAS VOKES SENIOR ESQ., [LIMERICK] WED. 4 MAR. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

581. / 245 MESSRS THOMAS AND SIMON VOKES, [LIMERICK]⁵⁰⁵ WED. 4 MAR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 2nd. I know Mr T[homas]V[okes] after told me the method of salting pork for Mr Benson but he actually agreed with me for 100 barrels, which I entered in my post book and read to him. He would have had me agree also for some common Pork. I have not exceeded 23/ for Pork here. At that price I received 200 pigs last week. When Mr T[homas] V[okes] comes to Cork I will settle the matter with him.

[Next paragraph relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

I have but 2 chests Bohea Tea which [...] England, but as I expect more I send you one as account at foot. I can't sell the Rum I have for under 4/6. I refused 4/4 for 50 puncheons at which price a large quantity was bought here for your city. It's advanced in England and scarce, so so that no more can be expected from there before June or July.

I wrote your father this post.

582. / 246 MR PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), [LIMERICK] WED. 4 MAR. 1772

I wrote you the 29th ult. that my cargo of Rum was limited to 4/6 per gallon and I have no doubt but it will shortly sell at that price, but I have been considering that I have been 3 months in advance for the duty and freight above £2000, which I have a right to reimburse myself notwithstanding the proprietors limiting it to a price that I have not as yet been able to sell much at. I therefore propose to let you have the value of £2000 at 4/4 ready money and to let you see its not any doubt of you, you may have as many more payable in 3 months at 4/6.⁵⁰⁶ My cargo was the pick and choice of all that was in Liverpool and is very high proof and well flavoured.

504 One has to conclude that this is an attempt at humour as both his 'boys' were in their 20s.

505 No. 564 sets out Hare's difficulty in getting the Vokes to fulfil their contractual obligations.

506 This deal was to prove a disaster, resulting in his supplier objecting to it and in Hare accusing Roche of sharp practice, using advance knowledge of the impending duty; see nos 538, 585, 586, 625, 650, 679, 730, 732 and 767.

583. / 246 FRY FRIPP & CO., BRISTOL

THU. 5 MAR. 1772

I duly received your favours of the 11th & 24th ult. & observe their contents. The tobacco hogshead staves being very scarce last year obliged our tallow melters to buy bound hogsheads which are generally in worn order, besides yours suffered from lying on the quay & I was unwilling to put you to any expense of coopeage, knowing it to be for your own consumption.⁵⁰⁷

I can find no error in the invoice for the 80 hogsheads per *Andrew*. Inclosed is a duplicate thereof. The error of £30 in the exchange was before discovered and rectified. I hope to succeed in getting freight for your 80 hogsheads tallow in 2 or 3 days.⁵⁰⁸ I used my best endeavour to complete your full order but can tell you that I had myself prior orders to yours from other houses & unlimited, & I know others proposed buying as soon as I did, some by order & some on speculation. I wish I had your liberty afterwards to have gone 6^d higher.

<per *Juno*[?]>

584. / 247 FRANCIS WOODLY ESQ., DUBLIN

FRI. 6 MAR. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

585. / 248 DAVID EVANS ESQ., [LONDON]

FRI. 6 MAR. 1772

My last was the 22nd ult. Yesterday our mayor⁵⁰⁹ received a letter from one of our representatives that a Bill was brought into the House last Saturday in order to lay an additional duty on all spirits imported from England.⁵¹⁰ He writes that he was unwell that day & did not hear of it to give earlier notice, nor do I find we had any notice in Cork till his letter came to hand. I was unlucky to propose to one at Limerick,⁵¹¹ (who had last month bought 2 or 3 parcels in this city at 4/4 payable in 3 months) to let him the value of £2000 of your Rum at that price ready money & more at 4/6 payable in 3 months. He accepted my offer for the £2000 value which I must give him. I was induced to this bargain as I had sold only 6 puncheons at 4/6 & the morning of yesterday before the account of the additional duty being likely to take place, I sold 6 puncheons more at 4/6.

From a vote in the House I concluded we should not have any additional duty but it may be otherwise & I have now advanced it to 4/10, but think few will purchase at that price. I think it doubtful whether this Bill will pass in the House & if it should, it may be rejected by your Privy Council, as there should be also an additional duty on all foreign spirits imported here, otherwise it will be a great disadvantage to our colonies, as Rum from there will pay near as much duty as French brandy. On the whole I think

507 As manufacturers of soap and candles (see no. 294) they were purchasing the tallow as a raw material for their own use rather than for distribution.

508 It eventually left on 22 Mar.; see no. 608.

509 Mr John Roe.

510 11 & 12 Geo. III, c. 6 (1771–2) stipulated that from 1 May rum from the colonies landed in Great Britain or Wales and afterwards exported to Ireland, would be subject to an additional 6d per gallon.

511 Philip Roche (John); see no. 582.

it lucky that no more has been sold. Had the Rum been my own I should have acted as I have done. On the whole I think your speculation will turn to your profit.

586. / 249 MR PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), [LIMERICK]

FRI. 6 MAR. 1772

I have yours of yesterday & observe your acceptance of my Rum to the value of £2000. You had the advantage of knowing the prospect of an additional duty, but as you take them by answering my letter to that purpose by first post I must give them to you, but if you had deferred it longer than the first post I should have looked on myself as disengaged. However you can't expect to run thro' the Rum as you have so great a bargain.⁵¹² Indeed the whole I think is good. There is no possibility of getting Dublin Bills discounted here at par. I had one that had not 3 days to run & could not get cash for it without discount.

587. / 249 CAPT. CHRISTOPHER GROENWOLST, WATERFORD

FRI. 6 MAR. 1772

Yesterday I received your favour of the 2nd inst. & as Capt. Meyer arrived soon after,⁵¹³ he must of course get the goods ordered by him as far as they can be got, therefore tis not now in my power to procure you any, otherwise would have been very glad to serve. I fear Capt. Meyer will go away very much short of his full cargo, tho' I shall do the best I can for him.

588. / 249 PETER HOLME ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

FRI. 6 MAR. 1772

I have your favours of the 5 & 28 ult. As it was necessary to apply to the courts in Dublin for a copy of the certificate, I did it without loss of time but no answer, but expect it daily. Cargo Pork could not be made up under 50/ all the winter and I expect it cannot now be made up under 52/. It's very high in all parts of the Kingdom. Your sundry order shall be ready. It was a great mistake to ship the Herrings on the *Windsor*, but hope to have it in my power to give the *St Peter* as much freight in lieu thereof.⁵¹⁴ I thank you for your intention of sending me the Siberia barley. I have taken a house & about 20 acres of ground two small miles from town on the river & in sight of my present dwelling house.⁵¹⁵ On part of this ground I intend to sow it.

512 Hare felt outwitted by Roche and hoped to limit the damage by not allowing him to select individual puncheons of rum, but rather forcing him to take the relevant quantity in a 'run' as stored, thereby providing a mixed quality.

513 He arrived on 5 Mar. (*Port News*).

514 He obtained some pork and sundries for Jamaica; see nos. 687, 688 and 689.

515 On 16 Oct. 1771 Hare leased this property called 'Clifton' in Ballintemple from John Baldwin (see no. 718) for 880 years at £100 per annum. At this time, prior to the construction of the Navigation Wall (the present Marina), the river Lee formed the northern boundary of the estate and although the house stood well above the river level the description 'on a high cliff' seems a little exaggerated. Hare's cellars, counting house and dwelling in Cork city was on Merchant's Quay which at the time might just have been visible in the distance. On his death 'Clifton' passed to his son-in-law John Bagwell. In 1913 it was purchased by the nuns of the community of Our Lady of Apostles and became known as Ardfoyle convent. They are still in residence (Registry of deeds, Dublin, Book 281, p. 603, no. 188363; Richard Henchion, *East to Mahon; the story of Blackrock* (Cork, 2005), p. 40, henceforth cited as Henchion, *East to Mahon*; archival records of Ardfoyle convent).

I remember you had some marble busts which you proposed to sell cheap. If you have them yet for sale please to let me know what they are and the prices. I may perhaps think of ornamenting my gardens with them as they lye on a high cliff over the river. A Bill is actually brought into our House of Commons for laying an additional duty of 5½^d per gallon on Rum imported from England. I think it will not take place before the end of the month.

Herrings 20/

589. / 250 THOMAS VOKES SENIOR ESQ., [LIMERICK] SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

590. / 251 THOMAS AND SIMON VOKES, LIMERICK SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

591. / 251 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., BRISTOL SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I wrote you the 24th. Per this opportunity find I omitted sending you Invoice & Bill of Lading for the sundry shipped to Old Harbour⁵¹⁶ account Mr Read, which you have annexed the amount £56.5.1 to your debit.

Inclosed is Corⁿ Heighington on Jn^o Elton Junr Esq. for £10.7.6
<per *Juno*>

592. / 251 LAURENCE MAHON, LIMERICK SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 5th inclosing a Bill for £100 which I got discounted at ½%. Above is your credit balance due me £65.5.4½ which I hope you will send me without loss of time.

593. / 251 MESSRS HANS MATACE AND I. ALLIN[?] SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

Annexed is amount charged on the 9 [?] pipes wine, the amount £99.11.9 to your debit. We have great plenty of Herrings here, the price 16/ but now looking up as a demand is for them from Dublin & your parts.

What is the price of small Beef. If reasonable I should want 200 barrels.

594. / 252 FRANCIS WOODLEY ESQ., [DUBLIN] SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

595. / 252 MR THOS EDISFORTH, [LANCASTER]⁵¹⁷ SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I received your sundry favours and annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for your order for Barbados, the amount being £119.6.4 to your debit. We don't draw back the

⁵¹⁶ Old Harbour; a port in Jamaica.

⁵¹⁷ This letter and a few others in this part of the manuscript are unusually poorly written and laid out.

whole of our duty on re exportation and the [...] fees are a very great addition [?] from what we receive. It was but last month I got the deb[enture?] of your Herrings viz.

	£1.16.1
Paid fees at Custom House of [...]	£0.9.9
Paid [...] landing & [...] on importation	<u>8.8</u>
	-18.5
Is only to your credit	<u>17.8</u>

The heavy fees paid here is a great imposition but no possibility of remedy.

I scarce ever hear of any ships that go to the West Indies as few of them belong to this place.⁵¹⁸ However I am told she arrived safe there.

Butter is grown very scarce. Herrings are the only cheap article. They can now be shipped at 20/ per barrel.

596. / 253 MESSRS WRAXALL & HALL, [BRISTOL]

SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I received your esteemed favour of the 6th ult. Inclosed are sale of the hoops neat proceeds to your credit £12.16.8, and account of disbursements on the *Govain Might* £254.16.5 to your debit. The French salt will be due next month. When in funds shall remit the balance of your account.

Capt. Hale told me it was the necessary repairs of his ship that detained him so long here. I credit your account £4.7.6 received freight of fruit per the *Live Oak*.

<per *Juno*>

597. / 253 ARTHUR AND BENJAMIN HEYWOOD ESQS, [LIVERPOOL] FRI. 6 MAR. 1772

I have not wrote you of late nor been favoured with any from you. Pending fresh supplys of Rum coming in, and but little due, I sold off your Rum as per inclosed sales viz

per the <i>Phoebe</i>	17 puncheons Jamaica	
	neat proceeds being	£265. 12.10
	32 Grenada	405. 19. 2
per the <i>Batchelor</i>	4 RB ⁵¹⁹	66. 18. 7
	17 BH	152. 14. 6
	3 AH	47. 14. 8
	1 BH	15. 18. 1

which sums are to the credit of your account risque of outstanding debts excepted.

Butter is advanced 2/ per cwt. and is scarce. Pork in great demand, scarce and high, can't make up the Cargo kind under 52/. Herrings repacked for exportation 19/ to 20.

518 This does not make sense, as ships left Cork for the West Indies almost daily. Perhaps the *East Indies* was intended.

519 RB etc. are shipping labels. AH and BH stand for Arthur and Benjamin Heywood.

598. / 253 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I have your esteemed favours of the 10th & 25th and finding your account right have carried the balance of £1803.2.8 to a new account.

I assure you that it was much against my will that I drew on you and my other friends at a low exchange but I must have lost all business if I had not done it, as at that season alone, one can get Beef to salt. I am certain you could not have good Bills to remit for. For want of getting them the bankers were obliged to get cash from London, which was detained some weeks by contrary winds at Chester and dis [...] much.

By casting your eye over my account you'll find this credit was long, not less than usual, and as to the Butter of which you had two or three parcels without any Beef or Pork, I assure you it was charged at the cost and the interest was more than my $2\frac{1}{2}\%$.⁵²⁰ This was the reason I mentioned I should be obliged to draw for the *Tony's* cargo. It was 250 firkins Butter & 50 barrels Beef. I was obliged to borrow money this spring from one of our banks which I never did before.

I note your order for tallow. I have not met one that asks less than 48/. I bought last month at 44/9. I shall endeavour to get 10 hogsheads at a less price than 48/. Its very scarce and is a convincing proof that our quantity of cattle fell short this winter. Tallow we always pay ready money for it and frequently beforehand. I bought 300 hogsheads last slaughter at 42/ on commission. [Gives butter, pork and herrings prices as no. 597.]

I am sorry you was so much out of order this winter. I have not been able to go to the Exchange above three times these 4 months but was confined to my room.

You'll please to continue my subscription to the Infirmary.⁵²¹

599. / 254 ALEX HARPER, [KINSALE]

SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I have yours of the 25th ult. inclosing a Bill on London for £25, which at 7% is £26.15.0 to the credit of your account. At front you have account of the 3 puncheons Rum sent you, the amount to your debit £78.18.10½. Rum of all kinds advance on account of an additional duty of 6^d per gallon which will certainly be laid on this session.

	Jamaica Rum 4/10 & the d[eduction for cash]	
	Dom[inica?] do 4/4	
	[Illegible]	
No 32	133½ at 4/9	£31.14. 1½
No 7	120	
115	<u>116</u> = 236 at 4/	47. 4. 0
	?	9
		<u>78.18.10½</u>

⁵²⁰ Similar complaints on prices were previously raised by Tarleton; see no. 348.

⁵²¹ His contribution may have been occasioned by a statement in the infirmary's prospectus that it was intended to serve not only the town but also 'all parts of this nation and Ireland' (Belchem, *Liverpool* 800, p. 152). Hare also contributed to an infirmary in Bristol; see no. 557.

600. / 255

SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

Geo, Ja, Ben & Jn Walmsley
 John Foster
 Stephen Ford
 Whittaker & White
 John North
 Elton & Hammond

} Are layyed 4 leaves forward
 by mistake. [See no. 615 to 620]

601. / 255 THOMAS VOKES ESQ., LIMERICK

SUN. 8 MAR. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

602. / 255 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON

SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I refer to my last of the 22nd ult., and am since favoured with yours of the 26 do, advising that you had 20 barrels Pork from another house here, the charges on which was less in proportion to mine. I wish you had given me the particulars in order to see where the differance lyes. I charged you the general charges & shall be glad of your advice how my Pork was approved of. Said article as I expected is further advanced insomuch that I could not now make it up under 56 to 57/ per barrel. Tis scarce to be got at almost any price, consequently nothing can be done on your new order for 50 barrels & 20 tierces. I am of the same opinion with you that those who took the late contracts⁵²² or the makers up must be considerable sufferers.

I have not been able to procure any more Butter for you. Hereafter I will take care to advice you the burthen & quality of the vessels I load anything on for your account, with the time of their sailing.

603. / 256 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND, LONDON SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I have your esteemed favour of the 27th ult. I think your calculation is right as to what I am to pay Messrs Arfwidson & son. I credit you £44.16.2 which you were pleased to pay for my Bill & charges. I thank you for taking it up. It was owing to my mistake in wrong directing it & above you have one of same date & sum say for £44.5.11 which shall be paid in course. You have also my Bill on Elton & Hammond for £200.9.9 & Jn^o Leary on Rich^d Kee for £25.

604. / 256 ARFWIDSON & SON, GOTHENBURG

SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I have your favour of the 8th ult. I have sold part of your 690 barrels Herrings at 16/ at which price I sold a good many of my own. Hope to get this price for the whole. The merchants here must drop any thought of ordering Herrings as you & others take the advantage of pushing to be first at market & indeed over glut our market. 28,000 barrels were landed here this winter from your place & our export has not been 7000

522 The contract for 2,500 barrels was awarded to Dearman of London; see no. 675.

out of them, so that I think the price will be very low after the Lent. I am advised that 80,000 barrels remain with you. I shall order none unless engaged to be delivered me here at 13/ duty paid.

My friends Maitlands will pay cost of my 310 barrels deducting the insurance paid on your part of the cargo. When your cargo is sold I will remit the proceeds to your order.

605. / 256 THOMAS CLARK, WITNEY

SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I duly received your favour of the 23rd ult. directing to be further informed about St Ubes salt. We had none arrived after the month of May till Oct when our slaughter began & it being then very scarce & much wanting, sold as before advised.⁵²³ 1½ [...] is always reckoned for a ton. One barrel weighs 4.3.00⁵²⁴

I note your order for 40 sides Pork to be shipped loose to Bristol, which I would readily execute but received advice a few days ago from Waterford, that some intended to be shipped off in that manner from thence, was prevented by the journeymen coopers, who are much more unruly here than in any other port of the Kingdom, having lately turned out & made several laws & rules amongst themselves, such as not permitting anything to be exported but in casks made by them & refusing to head any barrels brought here from other ports of the Kingdom, with sundry others which the merchants are endeavouring to suppress.

Therefore under these circumstances I cannot at present think of shipping the aforesaid sides of Pork in the manner proposed, & indeed I fear there would be some difficulty in curing the shoulders & legs (which I judge you would have left entire to the middle) without opening the meat a little with a knife.

Pork is advanced as I expected to 24 to 25/ per cwt., & scarce to be got at any rate, so that I think those who took the contracts or the makers up must be considerable sufferers. With respect to the Beef contract you make mention of, I would not choose to hold any concern therein, as I confine myself entirely to the commission business, but if you should resolve to take it, I will make it up for you, on as good terms as any house here.

606. / 257

SAT 7 MAR 1772⁵²⁵

Charged the following people with postage of letters to this day

Ernst Joachim Beerbohn of Memel	£0.13. 6
Henrich Barkhorn of Konigsberg	16.10
	1.10. 4

Drew on Sam^l Bean Esq. of London at 21 days sight for⁵²⁶

⁵²³ See no. 478.

⁵²⁴ cwt/quarters/lbs.

⁵²⁵ This is not a conventional letter but appears to be an aide-memoire.

⁵²⁶ Both of the following are based in Holland; see no. 612.

£273. 9. 1 str	fav Fred ^k Beltgens & co whom I remit same for account of Heinrich Barkholm at exch of 7½%	£293.19. 3
34. 1. 9	favour Ernst Joachim Beerbohn to whom I remit the same on his acct. Exch at 7½%	36.12.10
<u>307.10. 1</u>		<u>330.12. 1</u>

607. / 258 FRANCIS WOODLEY ESQ., DUBLIN

TUE. 10 MAR. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

608. / 258 FRY, FRIPP & COMP., [BRISTOL]

WED. 11 MAR. 1772

My last was the 5th inst. I have shipped your 80 hogsheads tallow on the *London Packett* of New London,⁵²⁷ Tim^y Parker master, the amount £2,215.8.0 to your debit. He proposes to clear out when a favourable wind offers.⁵²⁸ Since my last, 46/6 has been given & none will now sell under 47 to 48/. I assure you I am now a sum out of pocket on account of an advance for tallow purchased for your account & had I not risked the advance of £1,500 to one who failed the preceeding year, I should not have been able to procure so much tallow for your account.

609. / 258 STRANGMAN & COURTENAY, WATERFORD

WED. 11 MAR. 1772

I duly received your favours of the 10th ult. & 7th inst. and should have remitted for balance of the Beef ere this, but it happened to be overlooked. The differance in which I shall not mind for this time. Therefore credit your account for

240 barrels at 24/	£288. 0.0
Commission at 2½%	<u>7. 4.0</u>
	295. 4.0
Deducting freight paid	<u>- 4.10.0</u>
remaining	<u>290.14.0</u>

In consequence of your advice about Herrings, I propose shipping you immediately for my account, 2 to 300 barrels which I judge will answer the end of remitting, & I hope the price may keep up. Tallow is near as high with us as with you. Pork is also scarce & dear as well as Butter.

610. / 259 ADAMSON & WANNERQUIST, STOCKHOLM

FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

I duly received your favour of the 15th Nov. last, with one annexed under your esteemed signature of Rich^d Adamson & Co., & am much obliged to our mutual

⁵²⁷ New London, the main sea port and best harbour in Connecticut, was an important centre for the export of flaxseed. The vessel had arrived from there on 28 Feb. carrying lumber and flaxseed and left for Bristol on 22 Mar. (*Port News*).

⁵²⁸ She was still in port on 18 Mar.; see no. 633.

⁵²⁹ Founded by John Hall 1735–1802 (C.R.A. Fredberg, *Det gamla Göteborg, del I* (Lund, 1977), pp 863–864).

friends John Hall & Co.⁵²⁹ of Gothenburg for their recommendation to you, in consequence of which you have been pleased to consign me your ship the *Congress*, Jonas Lundstrum master, who arrived after a very tedious passage with his cargo of Herrings, & as no freight offered for any part, sailed yesterday for Cagliari in ballast.⁵³⁰ Annexed you have the account of his freight & port charges making to your credit £198.13.0 & on the contrary you have also annexed his receipt for provisions & disbursements amounting to £131.10.10. Since which, I paid for franking of a letter he wrote to you before his departure £0.3.8, to your debit £131.14.6, [leaving] remaining £66.18.6, for which I remit this day agreeable to your order, my Bill on Sam^l Bean of London at 21 days sight £62.5.1 str. to Mr John Kensington of London, which with exchange at 7½% balances per a point.

Capt. Lundstrum on his arrival here made a protest⁵³¹ setting forth the reasons of not making his passage sooner, as well as some damage he sustained & among the rest his having an anchor washed overboard, which the crew not being able to recover, he was obliged to cut the cable & let go. The damage whereof amounted to about £10 which I wanted to have brought in as a general average, but the receiver of the cargo⁵³² absolutely refused to admit it as such, or pay for any part thereof, being much displeased with the captains staying out so late, by which means they must lose considerably on the Herrings. However I send copy of the protest to Mr Kensington for his opinion whether they ought to bear part or not.

I am much obliged for your kind offer of services of which I shall be glad to avail myself if occasion should offer.

611. / 260 JOHN KENSINGTON, LONDON⁵³³

FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

I have the pleasure to remit you enclosed my Bill for £62.5.1 str. on Samuel Bean Esq., payable 21 days after sight with which you will please to do the needful & account for the same with our mutual friends Messrs Adamson & Wannerquist of Stockholm. [Please seal and forward...]

I also enclose you copy of Capt. Lundstroms protest as mentioned in said letter & should be glad of your opinion whether the receivers of the cargo are liable to pay a share of the anchor & cable cut away, by way of general average or not? & in case you think they ought, it would be well to convince Mr James Benson of it, as the house of Messrs Lane, Bensons & Vaughan here received the cargo, & if he writes them that they ought to pay I think I shall be able to get it from them, otherwise I fear not.

530 Confirmed by the *Port News* of 12 Mar. Cagliari, the capital of Sardinia, was then under the government of Savoy (Turin).

531 A *protest* was an official report made by a damaged vessel's highest ranking officer before a notary public.

532 Mr James Benson (see no. 611), who previously showed similar displeasure on the late delivery of herrings; see no. 536.

533 John Kensington was a merchant at 10 Great St Thomas Apostles, Queen St (*London directory* 1768).

612. / 260 SAMUEL BEAN ESQ., [LONDON]

FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 28th and shall keep what Butter I have bought for you, and when your ship arrives⁵³⁴ shall endeavour to get some new. It will doubtly break high as the old is very scarce and not to be got under 52 to 56/ as in quality. I never knew Pork so scarce and dear. I cannot get the Pork under 24/ per cwt., which will stand 54/ per barrel. I think it too high for any market.

I have drawn sundry Bills on you as under, value of £369.15.11 str. at 7½% is £397.16.7 to the credit of your account. The two first Bills were sent to Holland and will be some time before they will be presented.

£273. 9. 1	fav Fred ^k Beltgens	} 21 days sight
34. 1. 9	fav Ernst Joachim Beerbohn	
62. 5. 1	fav John Kensington	
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369.15.11 str.		

613. / 261 MESSRS HILLARY & SCOTT, [LIVERPOOL]

FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

I have your favour of the 24th ult., with Messrs Hamilton & Smiths Bill for £325 shall be in course to your credit. The *Hillary* I find is this day put into this harbour. The Capt. is not come up.⁵³⁵ If he should want anything he shall be supplied.

Butter is scarce to be had, the worst quality at 52/, 2nd 54 and 1st 56/. New Butter will be late at markets and very high. Pork is scarcer and dearer than I ever knew it. It can't be made up under 53 to 54/ per barrel. Herrings 19/ to 20/ per barrel. Best Cargo Beef 39 to 40/. At foot you have state of your account.

614. / 261 FRANCIS WOODLEY ESQ., [DUBLIN]

FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

[First two paragraphs relate to the legal case; see no. 520.]

The ladies are come home. Mary⁵³⁶ was at your house. Miss Woodley got home safe. I think I should lodge with her to night as my business kept you from her.

615. / 262 MESSRS GEORGE JAMES BENJAMIN AND JOHN WALMSLEY, [ROCHDALE]

SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

Since my last of the 4th ult. I have none of your favours. Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 190 casks and firkins Grease Butter shipped for your account on the *Providence* of Aberdory, Jn^o Morris master, for Liverpool to address of Mr Whittaker & with the amount £215.0.5 to your debit, and this day I have drawn agreeable to your directions on Messrs Elton & Hammond of London for £200.9.9 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 7¼% balances the same. Please examine and note it in

534 The *Home Castle* eventually arrived on 20 Apr. from London, under Capt. McIntosh, with diverse merchant goods (see no. 759 and *Port News*).

535 The *Hillary* under Captain Bragg arrived for re-victualling on 13 Mar. from Jamaica with rum, sugar and cotton. Forbidden by the Navigation Laws to offload in Cork, it moved on to Liverpool on 22 Mar. (*Port News*).

536 His daughter.

conformity if right. Said vessel is cleared out and ready to sail first fair wind. I could not procure this parcel cheaper, the price being advanced soon after my last by one or two new buyers to 35/ and upwards. It continues scarce.

616. / 262 MR JOHN FOSTER, [LANCASTER] SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

Since my last of the 28th Jan. I have none of your favours. Annexed is Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for the remainder of your cow hydes 154, shipped on the *Providence* of Aberdowry, Jn^o Morris master, for Liverpool to address of Mr Jn^o North, the amount £146.16.0 to your debit. Said vessel is cleared out and ready to sail first fair wind. I shall be obliged to you for a remittance as soon as convenient as I have nothing but my commission by them.

617. / 262 MR STEPHEN FORD, [LIVERPOOL] SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

Since my last of the 29th ult. have none of your favours. Having met an opportunity to procure you some Scrapings, I send annexed Invoice and inclosed Bill of Lading for 15 casks shipped for your account on the *Providence* of Aberdory, John Morris master, the amount £49.15.10 to your debit. Rose Butter is further advanced 1 to 2% and they now ask 48/ for tallow.

<per *Providence* & copy by post>

618. / 263 MESSRS WHITTAKER AND WHITE, [LIVERPOOL] SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

Inclosed is Bill of Lading for 190 casks and firkins Grease Butter shipped to your address on the *Providence*, Jn^o Morris master, by order and for account of Messrs Geo Jas Ben & John Walmsley of Rochdale.

<per *Providence*>

619. / 263 MR JOHN NORTH, [LIVERPOOL] SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

Inclosed is Bill of Lading for 154 cow hydes shipped to your address on the *Providence* of Aberdory Jn^o Morris master, by and for account of our mutual friend Mr Jn^o Foster of Lancaster.

<per *Providence*>

620. / 263 MESSRS ELTON & HAMMOND, [LONDON] SAT. 7 MAR. 1772

I have this day drawn on you by order and for account of Messrs Geo Jas Ben & Jn^o Walmsley of Rochdale for £200.9.9 str. at 21 days sight favour Maitlands or order, to which doubt not your giving due honours.

621. / 263 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN] FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

I received your esteemed favours of the 12, 14, 17 & 24th. The mistake of the £1000 may happen to the most careful house. I have not been able to go thro' the entirety of the account, but find it right as far as examined. If any error you shall be advised.

Inclosed are Jas Smyth on Rich^d Maxwell for £60, Jas Bazince [?] on Sir Geo. Colebrooke & Co. £100.

I trouble you with the fortunate tickets in the exch lottery. I think they are all the prizes in the lot you sent me. Inclosed are Bruce [?] on Greenham £75.1.6 & do on ditto £67.12.1, which please to send for acceptance and return to him.

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88, 89, 91, 93, 95, 96, 98,		
99, 267...72, 75, 78, 80, 82,		
83, 86, 89, 93, 94, 99		
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20971, 20981	2 at £5	10
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		126.10.10

622. / 264 MR ABRAHAM WILKINSON, [DUBLIN]⁵³⁷ FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

By last post I received the inclosed note of Capt. Batt Rosseter for 5 g[uinea]s from Mr Geo Wilkinson of London, and as said Capt. lately sailed for Dublin I send you the same to receive payment, for which please credit Mr Wilkinsons account.

I shall be obliged for your present prices of Teas, hops and cotton wool.

623. / 264 MESSRS STRANGMAN & COURTNEY, [WATERFORD] FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

Agreeable to my last of the 11th inst., I send inclosed Bill of Lading for 225 barrels of Herrings shipped to your address for my account as follows: 145 per the *Prosperous*, Donal Donovan master, 80 per the *Isabella*, Jn Harris master, which please to dispose of on the best terms for my account.

624. / 264 THOMAS ELLIS, LONDON FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

Since my last of the 2nd inst., am favoured with yours of the 29th ult., with Invoice and Bill of Lading for 6 bags of hops per *Francis & Elizth*, Morgan Regan master, who does not yet appear,⁵³⁸ but there are 2 other vessels arrived from your place, which bring 18 bags hops.⁵³⁹ I have sold 3 bags of your parcel per *Mary* at £10.10.0 & 6 at £10.5.0 per cwt. since my last, & shall go on with the sales on the best terms I can, agreeable to your directions. The buyers complain of the quality, being very small &

537 Abraham Wilkinson was a Dublin merchant on Park St. He also sat on the Dublin Committee of Merchants and was a member of the Dublin Society. He may have been related to George Wilkinson of London, one of Hare's most regular correspondents (Watson, *Gentleman's... almanack for 1772*).

538 He had arrived by 25 Mar. (see no. 663) although not recorded in the *Port News*. He may be the same Morgan Reagan described later as a grocer, and wine and spirit merchant at 12 North Main St (Lucas, *Cork directory*).

539 The *Two Friends* and the *Elizabeth*; see no. 627.

no bell. I observe you decline drawing, therefore shall remit you in the course of this month as you desire.

625. / 264 PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), [LIMERICK]

FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

I have your favour of the 9th, 11th and 13th The 1st should have been answered last post, but had not seen the clerk to enquire about the Rum marked by Mr Connellan, who came to me next day and informed he objected to 3 puncheons that were musky, which I immediately told him should be left with me. Being some months past confined in the gout I never see any of it. When it was landed our quay was so much crowded that it was brought from thence as soon as it was landed, and put into two cellars I hired for that purpose, & declare there was not any of it sold but 3 puncheons, except part of 20 that were sent to the quay for sale last month, and more taken at the 1st that came to hand. I had but one parcel of Jamaica Rum being 230 puncheons per the *Billy*, and not one puncheon in the 2 cellars but them, and were put promptly as they were landed & brought from the quay. Mr Connellan may take any row of them and refuse any that he could have a reasonable objection to, but to pick the whole cargo is never allowed to any degree.

As to the hops they were in the general very ordinary the last season. I have since sold most of what your clerk left behind.

I received this evening from Mr Drawson [?] 1400 guineas making £1592.10.0 on account of the Rum. As I am paying rent for the cellars for no other account but the Rum, I shall be obliged to you to take it as soon as you can conveniently, as I intend to remove what should remain to my own cellars.

626. / 265 THOMAS VOKES SENIOR ESQ., [LIMERICK]

FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

[Relates to the legal case; see no. 520.]

627. / 266 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON

FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

Since my last of the 28th ult. am favoured with yours of the 25, 29 do & 5 inst. I observe by that of the 29th that the Co. partnership between you and Mr Hills is dissolved. Therefore suppose I need not keep separate accounts, but continue the whole in your name as before, & I think it will be necessary that you both join in advising that all Bills drawn & goods consigned during your partnership may be carried to your particular account & to account with you for the same.

The *Two Friends* & the *Elizabeth* are arrived⁵⁴⁰ & bring 18 bags hops, 4 chests Bohea, 21 chests Green Tea & 8 bags cotton wool, besides what you have consigned me. I have sold since my last, the remainder of your hops at £10 per cwt., 2 chests Bohea Tea per *Two Arthurs* at 2/11, 9 chests Green Tea viz. No 612 at 7/6, 615 at 7/, 676, 678 at 5/9, 726, 823, 824, 825 at 5/6 & 759 at 5/3 per lb. The remaining 5 bags

⁵⁴⁰ The *Two Friends* arrived on 11 Mar. from Minehead, Capt. Hill master, with merchant goods. The *Elizabeth* arrived the following day from London, Capt. Owen master, with merchant goods and returned to London on 11 May with pork and skins (*Port News*).

cotton ~~wool~~ per *Action* at 11^d, 1 per *Peter & John* at 10½ & 2 at 10^d per lb., and shall continue my endeavours to get on with the sales of all your goods on best terms. The 5 bags cotton at 11^d was to one person who informed me that Mr Burnett⁵⁴¹ offered him what he had on the *Two Friends* at same price, therefore I was unwilling to break off with him. Your Green Tea now on hands are reckoned very ordinary, which will occasion the sale to be tedious.

There are not many hops for sale, the price at £10.5.0 When you send any I hope they will be better than the last. I sold 10 bags of the 13 mentioned in my last to one in Limerick, who writes me as follows 'The 10 bags hops I had from you were such as in all my time in business I never saw from England. I am ashamed to offer them to my customers'.⁵⁴²

By what I can learn about calf skins they are expected to rule moderate unless the English markets should keep them up, or that some other unexpected demand should come as last year. There are no dry cow hides or kip skins for sale, but some parcels of salted ox & cow hides remain. They ask at the rate of 25/ per cwt. for the ox of 112 lb., & light cow about 15/, heavy do 20 to 21/ per cwt. with the usual advance of 2^d per cwt. for every pound over 56 lbs.

Capt. Batt Rosseter having lately sailed from hence to Dublin, I forwarded his note for £5.5.0 to Mr Ab. Wilkinson with directions to account with you for the same.⁵⁴³ Agreeable to your directions to draw for the hides, I have this day valued on you for £107.6.0 str. at 21 days sight, favour Maitlands or order, which with exchange at 7% balances for same.

628. / 267 ROBERT ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

SAT. 14 MAR. 1772

My last was the 7th. Above you have my Bill on Mr Geo Wilkinson for £107.6.0, which place to my credit when in cash.

629. / 267 ALEXANDER JAMES AND EVAN BAILLIE ESQS, ST KITTS⁵⁴⁴

FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

The inclosed came to my hands a few days past from Mr Hamilton at the Hague, desiring them to be inclosed under cover to you & to assure your sending them by first safe conveyance to St Eustatia.

Provisions continue high. Herrings are the only cheap article we have at 19 to 20/ per barrel.

541 Possibly the Thomas Burnet of no. 155.

542 Complaint from Philip Roche (John); see no. 504 and no. 625.

543 See no. 622.

544 This letter is struck through and a note says 'Not sent'; see no. 655.

630. / 267 FRANCIS ROUVELLET ESQ., ST EUSTATIA⁵⁴⁵ FRI. 13 MAR. 1772

My last was the 7th Jan. with one box candles the amount £1.16.1. Mr Hamilton sent me the inclosed two letters to be forwarded via St Kitts. I have embraced the first opportunity for that purpose.

631. / 267 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., LIVERPOOL TUE. 17 MAR. 1772

My last was the 7th. I bought 10 hogsheads tallow winter melted at 46/6, which I have entered & shall ship to morrow⁵⁴⁶ on the *Thomas* of Cork, Richard Bleak master, the amount £343.4.6. I could not get 10 more at that price. It has been since sold at 47/ & will not now sell under 48/.

632. / 268 JAMES MOLONY, LIMERICK WED. 18 MAR. 1772

I received your favour of the 16th inst. with Thos & Simon Vokes Bill on Rich^d Gladwell of Dublin for £50, which shall be in course to your credit, but as part of your letter is wrote on the back of the Bill, you must get a second thereof & endorse it to me. The hops in general last year were not as good as formerly. I will send you one bag of the best I have, also the redwood & shumack.^{546a}

633. / 268 MESSRS FRY FRIPP & CO., [BRISTOL] WED. 18 MAR. 1772

My last was the 11th. Capt Parker is not yet cleared out but proposes to do it to morrow.⁵⁴⁷ Annexed is your account current, balanced by my Bill favour Maitlands for £586.16.4 str. If any error in the account please to note it, and it shall be rectified. I hope my execution of your order will prefer me to your orders the next slaughter. It now appears how far short our slaughter was last winter than usual.

634. / 268 EDWARD AND RICHARD SALSBURY ESQS, [LANCASTER] WED. 18 MAR. 1772

Since my last of the 2nd inst. I am not favoured with any from you. I have drawn a Bill on you Ed^w Salsbury & Co. owners of the *Thomas* for £244.16.5 str. at 7%, which balances said ships account, except the cargo & freight on her last Oct. I have also drawn on your R^d Salsbury & Co. owners of the *Brittania* for £144.16.4 str., which balances said ships account except the cargo & freight on her last June. As per said ships accounts both Bills are in favour of Maitlands at 21 days sight.

Butter is scarce to be had and is advanced at 50 to 52 per cwt. New will be late at markets and must break high. If any error in the account it shall be rectified on advice.

⁵⁴⁵ Same as no. 629, 'Not sent'. It was sent with no. 651.

⁵⁴⁶ She was detained by contrary winds and had not sailed by 20 Apr.; see no. 726.

^{546a} Possibly sumac, a spice used in the production of beer.

⁵⁴⁷ Sailed on 22 Mar. (*Port News*).

635. / 269 ROBERT ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

WED. 18 MAR. 1772

My last was the 14th inst. Annexed are the following Bills with which please to do the needful and place to my credit when in cash

My Bill on Fry, Fripp & Co.	£586.16. 4
do on E ^d Salisbury Esq & Co.	244.16. 5
do on R ^d Salisbury Esq & Co.	144.16. 4
	<hr/> 976. 9. 1

636. / 269 JOHN AND THOMAS WILLIAMS, BRISTOL

WED. 18 MAR. 1772

I refer to my last of the 22nd & 24th ult., since have none of your favours. The present is to advise that tallow has been lately sold at 47/ per cwt. & is now held up at 48/. Rose Butter is further advanced 2/ per cwt.

<per *London Packett*>

637. / 269 FRY, FRIPP & COMP, BRISTOL

THU. 19 MAR. 1772

On the other side is copy of mine of the 11th & 25th per post. This goes per Capt. Tim^y Parker of the *London Packett* & serves to accompany Invoice & Bill of Lading for your 80 hogsheads tallow which I wish well to hand. This article has been sold at 47/ within these few days & I doubt if any could now be bought under 48/.

<per *London Packett*>

638. / 269 ROBERT GORDON ESQ., BRISTOL

THU. 19 MAR. 1772

My last was the 25th ult. I write this only to advise you that the remittance is not come from London, which I thought fit to mention to you least it should miscarry & for no other reason as I am not immediately in want of cash. The Bill for laying the same duty on Rum from England as if it came directly here from the W. Indies is passed in our Parliament, & will doubtless have the Royal assent. I believe it takes place towards the 25th inst., but of this am not sure.⁵⁴⁸

<per *London Packett*>

639. / 270 JEREMIAH AMES ESQ., BRISTOL⁵⁴⁹

THU. 19 MAR. 1772

Annexed is Invoice & Bill of Lading for 2 casks bladders, the amount £39.14.9 to your debit, which is all I can get & was even obliged to advance 1/ per gross or could not have got these.⁵⁵⁰

<per *London Packett*>

⁵⁴⁸ It became law on 1 May; see no. 585.

⁵⁴⁹ Jeremiah Ames was a prominent shipowner, slaver and merchant with property at Peter St in the period 1736–68; he was involved in various partnerships in slaving voyages and mayor in 1788. A founding member of the Harford bank in Bristol and a member of the Bristol West India society (BRO; Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, pp 55, 116, 121, 210, 440).

⁵⁵⁰ The quantity shipped was subsequently disputed; see no. 751.

640. / 271 PATT CREAGH

THU. 19 MAR. 1772

Annexed is copy of a letter from L[ord] K[erry] I request you would inform yourself & me where the lands lye proposed to be sold, under what leases & such circumstances as may enable me to propose to his Lordship if I should think proper. Sam Maylor & I are this moment drinking your health.⁵⁵¹

641. / 270 ROBERT ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

FRI. 20 MAR. 1772

My last was the 18th. I omitted to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 29th ult., advising your paying £147.0.9 for my Herrings per the *Anna Catharina*,⁵⁵² which is to your credit. Inclosed is my Bill on Barnevelt for £303.18.9 and Barth^w Rivers on Smiths Nashes & Heather[?] for £237.15.3.

642. / 270 MOORE DISNEY ESQ., [CHURCHTOWN, CO. WATERFORD] FRI. 20 MAR. 1772

An account has been transmitted to me from Liverpool of a parcel of Rum sold by Messrs. Ham[ilton] & Smyths, in which £14.12.6 is returned as an outstanding debt due by you on that account of 65 gallons sold you about 6 years since at 4/6.⁵⁵³ I am desired by my friend who owned the Rum to write to you requesting your paying Messrs H. & Smyths or me for the same.

643. / 271 MR JAMES DAY, [BRISTOL]⁵⁵⁴

FRI. 20 MAR. 1772

I received your favour of the 7th inst. Should have answered it in course but wanted to know whether the additional duty would take place, which I find is passed the House here. I doubt not but I shall be able to sell the few puncheons that remain of Capt. Nixons Rum at 4/4. If you can make a better price please to advice and they shall be sent you. I have only 13 of his left. The certificate shall be sent to Dublin.

551 The lands may be those mentioned in no. 549 and no. 815. Sam Maylor (d. 1791) was Hare's brother-in-law and confidant. The Maylors were a successful merchant family whose name appears on a current prominent street in Cork city. Made a freeman in 1752, by 1756 with his brother Paul, was among a consortium that owned the privateer the *Anson*. Sam was elected sheriff in 1756 and mayor in 1766. Utilising his contacts he obtained the lucrative position of scavenger of the Long Quay (now Patrick's St) and Fish St (later Merchant's Street but now demolished). As a master cooper he signed a newspaper declaration in 1776 abhorring the behaviour of the journeymen coopers. His son, Paul, followed in his footsteps becoming sheriff in 1788 and mayor in 1810 (*CEP*, 21 Feb. 1791; Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 664; M. V. Conlon 'Maylor St' in *JCHAS*, 48 (1943), pp 156–161; Cullen, *Privateers*, p. 175; Henchion, *East to Mahon*, p. 45; Caulfield, *Council book*, p. 866; *HC*, 16 Oct. 1776).

552 She had left Cork in ballast on 16 Feb. (*Port News*).

553 See no. 497.

554 He managed 56 slave voyages between 1711 and 1742 (Morgan, *Bristol trade*, p. 144; Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 310).

644. / 271 THOMAS HARRIS ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 20 MAR. 1772

My last was the 24th ult. per the *Juno* with Invoice and Bill of Lading for Mr Prevant's provisions shipped on the *Betty* amounting to £123.0.6. I am this day favoured with yours of the 12th inst. inclosing Jn^o Paumier on Peter Paumier for £105 str. at 8½% is £113.18.6 to your credit.

Our iron cast ware comes from Enniscorthy a port in the county of Waterford,⁵⁵⁵ where they have great plenty of iron ore. I don't think any of your pigg iron would sell here.

645. / 271 STEPHEN FORD, LIVERPOOL

FRI. 20 MAR. 1772

I refer to my last of the 7th inst. & am since favoured with yours of the 11th do ordering 10 hogsheads tallow, which I have bought at 47/ per cwt.⁵⁵⁶ & expect an opportunity of shipping them soon. I could not possibly obtain it lower & don't know where another hogshead is to be had at the price, what is now on hands being held up at 48/. This advance is chiefly occasioned by the scarcity, our quantity last season having fell considerably short of what was usual. There are no Scrapings to be had at present. Clean Grease is also very scarce, the last price 35/ to 36/ per cwt.

646. / 272 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON

FRI. 20 MAR. 1772

My last was the 7th inst. to which refer. Am since favoured with yours of the 10th do, ordering 600 firkins Butter of different qualities, whereof I have only been able to procure you 205 as per annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading, shipped for your account on the *Edward* of Wexford, Simon Lampert master, a stout brig of 100 tons,⁵⁵⁷ the amount £323.9.1 for which & 20/ postage of letters to this day have debited your account. On the contrary have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £303.18.9 str. at 60 days sight, which with exchange at 6¾% balances the same.

Said vessel is cleared out & ready to sail first fair wind.⁵⁵⁸ I could not obtain this parcel on lower terms. They were prepared to be shipped for the W. Indies & I doubt if as many more could at present be purchased in the city. Some people lately paid 52, 54 & 56/. There is no Course Butter of any kind on hands. Pork continues scarce & advances. It cannot now be afforded under 60/ per barrel. Such as the 30 barrels therefore can do nothing for you therein till further orders.

647. / 272 STRANGMAN & COURTENAY, WATERFORD

FRI. 20 MAR. 1772

My last was the 13th inst. with Bill of Lading for 225 barrels Herrings, which I hope are safe arrived ere this. The present is to advise that a vessel loaden with Herrings from

⁵⁵⁵ It is actually in the neighbouring county of Wexford.

⁵⁵⁶ Hare subsequently learnt that Ford had restricted the purchase price to 45/-; see no. 656.

⁵⁵⁷ Hare is describing the vessel as he promised Barnevelt he would do; see no. 602.

⁵⁵⁸ She sailed 29 Mar. for London (*Port News*).

Gothenburg & bound to Waterford put into our harbour this day.⁵⁵⁹ Therefore I would recommend you losing no time in disposing of mine.

648. / 272 THOMAS READ ESQ., DUBLIN

FRI. 20 MAR. 1772

My last was the 13th. I have finished the examination of your account & found it right. Inclosed is John Paumier on Peter Paumier for £105 str. at 8½% £113.18.6 & Vokes on Gladwell £50.

649. / 273 JAMES MOLONY, LIMERICK

SAT. 21 MAR. 1772

I have your favour of the 19th with a second Bill⁵⁶⁰ for £50 & inclosed you have the first. You have also the carriers receipt for one bag hops & one bag shumack, the amount as at foot £27.17.1 to your debit. The Redwood is scarce & not to be had under 16/ per cwt., which being above the price you mentioned I declined buying.

650. / 273 PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), LIMERICK

SAT. 21 MAR. 1772

I received your favour of the 16th. I apprehend the whole dispute about the Rum⁵⁶¹ must arise from some mis-representation of Mr Connellan. You may send who you please to examine the Rum he marked & they may leave any that can reasonably be objected to & you shall have others in the room of them.

Mr Waters is a good judge. Send him & he shall be fully satisfied in every particular. I would not take any advantage of you, altho' Connellan when he delivered me your letter of acceptance of £2,000 value, desired to know when he should call to mark them & at the time fixed, he did so. Now as he always acted for you, I could not doubt his orders for doing it.

651. / 273 FRANCIS ROUVELLET ESQ., ST EUSTATIA

SAT. 21 MAR. 1772

My last was the 7th Jan.⁵⁶² Annexed is Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for the remainder of your annual order, which I have shipped on the *Vine*, W^m Dowling master, the amount £ [blank] shall with the former be drawn for, agreeable to your order.

The inclosed 2 letters were sent me by Mr Hamilton from the Hague to be forwarded via St Kitts, but meeting this opportunity directly to St Eustatia & no probability of an opportunity to St Kitts for some time to come, I forward them, which I hope will go safe to your hand.

I could not get a smoaked salmon.
<per the *Vine*>

559 The *Two Brothers* under Capt. Backman left Cork for Waterford with herrings on 23 Mar. (*Port News*).

560 Replaces an earlier defaced Bill; see no. 632.

561 As set out in no. 625.

562 See no. 629 and no. 630 in relation to these letters.

652. / 274 ANNA MARIA HEYLIGER, WIDOW OF
LUCAS DOCKER GROBER, [ST EUSTATIA] SAT. 21 MAR. 1772

The inclosed 2 letters were forwarded to me by Mr Hamilton from the Hague to be forwarded to you via St Kitts, but no opportunity is likely to offer for St Kitts & this vessel going directly to St Eustatia, I embrace the opportunity. Wishing them safe to your hands.

<per the *Vine*>

653. / 274 WILLIAM STEPHENSON & CO., [SALTCOATS] MON. 23 MAR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 10th advising your Bill on me for £62.7.6, which is duly honoured. I intended tomorrow to have remitted you this balance had not your Bill appeared.

654. / 274 MR JAMES TEMPLETON, [BELFAST] MON. 23 MAR. 1772

I have your esteemed favour of the 17th inclosing two Bills value £216, which are placed to your credit. We have advanced the price of Rum here to 4/4 [4/11?]⁵⁶³ but the sale is slow. Butter is scarce, the price 50 to 54/.

655. / 274 J. R. HAMILTON ESQ., AT THE HAGUE MON. 23 MAR. 1772

I received your esteemed favours of the 14th & 28th ult., since which no ship sailed from Cork to St Kitts, nor do I find any expected, but as the *Vine*, Wm Dowling master, is bound directly to St Eustatia & ready to embrace the first fair wind, I forwarded the letters by her, putting the two for Mr Rouvellet under cover to him & the other two under cover to Madam Heyliger, which I hope will meet your approbation.

It gave me concern to hear of your being cast away but hope you did not suffer much. The family of my house desire to join in their respect to you.

656. / 275 STEPHEN FORD, LIVERPOOL TUE. 24 MAR. 1772

My last was the 20th advising the purchase of 10 hogsheads tallow for you, which I bought of Jn^o & Mich^l Skeys at 47/ ready money. By this days post am favoured with yours of the 17th inst., & observe that you did not intend to exceed 45/ for said tallow, which should have been mentioned at the time of giving the order. However as they are not shipped, I will compliment you so far as to disengage you from them, if you don't chuse to accept thereof, of which shall expect your answer by return of post.⁵⁶⁴ I could not now buy under 48/ & very little remains for sale.

657. / 275 EDWARD SALISBURY ESQ. & CO., LANCASTER TUE. 24 MAR. 1772

I advised you the 18th of my Bills on you, one for £244.16.5 str. & one for £144.16.4. I am now favoured with yours of the 10th inst. It gives me much pleasure of the

⁵⁶³ The text is unclear.

⁵⁶⁴ No. 710 suggests Ford wrote on 2 Apr. accepting the higher price.

prospect you have of so good a voyage from Africa. I cant encourage your shipping sugars here, as we have but three sugar houses⁵⁶⁵ who join together in the purchase of all sugars that come here for sale & will not buy unless they get them at what price they please & always get six months credit.

An act is passed to lay an additional duty on all Rum imported from England after the 1 May. Annexed is account of provisions for the *Salisbury*⁵⁶⁶ the amount £69.17.8. Old Butter is very scarce & new will be late at market & I fear very high as the old is now at 52 to 53/. I have orders for new Butter for Jamaica a month past, but I think none will be at market before the month of May.

658. / 275 ROBERT GORDON ESQ., [BRISTOL] TUE. 24 MAR. 1772

My last was the 19th. Am favoured with yours of the 14th inclosing a Bill on London for £1000 str., which I passed this day at 7½% is £1075 to the credit of your account and I thank you for the same. The currency is but 7% but by giving a few days for the payment I got a ½% more. It comes low from London.

The additional duty on the Rum does not take place till the 1st May.

659. / 276 THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, LIMERICK WED. 25 MAR. 1772

I have your favours of the 9th, 12th & 19th. The last mentions your having only 61 barrels Pork & desiring me to make up the 39 here, as the price is 24/6 with you.⁵⁶⁷ Now as tis advanced here to 25/6 some say to 26/ I must request of you to make up the 39 on the best terms you can & I will consider your loss. Indeed tis impossible to get any good Pork here & is daily advancing as the contract fell into 3 hands,⁵⁶⁸ each is eager to accomplish their contract.

I should be glad if you would hasten what you have ready, as I don't know how soon my ship may arrive.

660. / 276 CAMPBELL McNEIL & CAMPBELL, CAMPBELTOWN WED. 25 MAR. 1772

I have this day remitted Messrs Dunlop & Wilson my Bill on Maitlands for £179.10.9 str. at 7½% which balances your account as annexed. I shall esteem your future commands. An additional duty of 5½^d per gallon on Rum from Great Britain will take place in this Kingdom the 1st May.

661. / 276 DUNLOP & WILSON, LONDON WED. 25 MAR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 5th. Above you have my Bill on Maitlands for £179.10.9 which balances Messrs Campbell McNeil & Campbell's account with me, receipt of which you'll please advise them.

⁵⁶⁵ Named in notes to no. 41.

⁵⁶⁶ Detailed in no. 463.

⁵⁶⁷ This continues the Vokes problems raised in no. 564 and no. 581.

⁵⁶⁸ One being John Dearman of London; see no. 675.

662. / 276 WILLIAM SNELL ESQ. & CO., [LONDON]

WED. 25 MAR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 10th inst. Payments for goods sold have come in much worse than I ever knew before. Some part of your Rum not yet sold. However holding you guarantee what is still outstanding (which I esteem good), I remit you above my Bill on Maitlands for £416.7.11 str. at 7½% which balances your account as annexed. If any error it will be rectified on advice. The Old Butter is grown scarce & at 50 to 55/. Pork very scarce, best Cargo Beef 39/ per barrel, Herrings repacked 20/.

663. / 277 THOMAS ELLIS, LONDON

WED. 25 MAR. 1772

I refer to my last of the 13 inst. & am since favoured with yours of the 11th do, the contents duly noted. Above is my Bill on Maitlands for £400 which with exchange at 7½% is £430 to your debit. I intend shortly to make you a further remittance.

The *Francis & Elizabeth* is arrived & brings in all 28 bags hops. I have sold 6 bags of yours since my last at £10.5.0 & hope soon to put off the remainder. Therefore think you will do well to ship a fresh parcel as there will not many remain & shall be obliged for your giving the preference to the ship *Home Castle* now in loading with you, which belongs to a particular friend of mine.⁵⁶⁹

664. / 277 ROBERT ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, LONDON

WED. 25 MAR. 1772

My last was the 20th. Am favoured with yours of the 14th. I have drawn on you sundry Bills as under my account value £1096.8.3

Tho ^s Ellis	£400. 0. 0
W ^m Snell & Co	416. 7.11
Dunlop & Wilson	179.10. 9
Tho ^s Cromartie	100. 9. 7
	<hr/> 1096. 8. 3

665. / 277 THOMAS CROMARTIE, LONDON

WED. 25 MAR. 1772

I received your favour of the 16th. Above is account of the Rum sold by order of Capt. Higgins balanced by my Bill annexed on Maitlands for £100.9.7 str.

666. / 278 STRANGMAN & COURTENAY, WATERFORD

FRI. 27 MAR. 1772

I have your favours of the 19 & 24th inst., & note their contents. With respect to the Herrings please to put them off on the best terms you can during the Lent, as I doubt not they will be lower afterwards. The French Beef you make mention of is too high. I could not afford to give more than 25/ at which price am willing to take it delivered me free of all charges & I will stand the risk of mobs here.⁵⁷⁰

569 Possibly Samuel Bean of London; see no. 498 and no. 797. It eventually arrived in Cork on 20 Apr.; see no. 729.

570 It was a season of food shortages in Cork with mobs in the streets, who threatened to attack provisions destined for export rather than for local consumption.

667. / 278 MRS JUDITH FENNELL

SAT. 28 MAR. 1772

As you can at this time of the assizes come with safety to town without fear of any of your creditors, it will be but justice to do so in order to enter into such a composition with them as may be reasonably agreed on, for which I have authority from Messrs Eddie & Dupin⁵⁷¹ & should be glad to have it settled for your sake as well as theirs.

668. / 278 MR WILLIAM HUGHES, [LONDON]

FRI. 27 MAR. 1772

I duly received your favour of the 12th inst. and am sorry to find hydes so dull. With respect to calf skins by what I can learn they are expected to sell at about last years price. Some people talk at 5½^d for the heavy kind. I could not find any of the dealers inclined to engage before hand as I was not at liberty to buy. Therefore I think your best method will be to give me your highest limit assuring you that I will buy as much under as possible, for as I advance money before hand to the skin dealers I thereby often get an advantage, as they will sell me on the very best terms. If you incline favouring me with your orders as above I think it would not be [...] to write [...] about them to others here with whom you may be in correspondence.

I don't find any veal skins for sale at present and tis thought they cannot be afforded under 4^d per lb. Tallow was at 42/ last slaughter but tis since considerably advanced and now 48/ per cwt.

669. / 279 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON

FRI. 27 MAR. 1772

My last was the 13th inst. to which refer. Am since favoured with yours of the 10th & 12th do, & duly honoured your Bill to Rich^d Lawton £115.⁵⁷² I made enquiry about that to Lawton Carleton & Sons for £323.12.6 & found it was accepted, otherwise should have taken the needful care thereof.

The *Francis & Elizabeth* arrived from your place since my last & brought 28 bags hops, 3 chests Bohea & 6 of Green Tea.⁵⁷³ The hops are selling at £10 to £10.5.0 per cwt. I have sold since my last, 3 chests Bohea Tea at 2/11 & 5 chests Green at 5/6 viz. nos 736, 744, 747, 748 & 776, also the remaining 3 chests Hyson Tea per *Action* at 7/9. These were very ordinary or would have yielded a better price.

Inclosed are certificates for your Teas per *Two Friends & Elizabeth*. I am making out sundry sales to be sent you in my next. I have not heard anything further about calf skins. Tis thought they'll rule at about last year's price.

Exchange 7% to 6¾. The Comm[issioner]s have granted liberty for reshipping the

571 Of London; see nos 100, 298 and 839.

572 One of the prominent Lawton family of merchants. He operated from Cove St. The previous Monday he had married a daughter of Robert Warren of the banking family. Served on committee of merchants 1782/3 (Lucas, *Cork directory*; HC, 23 Mar. 1772; CCMM; *Cork Mercantile Chronicle*, 23 Apr 1804). For Lawton and Carleton see no. 376.

573 As a result of this and other importations Hare placed an advertisement in the *Hibernian Chronicle* of 26 Mar. as follows: 'Richard Hare has lately imported a fresh parcel of teas, viz. Bohea, Singlo, Bloom, Speckleaf and Hyson; also London bag hops and Turkey cotton wool, which will be sold on the most reasonable terms'.

smalts on paying about $\frac{1}{2}^d$ per lb. duty. Therefore shall embrace first opportunity of returning them.⁵⁷⁴

670. / 279 THOMAS FARR ESQ., BRISTOL⁵⁷⁵

SAT. 28 MAR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 16th & applyed at Mr Church's,⁵⁷⁶ relative to the account you inclosed me. They informed me that he was gone to Bristol & would settle it there. I find the ship he went in was by contrary winds put into Hollyhead. You'll please to advise if he should omit to call on you & I will endeavour to get it settled, but think it may be much better settled if you can meet him in Bristol or London. I think he cannot have the least reason for objecting to it. In this or any other matter you may command me.

671. / 280 WILLIAM & JOHN OGLE, NEWRY

SAT. 28 MAR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 10th & 24th inst. I can't submit to the unreasonable terms of the gentlemen from whom you bought the Herrings & were to pay $\frac{1}{2}$.⁵⁷⁷ I may not be able to recover any part, as the bounty is to be received at Newry. I desire you will send me back the certificates, as I have taken advice & shall bring it to a trial at Dublin, where I can prove the purchaser to be always entitled to the bounty. I propose filing a bill in chancery against them to oblige them to do the requisite.

I have enquired about the flaxseed & find the quantity imported is 1470 hogsheads, which is now held up at £3 to £3.5.0 per hogshead. One cargo of the above which arrived from Piscattaway⁵⁷⁸ about 6 months ago containing 360 hogsheads were bought on landing at 2 g[uinea?].s. The quantity that may arrive is very uncertain. The 1470 hogsheads I think will fall much short of the quantity wanted for our consumption.

The inclosed came to hand this day from Mr W^m Parkinson.

672. / 280 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, LONDON

SAT. 28 MAR. 1772

My last was the 25th. Above is W^m Witton on Hillary & Scott for £132.2.10 & inclosed is James Montgomery on Rob^t Arthur for £608.1.2 str.,⁵⁷⁹ with which please to do the needful. Inclosed you have also Tho^s Bragg on Hillary & Scott for £94.10.4.

574 Hare had applied for permission to re-export them; see no. 227.

575 In 1719 he had a share in the *Sarah* on the Bristol/Cork route. He became a major sugar merchant and shipowner and managed 37 slaving voyages in the period 1726–45. He built Blaise Castle in 1766 and became mayor of Bristol in 1775. He retired from trade during the American War (Morgan, *Bristol trade*, pp 25, 37, 123, 144 and 195).

576 Possibly Matthew Church, a merchant of the North Mall.

577 See nos 264, 490 and 537 which detail this speculation.

578 A port in New Jersey some 35 miles from New York.

579 A bill received months previously; see no. 266.

673. / 280 MR JOHN MAHIR

SAT. 28 MAR. 1772

I am favoured with yours. If you send the two bank Bills, your account shall be credited for them when received. The exchange is $6\frac{3}{4}\%$.

674. / 281 ROBERT BARNEVELT, LONDON

SAT. 28 MAR. 1772

I refer to my last of the 20th inst. with invoice & Bill of Lading for 205 firkins Butter per the *Edward*, Simon Lampert master, who sailed yesterday & I hope will have a good passage. I am since favoured with yours of the 16th & 19th do and observe that you had Butter shipped by another from here charged lower⁵⁸⁰ than mine, to which must reply that I cannot answer for what others may do. I have known some people here to ship lower than the goods cost them in order to promote business. A particular instance whereof was lately found to be done by a principal merchant of this town, who shipped a parcel of Beef on one vessel with mine & charged 2/ per barrel lower than I did or what it cost himself, which could be proved against him. I think I have as good opportunity of laying in my goods on as favourable terms in all respects as any other house here, as I always pay ready money for what I buy. I can assure you that others paid 1/ per cwt. more than I charged you for the Butter per *Thornton* & I paid myself, the same advance price for a large quantity before the shipping of that parcel. Indeed it may at times happen that some small parcels of inferior quality can be bought a trifle under the currency, but I am always for the best.

As to the weight of the Butter, I take as much care as anyone & cannot account how 5 or 6 lbs could be deficient in a firkin unless a mistake, or that the journeymen coopers eat it out when trimming, being probably a choice firkin, altho' I frequently give orders that they should not eat much out of any one firkin, but they are such an unruly set of people, that we can scarcely prevent them doing what they please. These people have lately turned out combined together & entered into sundry foolish laws & regulations amongst themselves very prejudicial to trade. However by an act of Parliament now passing tis hoped that we shall be able to bring them to proper order.

I have noted your order for Pork to be shipped at the currency & will use my endeavours to procure some for you, but this article continues so scarce & a good part of whats going so very indifferent besides being dear, that I despair of being able to make much progress therein. For the same reasons I don't find any bacon at present made for sale, otherwise would very gladly procure the quantity you direct. I take Waterford to be the best place for bacon as they have in general larger hogs than we have here. Very little Butter of any kind comes to market, scarce enough for the consumption of the town. Our fresh Butter is now up to 11^d per lb., which is the highest I ever remember. Our new Butter in all likelihood will open very high.

PS: The 50 firkins of third quality Coarse shipped on the *Thornton* was picked Butter for which I should at any time prefer paying an advance rather than take it in the run, as I know others to have done for your market.

580 Barnelvelt had previously complained of the price charged for pork in no. 602.

675. / 282 JOHN DEARMAN, LONDON⁵⁸¹

MON. 30 MAR. 1772

Since my last of the 31 Jan.^{581a} to which refer have not been favoured with any of yours. I was afterwards informed that you had taken the Pork contract & sincerely wish it may turn out to your advantage, but if the makers-up have (as I suppose) engaged to deliver it at a certain price they must without doubt be great sufferers, that article having advanced to 26/ per cwt., a price never before known here, occasioned by the number of makers-up for the contract as well as other demands & the Pork difficult to be got at almost any price, which I foresaw in a great measure would be the case.

Butter of all kinds is become very scarce not more coming in than serves for home consumption. The new in all likelihood will open very high. I shall be always glad to render you any acceptable service here.

676. / 283 JAMES DES COTES & CO., LONDON

MON. 30 MAR. 1772

I duly received your favours of the 18 Jan. & 21st inst., the first accompanying a letter for Mr Kern which was delivered him. Your last inclosed a Bill on Mr Tho^s Strettel for £101, which I herein return you accepted, payable at Messrs French & Hobsons & on the like or any other occasion you may freely command me.

677. / 283 ALEXANDER HARPER, KINSALE

MON. 30 MAR. 1772

I received your favour of this date desiring to know the prices of my Teas which are as follows. Bohea 2/11, common Green 5/3, middling do 5/6, Hyson 9/ per lb. I have none in hands in boxes such as you had before, but in chests of about 60 lbs.

678. / 283 MR THOMAS CALVERT, [LANCASTER]

TUE. 31 MAR. 1772

My last was the 1st ult. since which received none from you. I have drawn a Bill on you payable in London, favour John Jones for £300 sterling at 21 days sight at 7¼% is £321.15.0 to the credit of your account This Bill is on account of the provisions shipped last August on the *Mary*.⁵⁸² Shall defer drawing further on you for some time. Butter is scarce to be had at any price and the new will be very late and dear.

679. / 284 PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), [LIMERICK]

WED. 1 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 23rd & 26th which should have been answered last post, but waited till Mr Connellan⁵⁸³ had chose your Rum, which he has now done to about 4 puncheons to compleat the £2000. You shall have the Invoice as soon as those are chosen. Your account is credited for the two Bills inclosed £136.7.6.

At present I don't see any probability of my wanting any kind of Beef as the orders come very slow. Perhaps it may soon be otherwise. I don't hear of any Beef bought here since the slaughter. I shall credit you for the car load when it arrives.

581 John Dearman was a factor at 248 Tooley St, Soutwark (*London directory* 1768).

581a Not in manuscript.

582 She sailed to Grenada on 1 Sept.; see nos 63, 177 and 191.

583 See no. 650.

680. / 284 THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, [LIMERICK] WED. 1 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 26th with carriers receipt for 12 barrels Pork. They are not yet come to hand. I now sell my Jamaica [Rum] at 4/8 and the degree. Indeed I mostly get that ready money.

I think all those who agreed to deliver Pork to Mr Dearman and the other contracts must suffer much. I was offered part but declined it.

I could wish to have every interest I have within city sold except what I occupy. House rent is very disagreeable and troublesome.

681. / 284 MR THOMAS BLACKETT[?] FRI. 3 APR. 1772

Inclosed are Invoice and Bill of Loading for 50 firkins Butter shipped you by order of Mr Dav^d Kenyon. They are as good as this season would afford & altho' charged high it is with difficulty they can be had at that, or any price. Its expected new Butter will break a £3 and will be late at market as our spring is very backward.

An act of parliament is passed to make the duty of rum imported from England equal to what is paid on that article directly landed from the West Indies

682. / 285 MR EDWARD WITTON FRI. 3 APR. 1772

Inclosed are Invoice and Bill of Lading for 200 Barrels best Cargo Beef shipped on the *Lydia*⁵⁸⁴ account of Mr David Kenyon.

An act of parliament is passed in this Kingdom to make the duty on Rum imported from England equal to what is paid on that article imported here directly from the W Indies, so that no more will be sent here from Great Britain.

683. / 285 JOHN JOHNSTON, LIVERPOOL FRI. 3 APR. 1772

The 3rd January last I shipped on the brig *Ann*⁵⁸⁵ by and for account of Mr Benj Johnston, sundry agreeable to his orders amounting to £841.13.8, of which he had Invoice & Bills of Lading. I am sorry to hear by Mr White that he is lately dead & that the settlement of his affairs devolved on you. If so I will be obliged to you to inform me whether it will be agreeable to you to draw for the same in about 3 months as mentioned to him. However if it should then be inconvenient it shall be deferred a little longer. If you should not be his executor, please to advise me who is, that I may apply to him.

684. / 285 ROBERT ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND, LONDON FRI. 3 APR. 1772

My last was the 28th ult. Am favoured with yours of 24th do. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Mrs Theodoria Clayton for £282.15.10 & favour Savage French for £200, my account.

584 She arrived on 2 Apr. from the West Indies under Capt. Ramsey (*Port News*).

585 She sailed 5 Jan. to Tortola, Dickenson as master, with beef, butter and Irish herrings (*Port News*).

685. / 285 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN] FRI. 3 APR. 1772

I received your favours of the 18 & 24th ult. Inclosed is Jane Lewis on Ross Saunderson for £79.15.11 with which please to do the needful.⁵⁸⁶

686. / 286 WILLIAM INNES ESQ., LONDON⁵⁸⁷ FRI. 3 APR. 1772

I received a letter last Nov (of which I annex copy) from Mr Jn^o Lamb & agreeable thereto shipped sundry on the *Liverpool* the amount £50.18.7, & sundry on the *Windsor* £41.7.3. Invoices & Bills of Loading were sent him. I am now informed that he since dyed at Bath & that you wrote to our mutual friend Mr Peter Holme for his account with Mr Lamb. Now as Mr Lamb's orders were to draw on him payable at your house, I shall be obliged to you to advice me if it will be agreeable to you that I draw for the above amount about next Nov., at which time I shall want it. Your answer will much oblige.

687. / 286 THO^s LOVEJOY ESQ., [JAMAICA]⁵⁸⁸ FRI. 3 APR. 1772

Inclosed are Invoice and Bill of Loading for 10 barrels best Mess Pork shipped on the *St Peter*⁵⁸⁹ by order of Rob^t Gordon Esq. I assure you they are charged as low as this market will admit of, for I never knew Pork so high as it is at present by 4/ per cwt., occasioned by scarcity of pigs in the country & large Government contracts.

688. / 286 BENJAMIN LAWRENCE ESQ., [JAMAICA]⁵⁹⁰ FRI. 3 APR. 1772

I received your esteemed favours. I assure you I endeavour to get any article I ship of the very best, but as articles grow dearer every year in this county, so our county folks feed their cattle the worse.

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Loading for the sundrys shipped on the *St Peter* by order of Rich^d Savage Esq. I hope the quality will please. I am ashamed of the high prices but I assure they are as low as this market will admit of. The Pork cost me 4/ per cwt. more than I ever paid before. This article is very scarce and in great demand for some government contracts etc.

689. / 287 JAMES WEDDERBURN ESQ., [JAMAICA]⁵⁹¹ FRI. 3 APR. 1772

Inclosed are Invoice and Bill of Loading for one keg of best French vinegar shipped per the *St Peter* by order of Peter Holme Esq.

586 The bill was rejected; see no. 745 and no. 766.

587 William Innes was a merchant at 6 Limestreet Sq (*London directory* 1768).

588 In 1755 he acquired a 300-acre estate in the parish of St James by letters patent (TNA).

589 She had arrived 2 Apr. from Liverpool under Capt. Biggs, with dry goods for Jamaica (see no. 501 and *Port News*).

590 His estate in Jamaica bordered on the 290-acre estate called the Friendship in the parish of St Catherine.

591 Wedderburn (1730–1807) escaped to Jamaica in 1746 after his Catholic father was hanged by the English after the battle of Culloden. He stayed for 27 years amassing a huge fortune. On returning to Scotland he purchased Inveresk House near Edinburgh (Iain McCalman, 'Anti-slavery and ultra-radicalism in early nineteenth-century England', *Slavery and Abolition*, 7 (1986), p. 100).

Letters to the same purpose with this last were wrote to the following persons⁵⁹² with the provisions which were sent them respectively, viz.

Alex Walter Esq	}	All by the <i>St Peter</i>
Henry Cammist Esq		
W ^m Atherton Esq		
Rich ^d Craw Esq		

690. / 287 DAVID KENYON, LIVERPOOL

MON. 6 APR. 1772

I have yours favours of the 14 & 26 ult. Capt. Ramsey⁵⁹³ cleared out the 3rd, but is still wind bound. Inclosed are Invoices & Bills of Lading viz

200 barrels Beef	£427.18. 0
50 firkins Butter	82.12. 9
account of ships disbursements	46.10.10

which sums are to your debit. The prices are very high but charged as low as possible. I had not an opportunity of passing a Bill payable in Liverpool. I write now to Mr Beckman under your cover, desiring he may remit it to Maitlands for my account.

691. / 287 WILLIAM WHITE & ROBERT MAGEE & CO., DUBLIN

MON. 6 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 20 ult. & sent a particular messenger to Youghal with Greatrakes⁵⁹⁴ Bill, which he could not obtain payment of, & its very doubtful if it will be ever paid. I herein return it to you & also Mr Greatrakes letter to me. It was needless to protest it again as it was protested already for non payment.

692. / 288 WILLIAM G. BECKMAN, LIVERPOOL

MON. 6 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 27th. I sent your account with Mathew Rock to Youghal by a particular friend, who found that Mrs Rock had been there, but had quitted that place, was very poor & not able to pay anything.

I have no correspondent at Tralee but hope in a few days to have an opportunity of sending it by a friend, but doubt if any part will be got. I have not met any opportunity of drawing on you for the Butter payable in Liverpool. I therefore request you would remit it in a good Bill on London to my friends Maitlands, the amount of the Butter being £38.2.5 Irish, at the present exchange of 6¾% is £35.14.3 str., which sum please to remit as above.

693. / 288 ALEXANDER JOHNSTON & SON ESQS, [LONDON]

TUE. 7 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 25th ult., ordering sundrys per first vessel for St Kitts & St Eustatia. I apprehend the vessel is to deliver them either at St Kitts or St Eustatia

⁵⁹² All those listed were merchants and estate owners in Jamaica. Atherton (1742–1803) owned the Green Park estate in the parish of Trelawny (www.cockpitcountry.com/TrelEstates.html, accessed April 2013).

⁵⁹³ The master of the *Lydia*; see no. 682.

⁵⁹⁴ Possibly John Greatrakes, a pewterer in the South Main St (Lucas, *Cork directory*).

at the [house?] of Messrs Crawford & Earle⁵⁹⁵ or perhaps part at one island & part at the other. If so, few ships will chuse to take them in without extraordinary freight. I should therefore be glad of your directions as to that part of your order. Your answer will be here before any new Butter is expected at market, as our spring is very backward & the price of old Butter is a 51 to 54/ per cwt., and very scarce. The price of new will break excessive high. In the meantime shall endeavour to procure.

Old Beef is but little advanced here this season. Pork has been, and continues excessive high. Cannot be made up under 56 to 57/ per barrel. The lowest price of Herrings is 20/ per barrel at which shall secure the 200 barrels and have them repacked & be careful that they be right good.

Our Butter is certainly better than it ever was at the time of shipping but as I mentioned before⁵⁹⁶ I think it will not keep locally in the West Indies, being made too fresh, and as to the complaint of the Beef, I fear it will not be mended this year as our last summer was so very dry that our cattle are not in general so fat as usual, but I think what I ship will be full as good as any shipped from this Kingdom. The other kind of Beef are higher or lower agreeable to their quality. It governs a 29 to 35/.

694. / 289

MESSRS RAWLINSONS & CHORLEY, [LIVERPOOL]

TUE. 7 APR. 1772

I have your esteemed favour of the 30th ult., desiring the price of provisions here as you should be wanting a cargo in a little time. At foot you have the present currency, but must observe that there is but little old Butter on hands and the price of the new is expected to advance much, as our spring is very backward. Pork is very high on account of the contracts for the Government & scarcity of hogs in the country, but I think will be somewhat lower next month.

As to the time of payment, I beg leave to refer you to mine of the 2nd Aug,⁵⁹⁷ and only add here to that, tho' the stipulation of drawing in 3 months for Butter and 6 months for Beef, Pork and Herrings, yet I am enabled to postpone drawing punctually on my friends, when the stipulated time does not happen at the time of our slaughter, but when it happens at that time I can't avoid drawing.

Best cargo Beef	39 to 39/6
Second ditto	34 to 36/ as in quality
[?] ditto	28 to 29/
Butter 2nd quality	53/
ditto 3rd quality	50/
Mess Beef in tierces	70/
Common mess in half barrels	24
Best do in do	26
Mess Pork in do	29

595 See no. 812.

596 See no. 385.

597 See no. 39.

Herrings repackt fit for the West Indies	20/ per barrel
Tripes per keg	5/5
Salmon per lb.	6/
Half barrel tongues	48/

695. / 289 RICHARD SAVAGE ESQ., [LIVERPOOL] TUE. 7 APR. 1772

I received your esteemed favour per Capt. Rigg⁵⁹⁸ and shipped on him your order, account of Mr Lawrence, the amount £45.17.9. Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Loading. I shall credit your account for the £429.16.4 str. at exchange 7¼% is £460.8.10 this currency. I find I omitted sending you account of the *Bettys* disbursements and sales of rock salt. I now inclose them, the amount of disbursements [blank] to your debit and proceeds of rock salt £ [blank] to your credit.

It gives me and family much pleasure to be informed of Mrs Savages continuing to mend. We request our best regards to her and accept the same from [...] etc.

We had unexpectedly the pleasure of Mr Watt's⁵⁹⁹ company for 2 days, but the weather was so bad there was no stirring out of the house. He sailed yesterday week and had fine winds for some days.

Inclosed is sales & certificates of the puncheon of Rum, neat proceeds £12.13.3.

696. / 290 MR JOHN NAVIN TUE. 7 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 3rd and have enquired the price and demand for Geneva. I find that the high proofs now at 7/ and ½^d per gallon advance for each degree above proof, but the sale is so very slow and uncertain that I cannot encourage you shipping it here.

697. / 290 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN] TUE. 7 APR. 1772

My last was the 3rd. Inclosed are Benson & Postlethwaite on Geo Moore of Ballymoney payable in Dublin for £54.5.0, and ditto on John Russell⁶⁰⁰ £43.6.8

698. / 290 ROBERT ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON] TUE. 7 APR. 1772

My last was the 3rd inst. Inclosed are my Bills on

Sutton & Schombart	£400.11. 1
John Spitta	342. 2.11
W ^m de Drusina & Co	154.18.11

I have drawn on you favour Earl & Woodhouse & Co. for £14.3.3 str.

598 Master of the *St Peter* to Jamaica; see no. 501.

599 Richard Watt. No. 481 indicates he was intending to travel to Jamaica. He arrived in Cork 26 Mar. on the *John*, Capt. McCarten, and left on the 30 Mar. for Jamaica with a cargo of dry goods (*Port News*).

600 John Russell was possibly the merchant of Patrick's St who exported butter in 1783 and who served on the Committee of Merchants in 1792/3 (Lucas, *Cork directory*; HC, *importers/exporters*; CCMM).

699. / 290 MR JOHN SPITTA, LONDON

TUE. 7 APR. 1772

I have your obliging favours of the 16th & 24th ult. I meant not to take any advantage of you when I acquainted you of Mr Dunker's⁶⁰¹ order to me & that I should comply therewith unless you directed the contrary, nor do I know anything to his disadvantage, but as his order was pretty considerable and the distance between Hamburg and this place so great, I thought it prudent to request your advice in case you should not incline to accept for him.

I have however not been able to compleat his order, but only shipped 5 lasts Butter as there is no more to be had, & this day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £343.2.11 str., payable 42 days sight, which please to honour & charge to said Mr John Fried^k Dunker of Hamburg. [Please seal and forward...].

700. / 291 MESSRS EARL & WOODHOUSE & CO., [LIVERPOOL]⁶⁰²

TUE. 7 APR. 1772

I have at last finished sales of your Herrings. Indeed I sold the 20 barrels some time past to a huckster who has had time to draw them away as he could sell them,⁶⁰³ not being able to pay for more than a barrel or two at a time, and I being afraid he would not take the whole prevented my finishing the sale which you have annexed, and your account current balanced by my Bill on Maitlands for £14.3.3.

701. / 291 PETER HOLME ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

TUE. 7 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 14th ult., per Capt. Rigg and shipped your order on her viz.

	£ 6.10. 2
	30. 5.11
[Various	19. 9
Packing	4. 5. 6
symbols]	70. 2.10
	86. 6. 8
	187. 5.10

Of this last Invoice I am to credit your account with a third of the 100 barrels Herrings in case you don't chuse them for your own account, of which you'll please to advise, and it shall be settled accordingly. I cleared out the ship the 4th inst., but she is still wind bound & I believe is a full ship as Capt. Rigg was to come up if otherwise, as a little more was likely to offer on freight. I postpone sending you the ships disbursements as Capt. Rigg was to draw for [...] advance.

I shall defer drawing on you as long as possible. Herrings are at 18/ per barrel and were lower, but it was for those in barrels as imported, which would not be fit for exportation unless repacked.

601 Spitta must have taken exception to Hare's request for instructions in no. 577.

602 Earl & Woodhouse were merchants at Lancelot's Quay (*Liverpool directory* 1774).

603 See no. 529 re selling herrings by the barrel.

I am thankful of sending the barley. I am this day sowing it. I credit you £2.18.6 Irish for the cost. I have not yet determined about putting up any statury.⁶⁰⁴

702. / 292 THOMAS ELLIS, [LONDON]

TUE. 7 APR. 1772

Since my last of the 25th ult., am favoured with yours of the 24th & note the contents. I sold your 6 bags hops per *Fra' & Eliz* on landing at £10.5.0. They were something better than the former parcel, yet I could not obtain more for them, as others who had by same vessel, sold at £10. Having likewise finished sale of hops per *Mary*, I send annexed account sales of both parcels viz:

22 bags & 2 ends per <i>Mary</i>	£576. 8.8
6 do per <i>Fra' & Eliz</i>	155.16.6

which sums are to your credit. I pray note the same in conformity if free of error. There are 2 vessels arrived from your place within these 3 days, which bring 35 bags hops.⁶⁰⁵

703. / 292 WILLIAM DE DRUSINA & COMPANY, [LONDON]

TUE. 7 APR. 1772

I duly received your esteemed favours of the 22nd Oct. & 4th Nov. last, the matter they related to being adjusted before receipt of them, made a reply needless. I meant not to take any advantage in acquainting you with the orders I had,⁶⁰⁶ and to draw on your favour, but should be glad in case you should at any time have an objection to accept for anyone particular to be acquainted with your sentiments, as our distance from Hamburg is so great.

This day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands a Bill or order for £154.18.11 str. payable at 42 days sight, to which please to give your accustomed honour & charge the same to our mutual friends Mr Claes Trahn of Hamburg. [Please seal and forward...]

704. / 292 RICHARD HAROKSWORTH ESQ.

WED. 8 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 1st advising that some of my tenants had quitted that part of Carragraige that I let them, and that I would be obliged to let the ground again. I have no account from Mr Lacy to whose care I put them. They did quit it about a month since but returned. However if it were the case, your offer is quite below what I am offered by several others for a 31 year lease or 3 lives. Indeed I was offered 7/ per acre by as good tenant as any in the county, but chusing to give it to the old tenants refused it. I pray my best respects to Mrs Hawkshaw.

705. / 293 MESSRS THOMAS & SIMON VOKES, [LIMERICK]

WED. 8 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 6th. I should think as so many horses are employed to carry Mr Roche's Rum,⁶⁰⁷ you would be able to get the Pork brought at the usual prices.

604 As discussed in no. 588 relating to his new Cork house.

605 They arrived on the 4 and 7 Apr.; see no. 709.

606 See no. 307.

607 See no. 625 to Philip Roche (John) included a request that he collect rum. Roche must have sent horses from Limerick to Cork for them and Hare is suggesting that Vokes could utilise these empty wagons to bring his pork to Cork.

I note the fall in price of Pork.⁶⁰⁸ Tis fallen here and will be lower, as the time for making up the contract Pork expired the 1st inst.

Annexed is account of 8 puncheons good Jamaica Rum, which shall be sent per first carrier. Mr Mee is looking out for them. I am selling part at 4/8 and believe might well have got a higher price. I have a parcel of Tea lately imported. Bohea 2/10, Green 5/3 to 6/. Hops £10.

706. / 293 MR JOHN LACY

WED. 8 APR. 1772

I received yours of the 8th ult., with a Bill for £60. Before yours came to hand the tenants were with me & Mr Finch and having your discharge for the Nov. rent, I was induced to sign their leases. I am since informed, that they or most of them have quitted the land. I desire you will go there and as soon as possible, let me know who have continued and what tillage or cattle are on the ground & whether they have paid the note.

PS 8 April; Since writing the above I have a letter from Rich^d Burke informing me that Mich^l Ryan had run away & carry off his stock, and that none of the Portneys would till the ground until they had an answer from me, as he made Ryan no lease since he went home, but that he was very willing to pay his part & that if I gave him an note, he would take [it to?] said Ryan who was well able to pay it, which is £57.1.6. I think you had better endeavour to have him taken.

Mr Crawford⁶⁰⁹ made me a proposal for a lease of 3 lives & one renewable at 18/ per acre for the first 3 years & 16/6 for the remainder of the time. If he is still willing to take it & you can get up the lease from Burke let Mr Crawford know I am willing to let him have it, or if Tomson is willing to take it at Mr Crawford's offer he shall have it & as he cannot take a lease of more than 31 years,⁶¹⁰ as an encouragement I will [...] and give him a renewal every year of my life. I inclose a letter in answer to [...] to R^d Burke & Mich^l Ryan.

707. / 294 MR RICHARD BURKE

WED. 8 APR. 1772

I received yours and observe Mich^l Ryan was run away and carryed off his cattle and that you could take him for the rent he owed if I gave you a power. I have wrote to Mr Lacy who will act the needful in that respect. You and he deceived me in showing Lacy's discharge for Nov. rent when he took your notes & oaths to pay the balance in 15 days.

John Lacy has my directions how to act in every respect. It was wrong to take a lease if you had not determined to hold the land.

608 No. 659 shows the Vokes were struggling to come up with pork at a price earlier quoted.

609 No. 503 mentions a previous offer by Crawford.

610 Presumably because he was a Catholic and as such denied long leases under the Penal Laws.

708. / 294 SUTTON & SCHOMBART, [LONDON]

TUE. 7 APR. 1772

I duly received your esteemed favour of the 10th Sep. last, accompanying one from our mutual friend Mr H. A. Hassbach[?] whose order I could not execute as his limits would not admit of it. This day I have drawn on you for £400.11.1 str. favour Maitlands or order at 42 days sight, to which please give your accustomed honour & charge the same to our mutual friend Mr Heinrich Volstedt of Hamburg. [Please seal and forward...]

709. / 294 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON

TUE. 7 APR. 1772

Since my last of the 27th ult. am favoured with yours of the 21, 24, 27 & 28 ditto, their several contents duly noted & your 2 Bills on me for £140 & £215.15.0 honoured. The exchange at which I drew on you was the currency & it was lower afterwards. The *Charming Polly* & the *Tortola Planter* are arrived⁶¹¹ & bring 35 bags hops, 7 chests Bohea & 3 chests Green Tea. I doubt the hops will not yield above £10, as I find some of the last importation were sold at £9.15.0 & I apprehend they are looking down with you as an Invoice was received here a post or two ago of 10 bags shipped at £7.15.0. Your directions respecting the sale of the Teas shall be observed & I will endeavour to run off the Bohea as quick as possible, but shall be obliged to lower the price to 2/10. The 3 chests nos 823 to 5 sold at 5/6. I could not obtain more for them, tho' showed to different people & at the time of shipping them nor since, you made no particular distinction thereof, so that as you mentioned Teas dull & looking down, I was glad to sell on best terms I could. I have sold since my last the 2 remaining chests of Hyson Tea no 827 at 9/ & 790 at 8/6. Also 4 chests of Green at 5/6 nos 725, 729 737 & 740. The cotton wool sticks on hands. The buyers are not inclined to exceed 11^d for the best. As to Mr Cambridges affairs,⁶¹² I can say nothing further than what was before advised you, the litigated matters abroad being yet undetermined.

PS. Your sales are not yet finished. They shall be sent as soon as possible. Also the account current.

710. / 295 STEPHEN FORD, LIVERPOOL

FRI. 10 APR. 1772

I received your favours of the 31 ult. & 2nd inst., the first inclosing 2 Bills on Dublin for £97.11.8 which shall be in course to your credit. In consequence of your last I send annexed Invoice & inclosed Bill of Lading for 10 hogsheads tallow, also 43 casks & firkins Grease Butter & 3 casks Scrapings, shipped for your account on the *Thomas of Cork*, Rich^d Bleak master, amounting to £429.7.11, which is to your debit. Said Capt. proposes clearing out to morrow & to sail first fair wind. I could not procure you more Grease Butter to go by this ship or Scrapings, both being scarce.

611 The former arrived on 7 Apr. the latter on 4 Apr. from London, to proceed after Cork with dry goods to Grenada (*Port News*).

612 No. 352 indicates he had died. See also no. 515.

711. / 296 CATHERINE HANNAH

SUN. 12 APR. 1772

I have yours of the 6th. I should have come from Belfast by the way of [...] but was told the roads were much worse & longer than by the way of Hillsborough [?] & as it was later in the year than I usually returned from England was obliged to proceed with the greatest expedition.

As £30 may at this time be of service to you, I enclose you Ja^s Brown's Bill on Sir Geo Colebrooke for that sum. You may send me such a receipt as you think necessary. I believe, Mr King, your brother in law lives in the county of Wexford & as tis not far from Dublin you had better endeavour to see him and get his order to pay you what is in my hands being the balance of what I told you when here, viz. £134.11.8 of which the inclosed Bill is a part. I have not occasion of any linens for my friends at present. (Send by James Molony of Limerick)

712. / 296 ARTHUR AND BENJAMIN HEYWOOD ESQS, LIVERPOOL MON. 13 APR. 1772

I received your esteemed favour of the 25 ult. It gives me much pleasure to find you came off with such little loss by the fire at Grenada.⁶¹³ I have for your satisfaction inclosed you an account of the guage of each cask of your Rum with the numbers on each cask in Liverpool & the number on said cask when gauged here & the [...] contents with you & here. I have examined the charges very minutely & can find no error except 4^d in the *Phoebes* & 2/ in the *Batchelors*.⁶¹⁴

You have also inclosed the Invoices of the gauge given me by the guager & you'll find a small increase in the number of gallons sold more than gauged when landed notwithstanding what may be lost by soakage, leakage or pilferage on the Custom House Quay where our Rum generally remains for sale under the care of a watchman. If I had observed any cause of suspecting a pilferage on board the ships, depend on it I should have applied to the Capts for redress, but on the *Phoebe* I find an increase of near 4% above the Liverpool guage. You have particulars of the duty & charges paid & for your future perusal, copies of the entries.

The sale of the Rum is very slow since the Act was brought into the House for the additional duty. Indeed it was the general opinion that no such Bill would have been brought into the House. I unluckily proposed to sell 70 puncheons of Jamaica Rum to one at Limerick (the day before we had the account of its being brought into the House) at 4/4 ready money,⁶¹⁵ & as many more at 4/6 per gallon in 3 months. He accepted of those at 4/4 but would not take them at 4/6 altho' he had that day an account of the Bill. This Rum was bought & consigned me, by one who speculated on presumption of this Bill, but believe he will not gain much by it. For my part I have not imported a puncheon on my own account these 10 years past.

Herrings have advanced about 1/ per barrel as our consumption for the Lent has been very great. No new Butter yet at market & very little old.

613 Also mentioned in no. 726 and no. 734.

614 See no. 597.

615 Philip Roche (John) of Limerick; see no. 582.

713. / 297 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]

MON. 13 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 6th & 10th inst. Inclosed

Thomas Greg on Harty & Germain [?]	£50
Benson Postlethwaite on Jn ^o Stewart	75.19.0

714. / 297 THOMAS EARLE ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

TUE. 14 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 1st inst., and have re-examined the sale of the coal per the *Leghorn Galley*,⁶¹⁶ and don't find that more came to my hand than 180 barrels. No more was entered and is the same as appears by our water bailys account, who has a return made to him by the measurer on oath. Inclosed is your account current balanced by my Bills inclosed, viz:

My Bill on Peter Pemberton	£65.12. 7
do on Backhouse & Banks	46.17. 4
do on Maitlands	15. 9. 0
	<hr/> 127.18.11
at 7% is	£137. 4. 5

If any error hereafter should be found in the sale or account current it shall be rectified.

715. / 298 MESSRS BACKHOUSE & BANKS, [LIVERPOOL]

TUE. 14 APR. 1772

I have drawn a Bill ou you favour Tho^s Earle Esq. for £46.17.4 str. at 7¼% is £50.5.3 being the account of sundrys shipped last Sep. per Capt. Ecclastown.⁶¹⁷ Old Butter scarce to be had & the average price about 53/, consequently the new will be very high when it comes to market.

716. / 298 MR PETER PEMBERTON, [LIVERPOOL]

TUE. 14 APR. 1772

My last was the 14th Oct. with Invoice of sundry account of Mr Reily amounting to £70.7.9 for which have drawn a Bill on you favour Tho^s Earle for £65.12.7 str.

717. / 298 MR JAMES MOLONY, [LIMERICK]

WED. 15 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 9th inst. with James Browns Bill on Sir Geo Colebrooke & Co. for £30, which is to your credit. Inclosed is the carriers receipt for 1 bag hops with the other articles which I had bought for you not having any of them myself, and as all my people are otherwise fully employed I must beg to be excused from any of these commissions for the future, but when you want hops, Teas & any other articles I may have for sale shall be glad of your orders for such.

616 She arrived in Cork on 14 Jan. from Liverpool with white salt and coal for Cork and goods for Jamaica, and sailed for Jamaica under Captain McDaniel on 10 Feb. with beef and pork. The *Leghorn Galley* was owned by Thomas Earle (see no. 52), who in 1772 established a line of packets sailing at regular times from Liverpool to Leghorn. The ship was later captured in 1776 at the beginning of the American war while on a voyage to Jamaica and carried into Philadelphia (*Port News*; Williams, *Liverpool privateers*, p.192).

617 See no. 257 and no. 258.

At foot is account of what I have now sent, the account £45.13.11 to your debit. Bohea Tea is rose again to 2/11 on account of an advance at the [...]. Green 5/3 to 6/ as in quality which is as low as in Dublin.

718. / 299 JOHN BALDWIN, [CORK]⁶¹⁸

THU. 16 APR. 1772

I have yours of the 14th. I don't know what keys belong to the locks on the doors, but suppose some of these you left belong to locks you took off of doors. I was to have all the fixtures in the house, instead hearing you have taken away the dresser & many shelves out of the closet over the small [...] between the two pantries not worth 1^d. You also left several pains of glass broak which should be mended. Under these poor actions you cannot expect I should go beyond my agreement which was to give you the carriage, when I had another made which had been run since in hands, & I cannot put myself to any inconveniencing of any kind to oblige again. As to the dungets [?], not worth more than a guinea. As to the asparagus, I want the ground. It may lye a few days longer. I have many things to put into the border.

I find you have made a stile to the gate you put up in the road between my field & your brick yards. It must be moved to your own side, as tis away over to my field.

719. / 299 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLANDS ESQS, [LONDON]

FRI. 17 APR. 1772

Since my last of the 7th which inclosed sundry Bills, I received your favour of the 4th. Inclosed are 2 bank notes viz. No 502 & 279 for £10 each. You have also inclosed a lottery ticket no 21150, which is a £20 prize.

I have drawn on you, my account

A Bill favour Tho ^s Earle the 14th	£15.9.0
fav John Cuthbert 35 days date	400.0.0
fav Savage French	100.0.0
fav Allen & Marlar	150.0.0
	<u>665.9.0</u>

720. / 299 MESSRS ALLEN MARLAR & CO., [LONDON]

FRI. 17 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 28th February. Above is my Bill on Maitlands for £150 account of Mr Jn^o Henderson

721. / 300 MR JOHN HENDERSON, [BELFAST]

FRI. 17 APR. 1772

Annexed is a letter from Capt. McCormack. I have recommended him to push for Milford in case the wind is not fair to go to Rothesay⁶¹⁹ or Belfast, and to make the first

618 This letter relates to Hare's leasing of the property in Ballintemple mentioned in no. 588. Baldwin was an attorney of Georges St. His father, also John (d. 1767), served as sheriff of Cork in 1730 and mayor in 1737. He also had property leased to Hare on Merchant's Quay. It would appear from the tone of this letter that relations were somewhat frosty between them (Lucas, *Cork directory; Cork Constitution* 21 Dec 1767; *Southern Reporter* 5 May 1818; Registry of deeds, Dublin, Book 407, p. 197, no. 27152 of 1786 and Book 416, p. 334, no. 277252 of 1789).

619 Rothesay is on the Isle of Bute on the west coast of Scotland. No. 826 indicates he headed for there.

port in Ireland if it should be close on the time of the act taking place, which I think cannot be passed before the 8th, as the House does not meet till the 9th of May.

I have this night remitted Messrs Allen Marlar & Co., a Bill on London at 21 days sight for £150 at 7½% is £161.15.0 to your debit. I have sold all the Herrings to a few barrels. They will turn out a bad speculation. Shall in a few days send you the sales. Jamaica Rum sells at 4/8 and low Rum at 4/4. No old Butter to be had. The new will break very high.

722. / 300 STEPHEN FORD, LIVERPOOL

FRI. 17 APR. 1772

I refer to my last of the 10th inst. with Invoice & Bill of Lading for 10 hogsheds tallow & 46 casks & firkins Grease Butter per the *Thomas*, Rich^d Bleak master, who is still here detained by contrary winds. Am since favoured with yours of the 6 inst. accompanying 2 Bills on your account value £218.14.3. The one on this place is accepted & the other is sent for acceptance. They shall be in course to your credit. Tallow has been sold here at 48/ & upwards.

723. / 300 JAMES & JOHN GARRETT, [JAMAICA]

SAT. 18 APR. 1772

Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Lading for sundry provisions shipped to your address on the *Britannia*.⁶²⁰

724. / 301 CLAUS HEIDE & CO., LONDON

SAT. 18 APR. 1772

I have your esteemed favour of the 29th Feb last advising your acceptance of my sundry drafts, which is agreeable. This day I have drawn on you favour Maitlands or order for £786.12.8 str., payable 3 months after dates, to which please give due honour & charge the same to our mutual friend Mr Christian Ludvig Budts of Copenhagen. [Please seal & forward...]

725. / 301 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, LONDON

SAT. 18 APR. 1772

I wrote you by last nights post. Am favoured with yours of the 11th inst. Above is my Bill on Claus Heide & Co. for £786.12.8 str.

726. / 301 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., LIVERPOOL

MON. 20 APR. 1772

Above is copy of what I wrote you the 17th ult. The vessel with this tallow has been long detained by contrary winds & want of goods.⁶²¹ She is now ready & hope will be soon with you. Am sorry to hear you are so very much out of order & hope the hot wells will be of service to you. Your letter for Grenada was forwarded by the *Tortola Planter* Capt. Thomason. Am glad your loss has not been as large as you feared.⁶²²
<per the *Thomas*>

620 The *Brittania* of Lancaster, Captain Stably, arrived from Lancaster on 16 Apr. and sailed on 20 Apr. (no. 734 and *Port News*).

621 Hare had hoped this vessel, the *Thomas*, would sail by 20 Mar.; see no. 631.

622 The fire in Grenada mentioned in no. 712 and no. 734.

727. / 301 HUGH & NAT[?] CONNOR

MON. 20 APR. 1772

I have your esteemed favours of the 18th ult. & 19th inst. & credit you £2.8.0 overdrawn account Mr Gordon. Mr John Moylan's son-in-law does business in London so should speak to him.⁶²³ I shall observe to speak to Mr Denis Moylan when I see him in favour of Mr Hugh Conner.

I have enquired the price of Spanish brandy & find it meets very slow sale at 5/ to 5/6 per gallon with ½^d advance per gallon on each degree above proof. Exchange to London 7¼ to 7%.

728. / 302 GARRETT NAGLE, BALLIDUFF

TUE. 21 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours by John Power of the 17th. I have frequently wrote threatening letters to Mr Graham concerning his rent or the stoppage of it, dissenables Jn^o Power to pay his rent & is greatly in arrears. I am resolved to establish my right against any pretence of his, but this is nothing to his rent due you. John Power⁶²⁴ has sufficient power of attorney from me, indeed he may distrain Graham as under tenant to him, but he has been intimidated. He tells me it was determined between you & him that you should have a power from me to distrain him which you have at foot.

I hereby impower Mr Garrett Nagle to distrain that part of Bally Mt Allan now in possession of Mr Redmond Graham for rent & arrears of rent due me by John Power & Edw^d Halloran. Witness my hand. Cork 21 April 1772, Rich^d Hare.

729. / 302 GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON

TUE. 21 APR. 1772

I refer to my last of the 7th inst., since which am favoured with yours of the 31 ult., 2, 4, 7 & 9th inst. & have honoured your sundry Bills advised therein. As Bohea Tea advanced again by your late advices I did not lower the price as I apprehended I should be obliged to do, although others sold at 2/9½. I have put off since my last, 2 chests of yours at 2/10½ & 3 at 2/11. Also 4 chests Green at 5/6 no 728, 734, 739 & 746. The Green goes off but slowly. The chest no 776 which you remark, I sold separate at 5/6 & could not obtain more, but in consequence of your letter of the 27 March I have kept up the remainder of that parcel at 6/, tho' not one sold since, as the buyers don't think the quality anyway equal to the price, & the other sorts which I keep up at 5/6 & 5/3 they reckon very ordinary. One chest advised to have sold in my last no 737 was afterwards returned being found to be damaged at one side, but I hope the air will help it.

I must observe that many people are prejudiced against the matted coverings & some are prepossessed with a notion that it injures the Tea. At any rate they give a preference to those covered with canvass, which most others have except yours. As the

623 John Moylan (c. 1705–1791), a prominent Catholic merchant at Kyrlls Quay, was known as Sean na Long due to his owning many ships. The son-in-law may be a McNamara who married his daughter Ann. Denis Moylan (c. 1708–1772) was John's younger brother (O'Shea, *Merchant community*, pp 54–57).

624 Hare's land agent. Previous problems with this tenancy were described in no. 67 and no. 167.

new Teas will be now dropping in, I should not think advisable to be over stiff with the sale of your Green on hands, but rather abate a little in order to get them off.

I was obliged to begin the sale of your hops at £10 as others had offered so, & some even sold at £9.15.0, at which price of £10, I sold 6 bags of yours, but having since found an opportunity of advancing the price, I put off 3 more at £10.2.6 & 4 at £10.5.0 per cwt. Have only sold one bag of your ordinary cotton wool since my last at 10^d. I keep up the best at 12^d, but they will not give it. Your order for 500 dozen calf skins of 40 lbs if at 4½^d is noted, but I can't find anyone inclined to engage at said price.

The *Home Castle* arrived yesterday,⁶²⁵ but can't report at our Custom House on account of the Holydays, till the 24th. She brings 42 bags hops, 20 chests & 6 half chests Bohea & 22 chests Green Tea. Inclosed are certificates for the 3 chests per *Charming Polly*. You have also inclosed sundry account sales as at foot, which please examine & note in conformity if free of error. The account current shall soon follow. I intend shipping the cask of smalts in a few days.

40 chests Tea per <i>Lord Mount Cashell</i> & neat proceeds	£912. 6. 6
21 do per <i>Action</i>	611.11. 5
6 do per <i>Two Arthurs</i>	175.14. 9
18 do per <i>Ariadne</i>	646. 3.11
20 bags cotton wool per <i>Dorothea & Hillary</i>	391.10. 1
19 do per <i>Action</i>	224.17.10
25 bags hops per <i>Ariadne</i>	553. 3. 6
14 do per <i>Prince George</i>	352. 0. 1
9 do per <i>Morant Planter</i>	201.14. 0
To your credit	<u>4069. 2. 1</u>

730. / 303 DAVID EVANS ESQ., LONDON

TUE. 21 APR. 1772

I am extremely obliged to you for your kind favours of the 19th ult. & 10 inst., but more especially for the latter, as it affords me the opportunity of removing any doubt of my having acted with honor in the sale of your Rum,⁶²⁶ which I shall do to your & the full approbation of the gentlemen concerned with you, & had for that purpose framed an affidavit, which I expected to have sent you this night, but am disappointed in getting the letter wrote by one of our Members (the Prime Sargant) relative to the passing the act. I hope to get it tomorrow as our mayor promises to search for it.

I shall also send you a letter received from our collector who is a Member of the House dated the 26th Feb., wherein he writes that there would certainly be no additional duty on spirits. The person I sold to was Mr Philip Roche (John) of Limerick to whom I write for an attestation of his purchasing from me, & hope to get it to send

625 She arrived on 20 Apr. under Captain McIntosh with 'merchant goods for Cork' (*Port News*). No. 781 shows she departed on 7 May for Madeira and the West Indies. No. 734 details the Easter Holy days.

626 *Recte* 'dishonour'. This letter lacks Hare's usual clarity; see no. 582 and others relating to his problems with the sale of this rum.

you with my own. I will give the gentlemen every satisfaction that can be required, & after the attestations are sent, they may appoint whom they please to examine into every tittle of it as I have always endeavoured to act with justice to others & the approbation of my own mind. I can stand the strictest scrutiny & I should not esteem them my friends that would harbour a doubt of my having done as I would others should do to me & not communicate the doubt & give me an opportunity of removing it. This you have done in friendship to me & I thank you for it. As I must refer you to my next⁶²⁷ I shall not add but that I am yours [etc.]

731. / 304 PETER HOLME ESQ., LIVERPOOL

TUE. 21 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 1st. The *St Peter* was sailed, therefore return the letter for Mr White. The others are forwarded by the *Brittania*. Inclosed is amount of the *St Peters* disbursements, the amount £57.14.4 to your debit.

732. / 304 MR PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), [LIMERICK]

TUE. 21 APR. 1772

As some of the gents to whom the Rum I sold you belonged have insinuated that it was not a fair sale, I request you will get an affidavit drawn up & send me by return of the post, mentioning the date of my letter offering the same to you,⁶²⁸ and also the date of your answering accepting of these at 4/4, and refusing my offer of a like quantity at 4/6,⁶²⁹ and if you will be pleased to mention your purchasing from others on the ~~same~~ terms and time bought at.

Indeed they require an affidavit that you did not know of the Bill being passed, but this I cannot ask from you. Whatever is the cost of the affidavits please to advise and you shall have credit for the same.

733. / 305 THOMAS & CLAYTON CASE ESQS, [LIVERPOOL]

WED. 22 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the [blank] desiring the prices of provisions. [Gives prices of butter, beef, pork and herrings as in no. 741.] My family have paid 11^d per lb.⁶³⁰ for Butter for our house some time past. I think about the 20th of May I could dispatch your vessel without waiting, if your order came in time to be providing the Butter & Pork.

The widow Johnston dyed at Jamaica last year,⁶³¹ and one of the heirs is gone over with power from the rep[resentative?]s to sell. It was not in any of their power to indemnify a purchase they being all poor.

Please to inform Mr Mess that the letter he sent to be forwarded to Jamaica was sent by the *Martha*.

⁶²⁷ See no. 767.

⁶²⁸ 4 Mar.; see no. 582.

⁶²⁹ 5 Mar.; see no. 586.

⁶³⁰ Equivalent to 102s. 8d per cwt. compared to the normal price of approximately 56/-.

⁶³¹ See no. 304 and no. 481.

734. / 306 EDWARD SALISBURY ESQ., [LANCASTER]

TUE. 21 APR. 1772

I received your favours of the 7th, 8th and 12th per Capt. Stably who arrived the 16th,⁶³² the 16th and 17th being Custom House holydays and only the 18th to do business till the 24th,⁶³³ and he sailed yesterday. I did not think it your interest that he should go to Grenada as a good quantity sailed from hence that would get there after the [fire?],⁶³⁴ besides the supply that is generally sent from other islands on such occasions. I could get but 60 firkins Butter for you, the old being all gone & no new as yet at market and when it comes I fear it will be near £3 per cwt. as our spring is very backward.

Inclosed are Invoice and Bill of Loading for what I shipped on the *Brittania* the account £587.2.6, and account of ships provisions £43.14.10. You have also the exports from the 1st Jan. to the 15th inst.

735. / 306 RICHARD SALISBURY ESQ. & CO., [LANCASTER]

TUE. 21 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 3rd. Thank you for rectifying my mistake in wrong directing the Bills etc. It would be a great disadvantage to you to have Bills drawn on each agreeable to your proper proportion, for as I seldom pass my Bills to a banker I usually get a higher exchange in paying them to private [...] than they generally [...]. I shall endeavour herewith to send you the accounts, if not they shall be sent in a post or two.

P.S. I beg leave to trouble you with the inclosed account of [illegible].⁶³⁵

736. / 306 MR JOHN SHAW, [LANCASTER]

TUE. 21 APR. 1772

I received your esteemed favour of the 9th per Capt. Stably with 100 g[uinea]s for which your account is credited £113.15.0 being 22/9 per g[uinea]a.⁶³⁶ [Gives prices of butter, beef, pork and herrings as no. 741.]

737. / 307 MR WILLIAM THOMPSON, [BARBADOS?]⁶³⁷

TUE. 21 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 12th with an inclosed directed to your son and partner, which I forwarded per the *Tortola Planter* Capt. Thomason as the *Britania* is not to call there.⁶³⁸ You was so kind to recommend Capt. Rich^d Parkinson to me last winter. In settling his account I omitted to charge him with his order for pilotage £1.11.11½

632 On the *Brittania*.

633 The 16th was the commemoration of the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie at the Battle of Culloden in 1746 and the 17th was Good Friday. The Custom House opened on Sat 18th and then closed for Easter week until Friday the 24th.

634 The fire mentioned in no. 712 and no. 726.

635 This postscript is scribbled and mainly illegible. It relates to Hare omitting to charge the pilotage referred to in no. 737.

636 One guinea or £1.1s.0d. sterling at an exchange rate of 8.33 per cent equates to 22s 9d Irish.

637 Possibly the Thompson of Barbados in no. 432 or his father.

638 The *Tortola Planter* sailed for Grenada; see no. 726. The *Brittania* sailed for Jamaica; see no. 723.

which I paid. I have desired my friend Mr Richard Salisbury to enquire of you where he is to apply to for payment thereof. You informing him will much oblige.

738. / 307 MESSRS FRY, FRIPP & CO., [BRISTOL]

WED. 22 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 30th ult. On the 1st advice of an error supposed of 5.1.4 tallow in your Invoice it was examined and no error could be discovered, and as the best method for discovering it, I sent you the 5th ult. by Capt. Williams⁶³⁹ another Invoice, which had not got to your hands at the date of your last, he having put into Holyhead, but as he is since arrived with you I hope the error is corrected.

I never charged less than 2½% on any goods shipped, and if you consider the risque I run in advancing money to sundry melters in order to get the tallow at your limits, you will think it little enough. £1500 was advanced to one who failed about 12 months before, and am by him about £60 out of pocket on account of tallow, and as a further consideration I must mention to you that my not drawing on the purchase of your tallow when exchange was very low, which was advanced when I drew on you, you'll find you have gained considerably in that article.

I remember in a conversation I had with one of Messrs Farrell[?] & Co, I think about 5 years since, it was affected to me that a principal merchant in Cork had shipped at 2%, and I think I said if it appeared so I would do the same, but that they never appeared to me, nor do I think any person that is worth 20 hogsheads tallow or could obtain credit for 40 would do it, nor would any person gain by it in the end, as the risque of advance daily increases. I assure you we often meet with heavy losses by advancing to the butchers and melters. I advanced £1000 to a butcher last Nov. for Beef to be delivered in a few days. He did not deliver me the value of £100 when he sent me word that he was not able to fulfill his engagement. I thought myself well off to get £300 in hand and £50 per annum for 3 years and lost the remaining £450. Indeed I would be glad of £100 for £150 he is to pay me.

You say you can get tallow shipped at 2% by very good Houses here. For my part I must decline doing it on those terms for the reasons above mentioned. Tallow grows very scarce here.

739. / 306 [308] MESSRS HILLARY & SCOTT, [LIVERPOOL]

WED. 22 APR. 1772

Your esteemed favour of the 28th came duly to hand inclosing a bank note of £25 is to your credit. I expected that Mr Witton would be arrived with you before I received your letter. After his sailing an account was brought me for oak timber and planks supplied him by Edw^d Allen. Please to advise me whether I am to pay it & charge to your account. The amount is £17.

[Gives prices for butter, beef, pork and herrings as in no. 741.] Exchange to London 7¼% to ½.

639 No. 543 and no. 544 etc detail Captain Samuel Williams set to depart to Bristol on the *Juno* about 25 Feb.

740. / 306 [308]MR JOHN HARHALE[?]

WED. 22 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 25th ult. ordering 25 firkins Butter to be shipped on the *Brittania* if room, of which there was sufficient, but the Butter was not to be got. Mr Salisbury was only for 100 firkins of which I could get no more than 60 & they were dear at 52/ and but indifferent. New may be expected the middle of next month but few ships will take new Butter on freight. I shall ship your order as soon as I can.

741. / 307 [309]JOHN TARLETON ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

My last was the 18th. Am now favoured with yours of the 14th. Am glad to find you much better for the waters and as the weather is now very fine, hope you will find the benefit of the fine airs about Bristol and the heat [?] will I own. Were I to change my situation none would please me better. Mrs Hare & family join me in good wishes for your recovery and in respect of Mrs Tarleton.

I observe your intention of dispatching the *John* to Dominica and would send her via Cork if the prices were agreeable. The old Butter is all gone the last prices 52 to 54/ and tis expected the new will be near 60/ as our spring is very backward. Best Cargo Beef 39/ to 40/, second sort 36/ and the other various kinds down to 29/ as in quality. Pork very scarce and much higher than I ever knew it. It can't be made up under 56/ but is expected lower soon. Herrings are growing scarce yet may now be had at 20/ to 21/ per barrel. Tallow is grown so scarce that they will not take 48/ for it. The shortage of tallow shows that our quantity of cattle killed last winter was less than usual.

742. / 307 [309]MR THOMAS MILIKEN[?]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 13th inclosing a letter for Mr John Spratt passenger on board the *Postelian*,⁶⁴⁰ which vessel was sailed before yours came to hand. I therefore return it to you.

743. / 307 [309]THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 18th. Inclosed is an advertisement which I request you would have put into Faulkner's newspaper.⁶⁴¹ I shall advise Capt. Hull of his faulty being charged. Inclosed is Jn^o Bourn on Ambrose Greenham, which please to get accepted and return it.

744. / 308 HENRY BRIGHT ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 16th ult., and 16th inst. I note that the Waterford prices of provisions has induced you to send the *Ruby*⁶⁴² thither. Its true they had an

⁶⁴⁰ The *Postelian* of Copenhagen arrived from Belfast on 16 Apr. under Capt. Hammer with goods for St Croix (*Port News*).

⁶⁴¹ *Faulkner's Dublin Journal*. Associated costs are mentioned in no. 760. The full text is given in Appendix 4.

⁶⁴² Owned jointly by the Bright family, it was used almost exclusively on the Jamaica run (Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 687).

advantage last winter of Cork in the salt, having had a quantity on hands when it was scarce here. The Beef cost them lower than we gave, yet if it was not of an inferior quality why would not the graziers and butchers bring them to Cork and benefit by the higher prices we give. Tis certain the county of Waterford is no more fit for fatning bullocks than the west part of this county. The Butter must be chiefly from this county and Herrings were these 2 months lower here than there.

I with pleasure observe Master Richards most commendable intention of spending another year at Warrington and your well judged indulgence therein.⁶⁴³

Mrs Hare and family joins me in best respects to you and family and request your giving the same to my good [blank], when you have the pleasure of seeing him. I believe I shall soon better William in the matrimonial stakes.⁶⁴⁴ John has been very unwell. We were afraid of a decay but hope the danger is over if he will take care not to catch fresh cold.⁶⁴⁵

<per Capt. Sinnott>

745. / 308 THOMAS DEANE ESQ., [BRISTOL]⁶⁴⁶

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 21st ult., inclosing Jane Lewis on Ross Saunderson £79.15.11, which was forwarded to Dublin. Am advised it was noted for non acceptance. He was not in town but I doubt not but it will be paid.⁶⁴⁷

<per Capt. Sinnott>

746. / 308 MR GEORGE CHAMPION, [BRISTOL]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

I received your esteemed favour of the 4th inst. and agreeable thereto have drawn a Bill on you favour Char^s Dyer for £516.17.0 str. at 7¾%, which balances your account as per annexed. The old Butter is all gone. No new at market. The price is expected to break high.

<per Capt. Sinnott>

747. / 309 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

Since my last of the 7th ult. I am not favoured with any from you. [Gives prices of butter, beef, pork and herrings as no. 741.]

⁶⁴³ Bright's son; see no. 284 and no. 535.

⁶⁴⁴ Hare's son William was married on 28 May; see no. 752.

⁶⁴⁵ Hare's fears were well founded as his son John died shortly afterwards in 1774.

⁶⁴⁶ Presbyterian merchant (c. 1717–1798) and shipowner who managed 40 slaving voyages from Bristol between 1747 and 1764. An original member of the Harford bank, he was also involved in the Wilder Street sugar refinery and the Littleton gunpowder company in Somerset and was mayor of Bristol in 1774 (BRO; Morgan, *Bristol trade*, pp 144 and 195; Morgan, *Bright-Meyler*, p. 304).

⁶⁴⁷ It was not paid; see no. 766.

I have drawn on you favour my account viz.

fav Char ^l Dyer for	£300. 0. 0
fav do	27.13.10
fav Summers & Chibborn	27. 3. 2
	<hr/>
	354.17. 0

<per Capt. Sinnott>

748. / 309 ROBERT GORDON ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 15th inst. Your 40 puncheons Rum were long since sold and the sales made out, but omitted to be sent you. I don't find the Act of Parliament has had any extraordinary effect to advance the price here. We would be glad to sell at 4/8 the best Jamaica. At that price it goes off very slow. I can't sell above 3 or 4 in a week. Enclosed is the account of sales, neat proceeds £673.4.9.

I think the Act in general a bad one as the duty on Rum is now within 4^d per gallon of what is paid on French Brandy, consequently must hurt our islands, but pensions must be paid let who will suffer, and no tax more plausible than this could be found and it was brought in unexpectedly and passed in a few hours.

New Butter is likely to be very high as no old remaining on hands.

<per Capt. Sinnott>

749. / 309 MESSRS SUMMERS & CHIBBORN, [HAVERFORDWEST]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

I received your favour of the 7th and 14th. Above is my Bill favour Sam^l Munckley for £27.3.2 at 7¾% is £29.5.3 being the proceeds of the 2 puncheons Rum.

750. / 310 WILL MILES ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

I have your much esteemed favour of the 13th inclosing Parks & Co. on Grayson & Beasley for £543.2.6 this currency for which your account is credited and I thank you for the same.

We have a good quantity of Rum here. We advanced the price of Jamaica to 4/8 on account of the prospect of the new Act of Parliament but it goes off very slow, and I much fear we shall not be able to bring up the price equal to the additional duty. I think it a very bad Act for our islands, as it will be an encouragement to the importation of French Brandy, the duty on which will not exceed that of Rum above 4^d per gallon. They should have added 6^d more to foreign spirits. As to sugars I can't give you any encouragement to send any to this market, as our three sugar houses will not buy unless they get it at what price they please, besides an ample supply comes now from Milford of foreign sugars, which will greatly hurt our colonys.

[Gives prices of butter, beef and pork as per no. 741.] I am ashamed to mention the prices of provisions. A barrel of Cargo Pork cannot now be made up under 56/ per barrel but tis soon expected lower. No old Butter on hands. No new yet made, the price expected near 60/. Beef much the same as in the slaughtering season.

<per Capt. Sinnott>

751. / 310 JEREMIAH AMES ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 2nd advising that tho' the hogshhead & barrel of bladders were full,⁶⁴⁸ they reckoned only 42 instead of 52 gross. I have examined about it & find that 42 gross & 8 dozen were bought from one person (James Hayes), whose account I enclose you. They were reckoned from him by one of my clerks & cooper, & on account of their reckoning them 2 dozen short of what Hayes said he had, they were reckoned twice. The remainder were bought in small quantities from sundry people, & could not possibly be lost out of my warehouse, & find on examination of my books that all I shipped this year agreed with what I paid for. I therefore think your people must be mistaken & will be found on your getting them reckoned again. I think they could not be taken out of the cask on shipboard. My clerks are very careful in reckoning them in the cellar & the clerk in my counter says agreeable to the account returned from the cellar.

<per Capt. Sinnott>

752. / 311 CHARLES DYER ESQ., [BRISTOL]

FRI. 24 APR. 1772

I have not wrote you for some time⁶⁴⁹ nor been favoured with any from you. Mrs Waters would not give anything under hand & only the old promise of paying your debt after the judgement debts are discharged. I got your account settled & inclose the sundry sales, for which your account has credit.

I debit you for the tickets £21.10.10 & credit for the prizes £6.8.3 neighbours [...], I lost this winter by the Dublin & Belfast lottery £160. Inclosed is your account, debited for my Bills this date on Geo Champion for £516.17.0 str., & on Sam^l Munckley £300 str., the balance to your credit in a new account £876.18.0 risque of debts excepted, amounting as per account to £1102.13.6½.

I can't get a penny from Mr Hoops. I find he is in general a bad paymaster, tho' very safe. I can get no account of the piece of cloth that was missing. I think it was never returned from Mr Mainadues. Annexed are all the orders I could obtain. Mr Fuller says there are some blues & grays of the former orders never sent him. I fear Atkins will never pay his small debt, tho' well able to do it. As Carthy has paid the last of the old debt, I send you the account of your late partnership, balanced by my Bill on Sam^l Munckley for £27.13.10 str.

I am going to yoke William to Miss Wrixon.⁶⁵⁰ Pray when shall we have the pleasure of seeing you in Cork. I am scarce able to go as far as the Exchange & fear I shall never be able to walk 10 miles a day. I am busy in building my garden walls etc.⁶⁵¹ I shall

⁶⁴⁸ Those referred to in no. 639.

⁶⁴⁹ Not since no. 282 of 4 Oct. 1771.

⁶⁵⁰ Hare's eldest son and heir William (1751–1837) who according to one commentator may have been the boy 'Hare' who was educated at Eton between 1766 and 1768. He married Mary Wrixon, daughter of Henry Wrixon of Ballygiblin, with a fortune of £7,000 on 28 May (Appendix 1; Gaughan, *Listowel*, pp 299–300; *HC*, 28 May 1772).

⁶⁵¹ Relates to the new house and 20 acres mentioned in no. 588.

trouble you at the proper season to send me for my walls 370 s[outh] aspect, 300 east do & 300 west ditto. As to the north aspect I think few trees will do well. Perhaps in your rides in the summer you may see some that would suit me. I would have them 3 or 4 year old, if safe to move them at that age. The trees you sent me last look well, & I hope to get a good quantity of fruit this year from them. [Illegible instructions relating to the provision of cloths.]

<per Capt. Sinnott>

753. / 312 THOMAS HUGHES

SUN. 26 APR. 1772

I find you have disposed of all your concerns, except those on which execution are laid. I think it extraordinary that you should sell that small interest you hold from me without first applying to me, to whom you are indebted £63.13.6 by your notes. You may tis true quit this Kingdom, but depend on it the notes shall rise against you where ever you go. You had therefore best give me some reasonable satisfaction, or I shall use every legal method to oblige you to pay the whole. I expect your answer.

754. / 312 MR JOSEPH BROSTER, [LIVERPOOL]

TUE. 28 APR. 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 12th ordering 100 firkins new Butter by the first ship and a like quantity a month after. Its seldom that any ship will take new Butter on freight as is the case of a ship now here, but I suppose you mean to ship it on the first ship that will take it, which shall be done. [Gives prices of butter, beef, pork and herrings as no. 741.]

I have drawn a Bill on you payable at 21 days sight in London for £276.4.11 str. at 7¾% is £297.13.1, being the amount for sundries shipped last July on the *Neptune*.

755. / 312 MR ROBERT BARNEVELT, [LONDON]

TUE. 28 APR. 1772

My last was the 28th ult. since which received yours of the 1st inst. with another complaint of my overcharging you. I should have answered it directly but waited in expectation of a reply to my last.⁶⁵² I have answered you heretofore sufficient for my satisfaction and am not conscious of having overcharged you a penny, and therefore cannot bear so many charges made against me altogether undeserved, and therefore chuse to be without your business, be it ever so profitable and you'll please to give it those who you think will do you more justice.

For what is past I can attest that I have done your strict instructs to the best of my power and knowledge. I have shipped above 40,000 firkins and casks of Butter the past year and can defy any charge that may be alleged against me of an overcharge or of having charged more weight than I paid for. I pay ready money for what Butter I buy and therefore cannot think others can ship cheaper than I can, especially some who buy on credit and I know pay more.

652 No. 674 of 28 Mar.

756. / 313 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

TUE. 28 APR. 1772

My last was the 18th with my Bill on Claus Heide & Co. £786.12.8. I am favoured with yours same date.

I have drawn a Bill on you favour Fran^s Carleton⁶⁵³ for £223.15.1 my account. I have drawn a Bill on you for Savage French for £232 str. favour my account.

757. / 313 PETER HOLME ESQ., [LIVERPOOL]

TUE. 28 APR. 1772

My last was the 21st. Inclosed is duplicate of certificate for the Rum per the *Betsy* in December 1766. The cost of it is 13/10½ to your debit. No new Butter yet at market.

758. / 313 ALEXANDER JOHNSTON ESQ. & SONS, [LONDON]

FRI. 1 MAY. 1772

I have your esteemed favours of the 15th and 22nd ult. Your letter for Madeira I delivered to Capt. Mackintosh.⁶⁵⁴ Very few firkins new Butter yet come to market and no price broak. I have not yet met a good opportunity of securing the freight nor indeed is it necessary till the Butter can be got. For what Butter is now here for sale ¾ is old and yet the Butter merchants expect we should take them at the price of new. It will therefore be better to leave them be run off, and to have all real new.

I have drawn a Bill on you favour Sam^l Guthrie for £298.3.0 being the amount of provisions shipped the 26th July last.⁶⁵⁵

759. / 314 SAMUEL BEAN ESQ., [LONDON]

FRI. 1 MAY. 1772

Capt. Mackintosh arrived here the 20th, the Holyday⁶⁵⁶ and difficulty of finding the owners of some of the goods to be landed here delayed the discharge. However as they are now landed the shippers will send down, so as to clear out in 4 or 5 days, but I despair of getting any quantity of new Butter of which but few firkins are yet come to market, and the Butter merchants from whom we buy have some that is between new and old and very bad, which they expect to put off with the new and at the same price, but tis such an imposition that I think it better to get the loss rather than take it in this manner. I have got but 2 firkins as yet.

As exchange is advanced and being in want of cash I have drawn on you as under for £545.0.11 at 8% is £588.13.0 to your credit.

1 Bill favour W ^m Russel	£63. 3.11
do Fra ^s Carleton	80. 0. 0
do Sam ^l Guthrie	100. 0. 0
ditto	101.17. 0
ditto	200. 0. 0
	545. 0.11

653 Carleton was a Cork merchant, born 1713, sheriff in 1751 and in 1757 listed as a co-owner of the privateer *Cavendish*. In conjunction with his father-in-law Hugh Lawton Snr (see no. 376) founded the bank of Lawton, Carleton & Feray that failed in 1760 (Cullen, *Privateers*; O'Kelly, *Private banks*).

654 He arrived as master of the *Home Castle* (*Port News*).

655 Provisions shipped to St Eustatia; see no. 31.

656 Easter Monday.

760. / 314 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]

FRI. 1 MAY 1772

I have your favour of the 27th. The advertisement need not be continued above four days.⁶⁵⁷ I credit you 17/4 for the charge. Inclosed are

James Brown on Colebrooke & Co.	£34.2.6
W ^m Mc Clusky on Tho ^s Usher	100.0.0
Lau Galay on Jn ^o Lyon & Co.	<u>51.0.0</u>
	185.2.6

Exchange 7½% to 8

761. / 315 GEO WILKINSON, LONDON

THU. 30 APR. 1772

Since my last of the 21st inst. am favoured with yours of same date, whereby observe that Bohea Tea cannot be afforded at 2/10. Those who had it on the *Home Castle* are selling at said price & I was likewise obliged to sell 4 chests of yours on same terms before receipt of your letter, but will endeavour to obtain an advance for the remainder. I shall miss no opportunity to put off your Green Tea, whereof have sold since my last 1 chest no 735 at 5/6, 3 ditto no 771, 788 & 789 at 5/9, also 1 chest Hyson no 851 at 8/8 per lb. I have likewise sold 6 bags of your best cotton wool at 11½^d & 4 bags of the inferior at 10^d, and the remaining 2 bags hops at £10.5.0 & £10.2.6. What came on the *Home Castle* are selling at £10 to £9.15.0 & I think will be soon run off. Therefore I hope you have a parcel of good ware on the way. Annexed are sales of 5 bags received for your account per the *Charming Polly* neat proceeds £123.14.9, and of 10 bags do per the *Tortola Planter* £236.8.3, which sums are to your credit, and enclosed is your account current balance, my favour £2,460.8.0½ transferred to a debit in a new account, which please examine & note in uniformity if free of error. You have likewise a list of the goods depending & [...].

Our buyers become more & more precarious, several having lately failed & amongst the rest Arthur Coghlan⁶⁵⁸ a few days ago who owes me £104 for hops & Teas. Some time before that James Dugain who owes me for two bags of your cotton sold him & I have not yet received 1^d of Hughes debt. Payments in general are made very badly. Some of the cotton buyers instead of 6 months take 8 to 9.

Inclosed are certificates for your Tea per *Home Castle*.

762. / 315 PATRICK CREAGH

SAT. 2 MAY. 1772

I received your favour of the 25th ult. with the valuation⁶⁵⁹ of the two farms but you omit to mention if any wood on them and their value. To purchase at the rate of £5 per cwt. would not answer where no use can be for 60 years. Mr Wilson thinks I can purchase L[ord] Egmonts⁶⁶⁰ lands at 24 years. Many of them will advance double in

657 The advertisement mentioned in no. 743 which is copied in Appendix 4.

658 Coghlan must have recovered as a year later he is listed as an importer of vinegar and perfumes (*HC*, importers/exporters; *Exact list...* 13th August, 1783).

659 Presumably the lands mentioned in no. 640.

660 The absentee landlord John James Perceval, the 3rd earl of Egmont (1738–1822), who succeeded to the title in 1770. His ancestors had amassed vast Irish estates mainly in north-west Cork around Kanturk and Churchtown. His trustees sold twelve townlands in 1771 and a further nine in 1776 (*CEP*, 21 Mar. and 28 Oct. 1771).

18 years or thereabouts. I fear you will suffer much by the House at Lisbon.

I expect William will be married before the end of this month. Let me know by return of the post or as soon as you conveniently can about John Hewson's⁶⁶¹ horses and ask him the lowest price as I shall soon want such. Also about the woods as I shall defer writing for a few days.

If master Creagh wants money he shall have it. Please to speak to Mr Scannel for his rent

763. / 316 PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), [LIMERICK]

SAT. 2 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 30th ult. & return thanks for the inclosed affidavit for the cost (2/8½) whereof I credit your account.⁶⁶² Also for Rob^t French's Bill on Martin French £80.

I lately landed a few bags hops of tollerable good quality & sold the last of them yesterday at £10.5.0, but I hourly expect another parcel & will advise you when they arrive. I was selling Bohea Tea at 2/11, but on the arrival of the last vessel from London the price was lowered to 2/10. However by last packets I received orders⁶⁶³ not to sell at said price, as it could not be afforded so. Common Green 5/3, middling do 5/6, Bloom 5/9, Speckleleafed 6/ per lb.

As the orders from England come in so very slow, I cannot at present propose for your Beef, but if I should have occasion will advise you.

764. / 316 JAMES MOLONY, [LIMERICK]

SAT. 2 MAY 1772

I have your favour of the 30th ult. with James Browne's Bill on Colebrooke £34.2.6, which is to your credit. Yesterday I sold the last of my hops at £10.5.0, but hourly expect in, another parcel. The last bag sent you was weighed on the Custom House Quay & from thence taken by the carman. The person from whom I bought the last flaxseed has sold the remainder of his parcel. I must again beg to be excused from these commissions for the reasons before given, especially as I have refused several others in the country.⁶⁶⁴

Jamaica Rum 4/8 & degrees. I have not any other at present.

765. / 317 THOMAS AND SIMON VOKES, LIMERICK

SAT. 2 MAY 1772

I have your favour of the 30th with carriers receipt for 6 barrels Pork, which makes in all 62 barrels⁶⁶⁵ that I have received from you. They are very irregularly packed, many of them with a greater number of legs than ought to be. One barrel had 16 & the casks are exceedingly bad. Several of them will never answer again.

661 Possibly John Hewson of Ennismore, Co. Kerry, whose daughter Catherine became Hare's second wife in 1780.

662 As promised in no. 732.

663 Wilkinson's instructions in no. 761.

664 See no. 717.

665 No. 659 and no. 705 show the Vokes struggling to come up with the balance of a promised 100 barrels of pork. What they did manage to procure was obviously of poor quality.

Above is sales of the 200 beech logs neat proceeds £13.8.0 to your credit. I could not obtain a better price for them.

766. / 317 THOMAS DEANE ESQ., BRISTOL

SAT. 2 MAY 1772

My last was the 24th ult. Inclosed is Jane Lewis on Ross Saunderson for £79.15.11 with protest for non payment, for which your account is debited & 4/8 charges.

767. / 317 DAVID EVANS ESQ., LONDON

SAT. 2 MAY 1772

My last was the 21st ult. I could not get the certificates concerning the Rum ready to send you till now. Inclosed you have Mr Phil Roche (John)'s affidavit & also mine & the original letter from our coll[ector], which was the one that determined me to make the offer to Mr Roche, & when I wrote the letter, I was much afraid he would not accept of the offer, & on that account gave him a reason for making the offer, namely of my being £2000 in advance for freight & duty. If anything further is required for the gentlemen concerned with you it shall be done, but I doubt not but the inclosed will be so to the full.

You'll observe the slow progress making in the sale. I am endeavouring to make the most of it, & could run it off quicker but for some, who are selling at 4/6 & I fear I must fall the price to that. I enclose you a receipt of Messrs Lane, Benson & Vaughan where they sold Rum to one of my customers two pence less than I would give it. On the whole I hope to have your & the approbation of the gentlemen concerned, of my conduct, & that it will entitle me to your & their future favours. I inclose you Mr Roche's letter to me on his sending me the certificate.

768. / 318 JOHN TARLETON ESQ., LIVERPOOL

SUN. 3 MAY 1772

My last was the 24th ult. This day the price of new Butter broke. The middle sort (being the best for the W. Indies) 56/ per cwt. I have drawn on you as under for £317.16.0 str. at 8% is £343.4.6 being the amount of the 10 hogsheads tallow. This exchange is ½% above the currency. Tallow 49/

Bill favour James Guthrie	£140
do	60
do	40
do favour Sam ^l Wordsworth	77.16.0
	<hr/> 317.16.0

769. / 318 JOHN TEASDALE, [MANCHESTER]

TUE. 5 MAY 1772

I duly received your favours of the 12th March & 21st April & have noted your orders for Grease & Scrapings, which I will endeavour to execute as soon as possible. Said articles have continued very scarce since my last & the prices on that account kept up to 33/ for Scrapings & 36/ for clean Grease, but as our new Butter will be soon coming on plenty, it will of course occasion a greater plenty of Scrapings.

When I draw next on you, will include Mr Chadwicks small balance as you direct. The price of new Rose Butter is opened at 58, 56 & 54/ per cwt. for 1st, 2nd & 3rd quality.

770. / 318 ISAAC, THOMAS & BEN SMITH, [ROCHDALE] TUE. 5 MAY 1772

I duly received your favour of the 25th March & have noted your remittance in conformity, which is satisfactory. Your order for 4 tons Grease Butter & Scrapings are likewise noted & I shall endeavour to execute as soon as possible. Said articles [continues exactly as no. 769].

771. / 319 JOHN LONSDALE, [ROCHDALE] TUE. 5 MAY 1772

I duly received your favour of the 10th March & observe its contents. Grease & Scrapings have continued so scarce since my last [continues as no. 769].

772. / 319 JOHN AND HENRY SIMPSON & CO., MEMEL TUE. 5 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 5th ult. advising that you had freighted the ship *Prosperous Annilla* to load timber to my address, which I sincerely wish may arrive here soon & before any other, in which case I hope to make 45/ per ton thereof if the timber be good, but despair of obtaining more as the cargo is large. However you may depend on my best endeavours to make the most of it.

We have had no Baltick timber arrived here since my last, therefore I think it will be well if you have engaged a second vessel as proposed, to discharge here or at some other neighbouring port where the best market may offer.

773. / 319 PHILIP ROCHE (JOHN), [LIMERICK] TUE. 5 MAY 1772

I refer to my last of the 2nd inst. & am since favoured with yours of the 4th accompanying Rogers & Co's note for £50, which is to your credit.

774. / 319 THOMAS ELLIS, LONDON WED. 6 MAY 1772

I duly received your favours of the 4th & 16th ult. and observe their contents. I am sorry the sales of the hops you consigned me this season, did not turn out more profitable. As to the few bags per the *Fran^e & Elizabeth*, they would not have done better afterwards. The *Home Castle* arrived & brought 42 bags. I sold yours on landing at £10.5.0 finding that others who had on same vessel were selling at £10 to £9.15.0. Annexed are the sales neat proceeds £141.5.8 is carried to your credit & please note in conformity if free of error. There are not many good hops now remaining for sale.

Our buyers become more & more precarious, several having lately failed & amongst the rest Ar. Coghlan who owed me for a bag of your hops sold him in Jan. & I have not yet received 1^d of Hughes debt.

Inclosed I remit you my 3 Bills payable in London viz.

£200. 0. 0	on W ^m Dinham, Bristol
62. 4. 5	on Meyler & Maxse, Bristol
83.12. 2	on John Armstrong of Lancaster
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345.16. 7	str., which with exchange at 8¼% makes £374.7.2 Irish to your debit.

775. / 320 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND, LONDON WED. 6 MAY 1772

My last was the 28th ult. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Sam^l Wordsworth for £151.19.5 str., my account.

776. / 320 MEYLER & MAXSE, [BRISTOL] WED. 6 MAY 1772

My last was the 24th Feb.⁶⁶⁶ As exchange is advanced to 8¼% I have drawn a Bill on you payable in London for £62.4.5 str. making Irish currency £67.7.1, being amount of the provisions shipped account of Mr Jeremiah Meyler. The advance of duty on Rum has not advanced the price here above 2^d per gallon.

777. / 320 WILLIAM DINHAM, BRISTOL WED. 6 MAY 1772

I have not wrote you for some time past nor been favoured with any from you. As exchange is advanced I have drawn a Bill on you favour Tho^s Ellis for £200 at 8¼% is £216.10.0 to the credit of your account. Provisions have been & continue higher than usual, the current prices as under. New Butter is now at 54 to 58/ & comes in very slow.

Best Cargo Beef 39/6 to 40/
do Mess 49 to 52/
Best Cargo Pork 56/ expected lower
Herrings 20 to 22/

778. / 321 ARFWIDSON & SON, GOTHENBURG WED. 6 MAY 1772

My last was the 7th March. Am favoured with yours of the 1st ult. Messrs Maitlands paid the cost of my 310 barrels Herrings in full after deducting your proportion of insurance.⁶⁶⁷ Had not your Herrings been disposed of before yours came to hand, they should have been given to Mr Lawton.

I shall not want any Herrings this summer, the quantity imported since Christmas being about 24,000 barrels, were much more than sufficient for our consumption or export, so that many remain on hands & at your price, with 4/ per barrel freight & 4/ per barrel duty would come higher than can be now purchased here, altho' some advance on them of late. I must say that Mr Halls⁶⁶⁸ Herrings were as good & well packed as yours.

⁶⁶⁶ There is no sign of such a letter in the manuscript. The provisions shipped were probably those in no. 156.

⁶⁶⁷ See no. 641.

⁶⁶⁸ John Hall & Co., Arfwidson's competitors in Gothenburg.

Annexed is sale of your 690 barrels, neat proceeds £260.2.0. Also your account current balanced by my Bills for £229.15.5, which I remit agreeable to your order to Mr Wordsworth. By the sale of this cargo you may judge of the loss on Herrings this year.

779. / 321 SAMUEL WORDSWORTH ESQ., [LONDON?] WED. 6 MAY 1772

Above are my Bills on John Tarleton for £77.16.0 & on Maitlands for £151.19.5 remitted you by order of Messrs Arfwidson for their account being balance thereof. They advise me that Maitlands had paid you £16.1.9 short of their charge against me for the 310 barrels Herrings, but they did not consider it was the cost of insurance on their Herrings which I have explained to them in the inclosed letter, which please to forward them.

780. / 321 JAMES ARMSTRONG, LANCASTER⁶⁶⁹ WED. 6 MAY 1772

Since my last of the 20th Dec, I am not favoured with any from you. As exchange is advanced I have drawn a Bill on you favour Tho^s Ellis for £83.12.2 str. at 8¼% is £90.10.1, being the amount of 60 firkins Butter shipped for your account the 11th Dec. last on the *Prince George*. The price of new Butter broke at 54 to 58/ per cwt. as in quality & comes scarce to market.

781. / 322 SAMUEL BEAN ESQ., LONDON FRI. 8 MAY 1772

My last was the 1st. I cleared out Capt. Mackintosh the 6th & he sailed at 10 o'clock yesterday morning & has a fine gale. I could get but 50 firkins new Butter for him without delaying him. He had agreed to take 100 barrels for Madeira, but on account of yours of the 21st he declined it.

Inclosed are Invoices & Bills of Lading for

The cargo	£1232.15. 8
Edw ^d Cairns Esq.	32.16. 4
Account of ships provisions	127. 2. 1

which sums are to your debit. When the freight is collected you shall be advised & the amount placed to your credit.

782. / 322 THOMAS READ ESQ., DUBLIN FRI. 8 MAY 1772

Since my last of the 1st inst. am favoured with yours of the 29th ult. & 4 inst. and credit you for Lewis on Saunderson £79.15.11 & charges 4/.

Inclosed is John Perks & Co. on Grayson & Beasley for £104.3.9 & Stephen Ford on Tho^s Corles £90. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Green for £700 dated 7th at 21 days after date.

⁶⁶⁹ No. 774 suggests this should be John.

783. / 322 RAWLINSONS & CHORLEY, LIVERPOOL

FRI. 8 MAY 1772

Your esteemed favours of the 27 & 30th ult. came to hand the 3rd inst. per Capt. Smith⁶⁷⁰ ordering sundries by him, which I sent down as quick as possibly the goods could be got ready, but could get no more ready than 105 firkins & 1 keg new Butter. The last went down yesterday & Capt. Smith went down in order to see it stowed & intended to be up this morning to clear out, but is not yet come up & I hear that he will be obliged to return part of the goods for want of room, but as the lighter is not returned hope he may be able to stow the whole.⁶⁷¹

New Butter broke very high at 54 to 58/ & the quality but indifferent. He discharged the stone bricks & staves. I shall charge each article as low as possible & as to the credit you mention, shall be satisfied as to Beef & Pork, but Butter would be a loss, as I charge but the cost, & 9 months interest is near double my commission. This article I shall expect in 3 months when shipped in any quantity. Remittances should be made so as to put me in cash in the 9 months. However I think you will not complain of the credit I shall give you equal to my other friends.

Your order for 100 firkins shall be shipped per first that will take them for Jamaica.

784. / 323 HILLARY & SCOTT, LIVERPOOL

FRI. 8 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 27th ult. inclosing Smyth on Smyth £59.7.2, which balances your account. I observe what you mention about discounts on the ropemakers account. We here keep a running account with the ship chandler & his time of payment comes about this time, so that we never discount with them.

New Butter hitherto comes very scarce to market. I had 2 ships consigned me & was able to get no more than 50 firkins for one & 105 firkins for the other, & the quality as yet very ordinary, altho' the middle price is as high as 56/ per cwt. It would be very uncertain whether 200 firkins could be shipped to you in time, as the coasters frequently delay a month beyond their promise. It will be plentier & better in 14 days at which time 200 firkins may be got without much delay. [Gives prices of beef and pork as in no. 777.]

Herrings are a little advanced, but may yet be had at 20 to 21/. I suppose the quantity here on hands does not exceed 3000 barrels. Some freights offer for Jamaica, but its mostly Butter. I deferred writing till I see how the Butter would come to market. I think the prices this year will be rather higher than the last.

785. / 323 WILLIAM WHITE & ROBERT MAGEE & CO., DUBLIN

FRI. 8 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 23rd inclosing Simon Viepet on Savage French which is accepted & when in cash shall be remitted you £21.6.10. I charge your account 11/4½ for his expenses going to Youghal with Greatrake's Bill.⁶⁷²

Best Cargo Beef 39/6 to 40/. Exchange 8% to 8½.

670 Captain Smith arrived in Cork on the *Sally* of Liverpool on 4 May intending for the West Indies. He sailed for St Vincents with beef, butter and pork on 11 May (*Port News*).

671 Smith managed to take the lot; see no. 796.

672 See no. 691.

786. / 324 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

SAT. 9 MAY 1772

My last was the 6th. Am since favoured with yours of the 30th. The acceptance of my Bill to Fr^s Gray for £600 is right. It was my mistake in the advice to take it when exchange was low & kept it by him for payment of a purchase which was not settled till last month.

I have drawn a Bill on you favour Jn^o Jones for £130 str. my account.

787. / 324 MESSRS GREG & CUNNINGHAM, [BELFAST]

MON. 11 MAY 1772

My last was the 18th Feb. since which received none from you. Inclosed you have your account current, balance due me £161.7.8. Should be obliged to you for a remittance for the same. The charge is £1.16.9, for a mistake of 9 gallons Rum was but lately discovered. [Gives prices of butter, beef, pork and herrings as in no. 777.]

The Rum has not advanced here above 2^d per gallon on account of the additional duty.

788. / 324 JOHN & DAVID BROWN, COPENHAGEN⁶⁷³

TUE. 12 MAY 1772

I duly received your esteemed favour of the 17th March last, to which should have sooner replied, but delayed a little in order to furnish you with an exact account of the quantity of Herrings imported here annually for the last 10 years, which I now send herewith, & I judge our export to the West Indies has taken off upwards of half that quantity. The price differs greatly according to the demand & quantity at market. Our chief demand for export to the W. Indies begins at Nov. at which time the new Herrings begin to drop in, & generally sell well when too many don't arrive together. Last year the first that came in brought 26/ per barrel & afterwards fell gradually to 16/, which is the case every year. Sometimes the first have yielded upwards of 26/ & afterwards fell to 14 to 12/.

We have not many now remaining for sale notwithstanding the large quantities imported last year, as the dearness of all other provisions throughout this Kingdom caused a greater consumption of Herrings amongst our poor, & those from Scotland & Wales are always preferred for home consumption. Inclosed you have a proforma account sales for your government, & if you should incline to speculate therein next season, I would recommend your endeavouring to have them here as early as possible. Said article is always enterable here, & never brought in after any other manner, but you'll please to observe that Swedish Herrings cannot be imported here in any other than Swedish or British ships.

⁶⁷³ John Brown (1723–1803) and his younger brother David (1734–1804) were originally from Dalkeith in Scotland. John arrived in Denmark in 1746 followed by David some years later. In 1759 they formed the trading partnership of John & David Brown & Co. trading extensively with the West Indies and Mediterranean and later with India. John Brown also established a sugar refinery in Odense and became a major landowner. In 1773 David was appointed governor of the Danish colony of Trankebar in south-east India. The Browns also had a fleet of seventeen ships. The advent of war in 1788 resulted in their demise (David Brown, Governor of Trankebar, www.foreningen-trankebar.dk/49927175, accessed June 2013).

I observe you have liberty of importing provisions from abroad till the end of August, therefore desire to be advised the price of our provisions. The present current rates whereof you have as follows

Mess Beef 48 to 52/	}	Per barrel, the duty & charges till on board, about 2/3 ^d per barrel
Best Cargo do 39 to 40/		
Inferior do. as in quality 29 to 35/		
Mess Pork 57/	}	Per barrel, expected lower, the duty & charges about 2/3 ^d per barrel
Cargo do 54/		

Our new Rose Butter such as is usually sent to the W. Indies, begins to come in with the first of this month, the price whereof opened at 54 to 58/ per cwt. as in quality, but will soon be lower. The sort fit for the Dutch & German markets don't come to market till towards the middle or end of June, & tis uncertain how the price may rule. The last old of that kind sold at 40 to 46/ per cwt. as in quality. The duty & other charges on this article till on board are about 1/3 to 1/6 per cwt.

Tallow sold last season at 42/ per cwt., but advanced considerably since, on account of the demand for abroad & lately sold at 48 to 49/ per cwt. & not much now remaining on hands. If you favour me with any orders, I will endeavour to execute the same to your satisfaction, & for your accommodation will draw on your friend in London for the amount at 3 months date.

The duty & charges on tallow are about 1/10 per cwt. & upon all goods we charge 2½% commission. There was lately an additional duty of 1/ per barrel laid on all foreign Herrings imported into this Kingdom, so that the duty now paid on them amount to near 4/ per barrel.⁶⁷⁴

A proforma account sales of 1000 barrels of Swedish Herrings sold in Cork, viz:

1000 barrs sold at 20/	£1000
Charges;	
Duty & fees of entry	189.13.7
Freight as per agreement	...
Lighterage 80/ & portorage 20/	5. 0.0
Surveyor & land waiters fees	1. 1.8
Warehouse rent according to the time they may remain	...
Commission at 2½%	...
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[The above is a copy of what went to Brown.]

789. / 326 MR JOHN SHAW, [LANCASTER]

WED. 13 MAY 1772

My last was the 21st ult. I observe I omitted to reply to your favour of the 29th ult. New Butter was not then to be had and indeed comes in very slow to market, the price 54 to 58/ as in quality. When an opportunity offers shall ship your order to Jamaica.

⁶⁷⁴ See footnote to no. 536.

I have shipped the 10 bags tripes on the *Two Sisters*⁶⁷⁵ as per the above Invoice amounting to £32.2.10. You did not direct to whom to consign them. You'll please to write directly to some friend there to land and reship them as Capt. Fry is ready to sail.

790. / 326 ROBERT, ALEXANDER AND ROBERT MAITLAND ESQS, [LONDON]

WED. 13 MAY 1772

My last was the 9th inst. I have drawn on you the following Bills for my account favour

Delahoide & Digby	£70.13.3
do	15.17.2
do	346. 1.4
	<u>432.11.9</u>
and a Bill favour your account	153. 3.6
	<u>585.15.3</u>

The Bill for your account at 8½% £166.3.11 to your credit.

791. / 327 MAITLAND & BODDINGTON ESQS, [LONDON]

WED. 13 MAY 1772

My last was the 15th Feb., since which received none of yours. I have drawn on you, favour Delahoide & Digby a Bill for £381.13.5 str. and another for £525.11.4 str., being the account of 300 firkins Butter shipped last August on the *Friendship* account our mutual good friend A, J & E. Bailees Esqs.⁶⁷⁶

Provisions continue high. [Gives prices of butter beef, pork and herrings as in no. 777.]

792. / 327 STRANGMAN & COURTENAY, WATERFORD

WED. 13 MAY 1772

I duly received your favour of the 1st inst. & hope soon to receive account sales of the Herrings consigned you.⁶⁷⁷ They have advanced here since the Lent to 19 to 21/ per barrel & not many remaining for sale.

Of the few barrels French Beef you mentioned be yet undisposed of, you may send them per first opportunity at 26/ per barrel delivered here, provided they have no other coarse meat but their own, & the usual weight in the barrels.⁶⁷⁸

I trouble you with the inclosed Bill of B. Bostock on Dom^k Farrell for £51.1.6 payable in London, which I request you'll please procure acceptance of & return.⁶⁷⁹

Exchange 8% to 8½. Full bound Butter 54 to 58/ per cwt.

⁶⁷⁵ The *Two Sisters* of Cork had arrived on 1 Apr. from Liverpool under Captain Fry, with rock salt and earthenware. She sailed 17 May to Dublin with merchant goods (*Port News*).

⁶⁷⁶ It had been shipped on the *Friendship* in Aug.; see no. 97.

⁶⁷⁷ See nos 609, 623, 647 and 666.

⁶⁷⁸ Hare explained that the contents of a Cork barrel, differed from that in Dublin as set out in nos 103, 214 and 284. Nos 532 and 564 suggest the Limerick barrel may also have differed. This letter suggests a Waterford barrel may likewise have differed.

⁶⁷⁹ Hare had received this from John Ewing of Belfast. On presentation by Strangman & Courtenay, Farrell refused to honour it in no. 807 and no. 808.

793. / 327 MR THOMAS CALVERT, [LANCASTER]

WED. 13 MAY 1772

Since my last of the 31st March I am not favoured with any from you. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Luke Stritch & Co.⁶⁸⁰ in London for £310.17.10 str., at 8½% is £337.6.4 to your credit & is near the balance of the account of what I shipped for your account last August.⁶⁸¹ [Gives current prices of butter, beef, pork and herrings as in no. 791.]

794. / 328 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]

WED. 13 MAY 1772

My last was the 8th inst. Inclosed are

John Ewing on James Given	£200
John Ewing & S Brown on Z Lonille[?]	90.18.0
Geo Sealy & Son on Elisabeth Patrick & Co	20
	<u>£310.18.0</u>

795. / 328 JOHN EWING, [BELFAST]

WED. 13 MAY 1772

I have your much esteemed favour of the 7th, inclosing Bills for £361.19.6, which are forwarded for acceptance & shall be in course to your credit. Provisions are high here & as our quantity slaughtered last winter was short of the usual quantity, Beef will be higher than lower. Pork has been very high but is now rather lower, but as the country is pretty much drained of hogs, for the present we can't expect any considerable fall. New Butter comes very scarce to market our spring being very backward. At foot you have our present currency. Our country wheat is & has been this winter at a low price so that very little American wheat or flour has been sold here. The price is called 24/ for the wheat & flour 16/.

I wish you & Mr Brown much success in your intended partnership, & shall be proud to have it in my power to render you any service. [Concludes with current prices as no. 791.]

796. / 328 MESSRS RAWLINSONS AND CHORLEY, [LIVERPOOL]

FRI. 15 MAY 1772

My last was the 8th. Capt. Smith took the whole on board & inclosed are Invoice and Bill of Loading the account £1304.10.3. Also account of ships disbursements £52.18.11. I have charged each item as low as possible and I doubt not but the quality will be approved of. Indeed when new Butter comes in scarce to market, we are obliged to take the ordinary with the good. However I dare say what Butter I shipped will be found as good as any shipped this season from this port.

I sold the 3 gross [?] bricks at 18/ per dozen. When the staves are sold you shall have the sale of both. I should have sent the Invoices before, but was a little while out of town. Capt. Smith [sailed] the 11th inst.⁶⁸²

680 Luke Stritch was a Cork wine and spirit merchant who imported port wine, French wine and brandy in 1773 (*HC*, importers/exporters).

681 See no. 93 and others in August 1771.

682 See no. 783.

797. / 329 SAMUEL BEAN ESQ., [LONDON] FRI. 15 MAY 1772

My last was the 8th. I since received the *Home Castles* freight from London to Cork, £84.19.6 for the credit of your account. The inclosed letter from Capt. McIntosh came to hand but this day. I suppose it lay at Cove.⁶⁸³

798. / 329 MR STEP FORD, [LIVERPOOL] FRI. 15 MAY 1772

I duly received your favour of the 29th ult. accompanying two Bills value £162.7.4, which are accepted and shall be in course to your credit. I was informed that the *Thomas* arrived soon after you wrote. Tallow sold here lately at 48/6 to 49/ per cwt. & very little now remaining. Our new Rose Butter opened at 54 to 58/ in quality, but will soon be lower. No Coarse Butter yet brought to market & no price opened. Grease continues scarce.

799. / 329 WILLIAM FINCH ESQ. FRI. 15 MAY 1772

I received a letter from Mr Lacy of the 13th advising that the tenants would not give up the land without giving them a discharge from the half years rent & that he had put a man to take care of the grass. As William will be married in a few days I would have this farm lye as it is under the care of the keeper, & not set it to any person till he hears further from me. Perhaps I may go to that part of the country before the end of the month. This family joins me in best respects to you & family.

800. / 330 GEORGE PEPPER ESQ. SAT. 16 MAY 1772

I am favoured with yours informing me that Mr Hawkshaw would become my tenant for Carragraige at 14/ per acre, but as I have several better offers I can't except of it. I should have wrote to him in answer to his last letter, but was in treaty of a marriage for my eldest son, which will in a few days be accomplished & as these lands are to be given up to him, must leave matters as they are till then.

801. / 330 MR JAM DAY, [BRISTOL] SAT. 16 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 11th with Geo Judge's Bill on Peter Joyce⁶⁸⁴ for £50.12.0 which is accepted, and shall in course be placed to your credit. The two puncheons of Rum were the last I had at the time and the price the same as I was then selling it.

802. / 330 THOMAS READ ESQ., DUBLIN SUN. 17 MAY 1772

My last was the 13th. Am favoured with yours of the 12th. Inclosed are

Tho ^s & Simon Vokes on	
Rich ^d Gladwell	£71
Tho ^s Patten on John Chambers	£50
W ^m Vance on Sam ^l & Jn ^o Houston	16.13.4
	<u>137.13.4</u>

683 Even though he had arrived on 20 Apr.; see no. 729.

684 Peter Joyce was a Cork Catholic merchant at Sullivan's Quay who signed the oath of allegiance in 1759. In 1773 he exported butter and bay yarn, was the largest sugar importer and also imported lemons, oranges and paper (*HC*, importers/exporters; Lucas, *Cork directory*; *Dublin Gazette*, 1759).

803. / 330 MARY McWATERS, BELFAST⁶⁸⁵

SAT. 16 MAY 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 11th advising four Bills sent to Dublin for acceptance for £216.13.4, which are come to hand & shall in course be to your credit. [Gives state of butter market as previous.]

804. / 331 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]

MON. 18 MAY 1772

I wrote you last night. Have your favour of the 15th inclosing Benson & Postlethwaite's Bill on Howe for £75.19.0 & charge of protest 2/6. The remitter desired application to previous clarks who would [...] up for hon[ou?]r of the drawers. You'll please send it to him & if not paid, please to send it with protest to Mr Stephen Ford of Liverpool.

805. / 331 RICHARD SAVAGE, [LIVERPOOL]

MON. 18 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 14th ult. & have received the value of the inclosed Bill for 5 guineas & your account [is] credited for the same. The certificate for this parcel Rum was sent you the 7th ult. I am obliged to you for your concern about my son John's disposition. He got cold in the winter for want of proper care and we were afraid it had touched his lungs. He is now much better & if he takes care of himself hope he will do well.⁶⁸⁶

It gives me and family much pleasure to hear that Mrs Savage does not grow worse. The season of the year & exercise we hope will perfect her health. I would send you your account but intend setting out for the country tomorrow on the marriage of my son William to an agreeable young lady, I hope will apologise for deferring it a few days.⁶⁸⁷

806. / 331 JOSEPH COOKE

TUE. 19 MAY 1772

I am favoured with yours enclosing an affidavit, which I return you inclosed. I am quite a stranger to the affairs between you & Messrs Campions. You are very sensible of the offer you made of increasing the rent of Ballinriskig if I would grant you a long lease, & you are very sensible of the great advance of the produce of the earth since I set this farm to Mr Campion. I can see no advantage to me to take your bonds payable in 6, 12 & 18 months, which may put it out of my power to eject. Indeed I believe you are tired of Ballyphilip & Ballinriskig. I will accept of a proper surrender of Ballinriskig on payment of the rent to last payday, on good town security for it & more cannot be expected from me.

685 The widow of James McWaters a linen and provisions merchant, who in the late 1750s acquired a share in a rope works. On his death in 1771 she appointed Alexander Sutherland as manager and later in 1778 sold the business to him. He had the unusual experience of twice being declared a bankrupt; in 1785 and again in 1789 (Truxes, *Letterbook*, p. 117; Gamble, *Belfast*, pp 41 and 44).

686 The optimism was ill-founded; see no. 744.

687 The marriage took place in north Cork, only 25 miles distant, on 28 May, so Hare allowed himself plenty of time.

807. / 332 MR JOHN EWING, [BELFAST]

TUE. 19 MAY 1772

My last was the 13th. Inclosed I return you Bostocks Bill on Farrell for £51.1.6 and protest for non acceptance, charge 2/6 to your debit.⁶⁸⁸

808. / 332 MESSRS STRANGMAN & COURTNEY, [WATERFORD]

TUE. 19 MAY 1772

I have your favour of the 16th inst. accompanying B. Bostock's Bill on Dom^k Farrell with protest for non acceptance, the cost whereof 2/6 to your credit. I observe your purchase of 70 barrels small Beef at 24/ which please send me per first coaster at said price, charging your commission thereon. The few barrels Herrings that remain may be disposed for the most they'll bring, in order to finish the sale.

I request you will purchase for my account all the glue to be had in your place not exceeding 54 to 55/ per cwt. observing that it must be of good quality, clean and well dried, to be packed in large old hogsheads and shipped whenever ready.⁶⁸⁹ If you buy I will on receipt of your account order your reimbursement

Butter continuing as before.

809. / 332 MR GEORGE WILKINSON, [LONDON]

TUE. 19 MAY 1772

I refer to my last of the 30th ult. and am since favoured with yours of the 23rd ditto, 6th & 9th inst. Your 2 Bills for £218 and £219 to Hawks[?] Evans & Co. shall be duly honoured. I have used my best endeavours to run off your Green Tea and sold since my last 19 chests as at foot.⁶⁹⁰ The common Green they will not buy as the quality is so very indifferent. However shall miss no opportunity to dispose thereof. I have sold one chest more of your Bohea at 2/10 and 2 more a 2/10. I could not obtain more.

810. / 333 ALEXANDER JOHNSTON & SON ESQS, LONDON

FRI. 22 MAY 1772

My last was the 1st inst. I have drawn a Bill on you for £578.8.10 str. favour Delahoide & Digby, being the account of what shipped the 13th Aug. last on the *Friendship* account of W^m Kirkpatrick.⁶⁹¹

I have shipped your order account of Messrs Crawford & Earle on the *Thomas Henry* as per inclosed Bill of Loading & Invoice amounting to £1464.10.0 str. Said ship is cleared out and I expect will sail the first fair wind.⁶⁹²

Butter has hitherto come very slow to market and keeps up very high but as we have had some rain this week I hope it will soon grow more plenty and cheaper. This I think is the largest quantity of new Butter shipped on any one ship and I was obliged to take 24 half firkins instead of 12 firkins. Indeed this was some advantage as half firkins are generally above the price of firkins.

⁶⁸⁸ See no. 792.

⁶⁸⁹ Hare had a buyer waiting in Bristol; see no. 814.

⁶⁹⁰ The last line is obliterated in the manuscript.

⁶⁹¹ See no. 98.

⁶⁹² She sailed on 26 May under Captain Mayberry with beef, pork and butter to St Kitts (*Port News*).

811. / 333 THOMAS AND CLAYTON CASE ESQS, LIVERPOOL FRI. 22 MAY 1772

I have your esteemed favours of the 3rd & 15th inst. ordering sundries for the brig *Kindley*, which shall be ready against her arrival except the hearts & skirts.

Our journeymen coopers have turned out from work about 2 months and one of their objections is that they will not head any offal of the cattle as they should be left for the poor to purchase at a low rate, and indeed it would be very hazardous for a merchant to ship any at this time as he may have his house pulled down by a lawless mob who by their own fault are starving. [Gives state of butter market as previous.]

812. / 334 CRAWFORD & EARLE, ST KITTS WED. 20 MAY 1772

Inclosed are Invoice & Bill of Lading for sundry shipped on the *Thomas Henry* of Cork, W^m Mayberry master, for your account by order of Messrs Alex^r Johnston & Son, amounting to £1464.10.0 str. New Butter has hitherto been very scarce occasioned by a long continuance of dry cold weather, but as we have now some rains it will come in more plenty & cheaper, unless a large demand for the London market as last year should keep up the price. I have charged each article as low as possible and I doubt not but the quality will please. Indeed at the beginning of new Butter we are obliged to take some very indifferent, otherwise the Butter sellers will give us none. No old Butter to be had when the order came to hand.

I beg leave to recommend Capt. Mayberry to you, requesting you would assist him in procuring a freight for Cork. By a late act of Parliament Rum from England is to pay duty here as if imported directly from the islands so that in future it will be brought here without landing in England. By this act the duty is about 5½^d per gallon more than we paid from England hitherto. It has not advanced the price of Rum in proportion. Good St Kitts would now sell only at 4/2.

<per Capt. Mayberry>

813. / 334 FRAZER, GRANT & BAILLIES, ST KITTS WED. 20 MAY 1772

I was in hopes to have received an order from you for a cargo of provisions at the time of the new Butter, as your Mr J[ames] B[aillie] wrote me last winter from London that the European business would be carried on in your firm.⁶⁹³ I embrace this opportunity of advising the state of our market which I must confess is much too high. [Gives state of butter market as in previous.]

The quantity of Beef salted the past winter in this Kingdom has been much less than usual. [Gives prices of beef, pork, herrings and tallow as in no. 817 and position regarding duty on rum.]

<per Capt. Mayberry>

693 James Baillie had written on 5 Nov. 1771 informing Hare of the establishment of this firm; see no. 430.

814. / 335 ISAAC LUDLOW, BRISTOL

WED. 20 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 9th inst. ordering 20 to 30 hogsheads glue on terms, in consequence whereof I have bought what Mr Forster⁶⁹⁴ has (which he judges will be about 20 hogsheads) at 60/ per cwt., which is the very lowest that I could obtain it for. Our other gluemakers had engaged theirs before receipt of your letter, however if I can compleat your order to 30 hogsheads, will do it. The price in Dublin is 65/ per cwt. Please advise if I shall ship the above as soon as ready. Tallow has been lately sold here at 48 to 49/ per cwt.

815. / 335 MY LORD [KERRY]

WED. 20 MAY 1772

I should have answered your favour of the 9th March, but had at that time proposed for some land & it would not be convenient to me at this time to purchase more than the value of 10 or £12000. I have enquired the value of the two farms of Agnatratry & Tulligmacharoon & the interest value I am advised is £8000 for the two, which I now offer you & will give if I receive your answer by return of the post. In case you agree thereto, please at the same time that you advise your acceptance thereof to send your agent with deed of sale or how much should be paid to him or who benefits, whichever is most agreeable to you. As to the chief rents, I don't chuse to purchase unless your pleased to sell me the trifling chief rent I pay you, which you may charge 25 yrs purchase for, tho' too much.

816. / 335 JAMES RHODES, LIVERPOOL

SAT. 23 MAY 1772

Since my last of the 25th Jan. have not been favoured with any of yours. Above I remit you my Bill on Peter Holme Esq., for £43.19.0 str. at 21 days sight, which with exchange at 9% is Irish £47.18.1 & balances for neat proceeds of the cargo of white salt per *Mary*.⁶⁹⁵ I doubt if said article would now yield above 8/ per barrel.

817. / 336 JOHN NORTH, LIVERPOOL

FRI. 22 MAY 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 15th inst. advising to have consigned me for account of yourself & Co., 100 barrels pitch per the *Plain Dealing*, Evan Lewis master, which after arrival,⁶⁹⁶ shall be disposed of on the best terms & I expect it will yield about 8/ per cwt. for your government.

What glue remained here for sale was bought a few days ago at 60/ per cwt. Tallow advanced considerably since the season, & has been lately sold as high as 48 to 49/ per cwt. Mess Beef as in quality 48 to 52/. Best Cargo Beef 39/6 to 40/. Ditto Pork 54/ per barrel. No old Butter on hands. The new Rose opened at 54 to 58/ per cwt. as in

⁶⁹⁴ George Forster, a tanner and glue merchant of Blackpool (Lucas, *Cork directory*; HC, importers/exporters).

⁶⁹⁵ She had arrived on 4 Jan. from Liverpool with rock salt for Cork and goods for Jamaica, and departed on 19 Jan. for Jamaica with beef, pork and butter (*Port News*).

⁶⁹⁶ She arrived on 1 June from Liverpool with merchant goods and departed on 15 June for Bristol with glue, beef etc. (*Port News*).

quality, but will I think be soon lower. Little or none of the Coarse kind yet come to market & no price made. Grease Butter 36/. Scrapings 32 to 33/, both scarce. There are some ox & cow hides for sale. They ask for the ox at the rate of 25/ per cwt. for them of 112 lbs & light cow for 16/. Herrings 21 to 22.

818. / 336 PETER HOLME ESQ., LIVERPOOL

FRI. 22 MAY 1772

My last was the 28th ult. I have drawn on you for £332.6.6 str. payable in London at 9% is £362.4.8 to the credit of your account, particulars of said Bills as under. [Gives butter, beef and herring prices as in no. 817.]

Bill favour Ja ^s Rhodes	43.19.0
do Rob ^t Stevelly	202. 0.0
do do	86. 7.6
	<u>£332. 6.6</u>

819. / 337 THOMAS ELLIS, LONDON

TUE. 19 MAY 1772

My last was the 6th inst. to which refer. Since am favoured with yours of the 9th with Invoice of 8 bags hops per *Charming Sally*, which I expect will come to a good market if too many don't arrive together, as said article is become scarce here, especially the good kind. A few bags of such brought £10.10.0 within these few days & there were some of an inferior quality sold at £9.5.0 per cwt. When yours arrive⁶⁹⁷ I will dispose of them on the best terms in my power.

820. / 337 MR JOHN BRADSHAW⁶⁹⁸

WED. 20 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 2nd March and should have sent the prize tickets, but waited to settle with Mr Litchfeld who had 200 of them and deferred settling as he expected to have made payment in prizes, but now tells me he will pay me in cash. I therefore inclose you what prizes I have in 4 coves [?] as per the inclosed list the account £ [blank] to your debit. If any error it shall be rectified on advice. [Gives prices of butter, beef, pork and herrings as no. 817.]

821. / 337 MR JAMES BASHFORD, [BELFAST]

WED. 20 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 25th ult. inclosing Mr Couchy[?] on Usher for £100, which is to the credit of your account and I thank you for the same. [Finishes with butter beef, pork and herring prices as no. 817.]

822. / 338 [GEORGE WILKINSON, LONDON]

WED. 20 MAY 1772

[...] ⁶⁹⁹ obliged to let your 4 remaining chests go at the same. Have also sold the remainder of your cotton wool viz. 2 bags per *Peter & John* at 10^d & 3 at 9½^d and ditto per *Eliz* at 11½^d and 8 at 11^d per lb. My next shall carry sales.

⁶⁹⁷ It arrived 14 June from London with merchant goods (*Port News*).

⁶⁹⁸ Hare's last to Bradshaw (see no. 539) also related to a lottery.

⁶⁹⁹ The start of the letter is obliterated, but it is certainly written to Wilkinson.

Hops are become very scarce. There were some of a good kind sold since my last at £10.10.0 and others of an ordinary quality at £9.5.0 per cwt. I expect your 12 bags will come to a good market if too many don't arrive together.

I have not been able to do anything in calfskins at your limits. The country will hold out as long as they can. There are a few cowhides for sale for which the holders expect 2 or 3 per cwt. more than they were in the season. The last account I had of Rich^d Lawton is that he was in Antigua, a clerk. Exchange $8\frac{1}{4}\%$ to $\frac{3}{4}\%$.

Green tea sold viz.

Nos 870 & 874 at 5/10

Nos 772, 785 & 786 at 5/9

Nos 738, 739 & 745 at 5/3

No 852 Hyson 10/

Nos 773, 774, 778, 781 & 784 at 5/6

Nos 743, 801 & 804 at 5/6

Nos 741 & 742 at 5/4

823. / 338 MRS MARY McWATERS, [BELFAST]

TUE. 19 MAY 1772

My last was the 16th. Am now favoured with yours of the 13th inclosing Dickson & Kellings Bill on Geo Anderson for £50 British, and I have received from Mr Dav^d Hay & H. Hamill Jn. on H. Hamill & Co. for £50, which shall in course be to your credit and I thank you for the same. [Gives prices for beef, pork, butter and herrings as no. 817.]

824. / 339 [RECIPIENT OBLITERATED]

[...] MAY 1772

[...] has not advanced in proportion to the duty. Good St Kitts would not at present yield more than $4\frac{1}{2}$ but as we shall soon have little or none from England, the price must increase here.

825. / 339 MRS CATHERINE STRITCH, [CLONMEL]

SAT. 23 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 15th. I don't know of anyone going to Clonmel that could call on you for the money as few go there & return soon. If you can get a Bill on Dublin it will do. If you want any cloth from Mr Dyer⁷⁰⁰ please to send me your orders and I will send them to him.

826. / 339 MR JOHN HENDERSON, [BELFAST]

SAT. 23 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 22nd April ordering to land Captain McCormack's cargo, but I heard by a vessel that sailed for Milford with him and returned here in full time to save the additional duty, that Capt. McCormack was not at Milford. I suppose he made for Rothesay⁷⁰¹ and hope he arrived in time with you.

I am waiting till a gentleman comes to town to settle for some of our Herrings sold him for which he wants allowance to make up for filling. As soon as that is settled you shall have the sales.

⁷⁰⁰ Charles Dyer at Bristol; see no. 752.

⁷⁰¹ As Hare recommended in no. 721.

I got a letter this day from Capt. Griffith dated the 19th off the Old Head in his way to Belfast.⁷⁰² Had been forty days from Barbados full of sugar and Rum. I hope he is safe arrived with you. [Gives prices of butter, beef and pork per no. 817.]

827. / 340 DANIEL CROMMELIEN & SONS, AMSTERDAM SAT. 23 MAY 1772

I duly received your favour of the 9th Aug. & 3rd April last with respect to Aherns debt. Am sorry to advice that I have not yet been [able] to recover it, altho' fully expected to have got the money last winter from his bail, John Lloyd, but the slaughter haveing turned out very disadvantageous for the butchers in general, rendered it impossible for him to discharge the debt at that time. He promises fair, & I still think that it will not be lost. However I don't expect anything can be done therein till next slaughter, at which time shall use my best endeavours to obtain the same, & whenever I receive the money or any part thereof will remit it to you.

Annexed is account current balanced by my Bill on Maitlands for £7.17.3 str. at 21 days sight, which please examine & note in conformity if free of error. [Gives prices for beef, pork and butter as per no. 817.]

828. / 340 GARNER & WILLIAMS, LONDON SAT. 23 MAY 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 14th inst. & note the contents. I received the amount of Capt. Rosseters note & credited your account for the same, which shall be allowed in the next transaction.

Our new Rose Butter opened at 54 to 58/ per cwt. as in quality & has hitherto come very slow to market, but as we have now fine rains it will come in more plenty & the price in course [will] decline. Little or no Coarse Butter yet brought in and no price made.

Wheat is worth here at present about 24/ per barrel of 2½ [...], & flour 16/ per cwt. A small cargo of malt arrived lately from Yarmouth,⁷⁰³ which sold at 42/ per barrel of 4½ [...]. Hops are scarce with us at present, but a vessel from your place is hourly expected with some. The last sold at £10.5.0 to £10.10.0 & some of an inferior quality at about £9.5.0 per cwt.

829. / 341 MARY McWATERS, BELFAST SAT. 23 MAY 1772

My last was the 19th. I am favoured with yours of the 18th advising your having sent Mr Hay a Bill on Dublin for £100, which I expect to receive from him this night. As to the small balance, it may lye over till further dealing.

702 The Old Head of Kinsale some 25 miles away. Captain Griffith was the master of the *Chattham* that had left Cork for Barbados on 18 Jan. (see no. 548) so she made good time on the round voyage.

703 Aboard the *Minerve* that arrived on 10 May (*Port News*).

830. / 341 JAMES GAMMELL & CO., GREENOCK

SAT. 23 MAY 1772

I received your esteemed favours of the 7th & 26th March & the staves per the *Polly*.⁷⁰⁴ We have a great glut of staves & no manner of sale, & as yours are mostly red oak I could wish they were sold at £5. About two months since, our journeymen coopers turned out & will not work unless their masters advance their wages, which is higher already than any other tradesmen in this city, so that that manufacturing is entirely at a stand & of consequence no sale for staves. Indeed I fear yours will not sell at any rate as they are mostly [obliterated] & could wish you could order them to some place where they make dry cask.

A good many Herrings were sent from here during the Lent to other ports in this Kingdom,⁷⁰⁵ has advanced the price here to about 20/ per barrel & if no great glut arrives may probably hold that price. I think from 4 to 6,000 barrels yet on hands in this city. [Gives butter situation.]

The quantity of salt on hands is not as large as usual. I think good St Ubes salt will pay a freight. I agreed for a ship to go there at 15/ per ton,⁷⁰⁶ but doubt if she will be there in time.

831. / 342 MR GEORGE CHAMPION, [BRISTOL]

SAT. 23 MAY 1772

My last was the 24th ult. I am favoured with yours of the 7th inst. ordering sundry to be provided against next August, which shall be done as I shall think most for your interest. Herrings have lately advanced and grown scarce. They cant now be had under 21/ at which have secured your 22 barrels. The purchase of the Butter I shall defer as it will probably be lower. [Gives prices of butter, beef and pork as per no. 817.] I intend to make up your order before the warm weather sets in. The ling I shall defer, as by August we may have some new ling.

No ship at present here for Jamaica. I shall embrace the first opportunity agreeable to your order.

<per Capt. Thomas>

832. / 342 MESSRS BUSH & ELTON, [BRISTOL]

SAT. 23 MAY 1772

I am favoured with yours of the 19th. I shall observe in time, leave to draw on you payable in Bristol, tho' tis not often that we can get an opportunity of doing it. I see the exchange you complain of was 7%, which we reckon a middling exchange. I was obliged to draw for some thousands at 5¾ & at 6% and we can't avoid drawing about that time, as our slaughter does not continue but about 2 months, and we are obliged to purchase all our exports with cash, except our Beef which we mostly pay for before we receive it by Bills on Dublin at 21 days sight. I lost £600 last winter by one butcher to whom I advanced £1000 and he failed in 8 days after.⁷⁰⁷

704 She arrived on 2 Apr. with staves and tobacco (*Port News*).

705 Such as Hare's cargo to Waterford; see nos 609, 623, 647 and 666.

706 This refers to the cost of freight not the cost of the salt.

707 As described in no. 738.

Our Butter comes scarce to market on account of a long run of cold dry weather.

Capt. Thomas was cleared out before yours came to hands and Capt. Shaw who proposes to sail the 30th will take no freight,⁷⁰⁸ so I despair of getting an opportunity of shipping you the 100 firkins Butter to be with you about the 10th. I shall forward your letters per post for Kingston at first opportunity. None here for Jamaica but are hourly expected.

<per Capt. Thomas>

833. / 343 WILLIAM MILES ESQ., [BRISTOL]

SAT. 23 MAY 1772

My last was the 24th ult., since which received your favour of the 28th ditto inclosing Parks and Co. on Grayson & Beasley for £104.3.9, which is to your credit. [Gives state of butter market.] Pork is fallen 2/ per barrel since my last. Herrings 21/. Rum does not advance here on account of the additional duty which now takes place.

<per Capt. Thomas>

834. / 343 SAMUEL MUNCKLEY ESQ., [BRISTOL]

SAT. 23 MAY 1772

I have your esteemed favour of the 25th ult. my last being the 24th ditto. [Gives prices of butter, pork and herrings as per no. 817.] Rum has not advanced on account of the additional duty which now takes place.

<per Capt. Thomas>

835. / 343 RICHARD LEAN ESQ. & SON

TUE. 26 MAY 1772

My last was the 16th Nov. per Capt. Thomas with Invoice & Bill of Loading for 20 tierces & 10 barrels Mess Beef amounting to £102.5.10 for which I have drawn a Bill on you payable in London to Rob^t Stevelly & Son for £94.1.9 str. at 8¾%.

836. / 344 SAMUEL BEAN ESQ., [LONDON]

TUE. 26 MAY 1772

My last was the 15th since which received none from you. I have drawn a Bill on you favour Rob^t Stevelly & Son for £300 str. at 8¾% is £326.0.5 to the credit of your account. [Outlines state of butter market.]

837. / 344 EDWARD SALSBUURY ESQ. & CO., [LANCASTER]

TUE. 26 MAY 1772

In my last of the 21st ult., I inclosed your sundry account which I hope you have found right. I have drawn a Bill on you payable in London to account Rob^t Stevelly and Son for £400 str. at 8¾%, which I have placed to the ship *Britania's* credit, being account of provisions shipped on her last Sep.⁷⁰⁹ [Outlines state of butter market.] No opportunity has yet offered to ship your order of 100 firkins for Jamaica. Indeed tis seldom ships will take new Butter on freight.

708 Thomas sailed on 27 May on the *Friendly Trader* of Cork to Bristol with bay yarn and tallow. Shaw sailed on 2 June on the *Britania Yacht*, in ballast, also to Bristol (*Port News*).

709 See nos 220, 291, and 292 etc.

838. / 344 THOMAS READ ESQ., [DUBLIN]

TUE. 26 MAY 1772

I received your favours of the 16th, 20th & 22nd. Inclosed are

H. Hammill Jn. on H. Hammill & Co.	£50
Dickinson & Kelling on Geo Anderson	54.3.4
	<hr/> 104.3.4
Jn ^o Bourn on Ambrose Greenham	£145.5.9

The latter you'll please to get accepted and return.

839. / 345 MESSRS EDDIE AND DUPIN, [LONDON]

TUE. 26 MAY 1772

I am afraid you think I have forgotten or neglected your affair with Mrs Fennell,⁷¹⁰ as I have not replied to your favour of the 9th December which came duly to hands, as did the box of leads for which I am much obliged to you.

Could wish I could make you some remedy in recovering your debt from Mrs Fennell. I strove in vain to find out her place of residence and wrote her to no purpose though the postman who I desired to forward it to her is her relation, but I lately received a message from him importing that Mrs French would pay 10/ in the pound on which I desired him to write to her to know if she would pay it down, or what security would be given. He this day sent me a letter he received from her of which the above is a copy. I must own tis hard to lose 15/ in the pound but worse to lose all and I would advise if she would pay it down to accept of it.

I hear she was frequently in liquor when she kept shop and in her retirement tis probable she drinks more, which will make her the poorer and probably soon bring her to her end. I shall in the meantime tell her friend that no such composition will be accepted of. I shall be glad to have your further instructions.

840. / 345 ROBERT KENNEDY, LIVERPOOL

TUE. 26 MAY 1772

I received your favour of the 21st March ordering 100 firkins Butter to be shipped to Kingston in March or April, but no old Butter remained on hand nor any opportunity of freight since the new came to market. [Continues with market and price of new butter.] Enclosed is certificate for the casks per the *Robert*.

841. / 346 [ILLEGIBLE]⁷¹¹

TUE. 26 MAY 1772

842. / 346 STRANGMAN & COURTENAY, WATERFORD [ILLEGIBLE] TUE. 26 MAY 1772

843. / 346 CALLETT[?] & EVANS

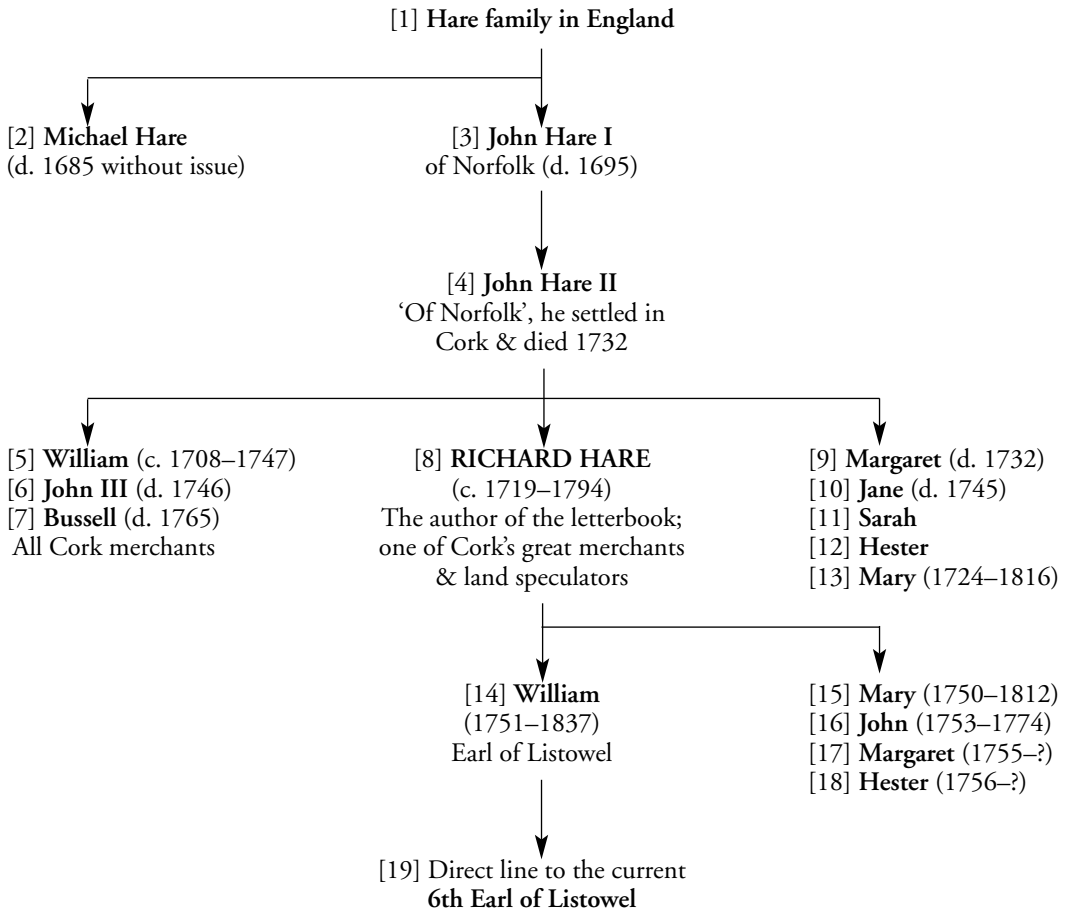
TUE. 26 MAY 1772

Above is your account current, balanced by my Bill on Richard Savage for £1379.14.2 at 7¼% which I hope you find right. If any error please to advise and it shall be rectified.

⁷¹⁰ See no. 667.

⁷¹¹ This, the last page of the manuscript, is in poor condition and this letter and that following are illegible.

APPENDIX 1 HARE PEDIGREE



Notes

1. The Hares were originally from Norfolk. The family can be traced back to the Norman family of D'Harcourt who are believed to have fought in the Crusades.
2. Arrived in Ireland in the seventeenth century. Referred to 'of Monkstown in Co. Dublin' he died without issue in 1685 leaving a large fortune to his nephew John Hare II in a will dated 1684.
3. A sailmaker who became a merchant in Yarmouth.
4. Left a considerable fortune by his uncle, he set up as a merchant in Cork c. 1710. He married Margaret Bussell (died c. 1751) the daughter of another Cork merchant and built up a substantial business in the provisions trade.

5. A freeman in 1729. He indentured younger brothers Richard & Bussell. Died unmarried.
6. A merchant in Cork in partnership with his brothers William and Richard. Died without issue.
7. The youngest son. Traded in partnership with brother Richard.
8. The dominant family member. Married first 1749, Margaret Maylor daughter of the Cork cooper Samuel Maylor, and secondly 1780, Catherine Hewson of Ennismore in Kerry (d. 1791), granddaughter of the 16th Knight of Kerry.
9. Married John Hare of Moira, Co Down a brother of the William below, and had two children Nicholas & Catherine.
10. Married William Hare of Moira, a linen draper, and had four daughters and a son Richard Jn who became a merchant, trading with his brother-in-law John Cuthbert as 'Cuthbert & Hare'.
11. Married Oliver Wheeler and had one son Palliser.
12. Married 1750, John Matthews a Cork merchant (d. 1778) and had five daughters.
13. Died unmarried in Cork in 1816 aged 92.
14. Inherited the bulk of his father's estate. Married the daughter of Henry Wrixon of Ballygiblin. MP for Cork 1796/7 and for Athy 1797/1800, Viscount Ennismore 1800 and the Earl of Listowel 1822.
15. Married Col. John Bagwell, MP for Co. Tipperary and had eight children.
16. As the younger son was being groomed to take over the business, but died unmarried aged 21.
17. Married 1782, Edward Croker of Ballinagard Co. Limerick with a fortune of £15,000. They had three children.
18. Died young.
19. All succeeding earls including the present occupant have been based in England. The link with Cork has long been broken.

APPENDIX 2

EXPORTS BY COMMODITY AND DESTINATION

Date	Exports & destination	£
June–July 1771 (few days only)	Butter, cow hides to London	555
	Grease butter to Liverpool	46
	Butter, herrings, sundry to Grenada	265
	Unstated to Jamaica	798
	Butter to Bristol	300
	Butter to Amsterdam	144
		£2,108
Aug. (full month)	Butter, glue to Liverpool	267
	Glue to Bristol	66
	Butter, beef, sundry to St Kitts	1553
	Butter to unstated	1414
	Butter to Hamburg	1845
	Sundry to Liverpool	480
	Butter, calf skins to London	3190
	Tallow, butter, vells to Bristol	510
	Glue, butter to Liverpool	330
	Sundry to Bristol	512
	Butter to Bristol	280
		£10,447
Sept. (full month)	Calf skins, butter to London	2,406
	Sundry to Barbados	1,558
	Sundry to Grenada	947
	Butter, tripes, sundry to Bristol	1,074
	Beef, butter, salmon to Jamaica	617
	Butter to Amsterdam	376
	Beef, sundry to Liverpool	562
	Butter to Hamburg	798
	Sundry to Liverpool	379
		£8,717
Oct. (full month)	Beef, butter, lime to St Kitts	596
	Butter, skins, hides to London	1,126
	Butter to Bristol	760
	Butter, beef, sundry to Liverpool	1,167
	Butter, beef, sundry to Liverpool	469
	Sundry to Jamaica	581
	Tallow, sundry to Bristol	431
	Butter, beef, horn tips to Bremen	514
	Butter, glue to Liverpool	486
	Butter, beef, sundry to Hamburg	1059
		£7,189

Nov., Dec., Jan. (part months)	Ox hides, sundry to Rotterdam	288
	Hides, beef, tallow to London	593
	Sundry to Barbados	860
	Beef to unstated	102
	Unstated to unstated	51
	Unstated to unstated	41
	Butter to Liverpool	91
	Sundry to Tortola	842
	Hides, butter to Liverpool	331
		£3,218
Feb. (full month)	Beef, sundry to St Kitts	130
	Herrings, sundry to St Kitts	463
	Unstated to unstated	144
	Unstated to Jamaica	1,022
	Unstated to Grenada	123
	Unstated to London	316
	Butter to St Croix	2,199
	Unstated to unstated	202
	Butter to London	314
	Tallow, butter, claret to Bristol	421
		£5,334
Mar. (full month)	Vinegar to unstated	10
	Sundry to Jamaica	56
	Sundry to Barbados	119
	Tallow, bladders to Bristol	2,255
	Butter, hides to Liverpool	367
	Butter to London	323
	Sundry to St Eustatia	500
	Unstated to West Indies	511
		£4,141
Apr. (full month)	Tallow, butter to Liverpool	773
	Pork, vinegar, sundry to Jamaica	467
	Butter to Hamburg	969
	Sundry to Jamaica	587
		£2,796
May 1772 (Part month)	Butter, sundries to Jamaica	1,233
	Butter to St Vincents	1,305
	Tripes to Dublin	32
	Unstated to St Kitts	1,581
		£4,151
Total all exports 1771–1772		£48,102

APPENDIX 3 IMPORTS BY SUPPLIER

Rum	£	Herrings	
Maitland & Boddington, London	5,475	Campbell, Campbeltown	323
David Evans, London	4,600	George Bellander, Gothenburg	279
John Henderson, Belfast	2,976	Arfwidson & Co, Gothenburg	260
John Barrow, Barbados	1,800	Adamson/Wannerquist, Stockholm	199
John Ewing, Belfast	1,571	William Stephenson, Saltcoats	188
Salisbury's, Lancaster	1,321	Earl Woodhouse, Liverpool	16
James Patterson, Belfast	1,316		£1,265
Robert Gordon, Bristol	1,266	Cotton Wool	
Richard Watt, Liverpool	1,087	George Wilkinson, London	964
Heywoods, Liverpool	1,002		£964
William Snell, London	988	Salt	
Greg & Cunningham, Belfast	987	Robert Cumming, Not traced	277
Charles McNeal, Campbeltown	600	Thomas Earle, Liverpool	95
Wilcock & Marson, St Kitts	500	John Tarleton, Liverpool	60
Alex Johnston, London	480	James Rhodes, Liverpool	48
Thomas Cromartie, London	357	Alex Johnston, London	44
Thomas & Clayton Case, Liverpool	292		£524
James Templeton, Belfast	213	Misc	
	£26,831	Cloth	111
Tea		Coal	105
George Wilkinson, London	3,604	Hoops	59
Bull & Moody, London	450	Bricks	32
	£4,054	Staves	13
Hops			£274
Thomas Ellis, London	1,697		
George Wilkinson, London	1,467	Total all imports	£39,530
	£3,164		
Sugar			
Maitland & Boddington, London	1932		
Wilcock & Marson, St Kitts	476		
	£2,408		

APPENDIX 4
NOTICE IN *FAULKNER'S DUBLIN JOURNAL*, 1772

The following notice is referred to in letters no. 743 and no. 760. It appeared in *Faulkner's Dublin Journal* from Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 April 1772 costing 17/4^d (NLI, Newsp. 07).

The public are hereby cautioned not to treat with any person for the purchase of the lands of Island, Fincey otherwise Island Finchley, Balheydey otherwise Ballehydy, Jordanstown, Cloghdowes, Knockaniabbey otherwise Knockanloafy otherwise Knockaloaty, East Skahanagh, West Skahanagh, Fahanaloskana, Ballinderrig and Ballincorrabardigg situate in the barony of Kinnalea in the county of Cork

& also the land of Enagh and Lisvadagh otherwise Lispatrick in the barony of Courcy and county aforesaid

Stepney Rawson Stepney Esq. having by articles duly executed by him and since duly registered in the proper office,* and bearing the date the 27th of Nov 1766, conveyed to me or agreed to convey the Fee & Inheritance of the said lands to me, and that a Bill will speedily be exhibited in the Court of Chancery in this Kingdom by me, against George Stepney Esq., the eldest son & heir of the said Stepney Rawson Stepney and others, in order to enforce a specific execution of said articles and to establish my title to the said lands.

Corke April 26 1772
Richard Hare

* A memorial was registered on 10 Dec. 1766 in the Register of Deeds in Dublin (Book 92.39, page 549, no. 163515) setting out the terms of the agreement between them.

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