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FROM THOMAS NEWTON, JR., ESQ.

NORFOLK Decr. 21– 1774.

SIR

I Received yours & am extreemly sorry for the disapointment at the meeting in October. I was not wanting in my endeavours to collect the whole that was due to you, but such was the scarcity of Cash that it cou'd not be got & beleive in generall the worst payments that ever were known was made at that meeting.

I will use my utmost endeavours to get your money by the meeting of the Assembly, tho I have little hopes of doing it before the Aprill Court. The biscuit I am afraid I shall never be able to to render you a satisfactory acct. of. Mr. Balfour refused it & I was obliged to get rid of it as I cou'd, but must defer the particulars relating to it untill I have the pleasure of seeing you & can only say that I have done for you as I should have done for myself & can assure you that that biscuit has given me more uneasiness than every disapointment I ever met with in my whole trade. Flour sells here at 2d superfine & 15/ Common payable in Aprill & June, tho (as you have experienced) we are often disapointed when the day of payment comes, therefore shall leave it altogether to yourself to choose whether you'll send any or not, if you should send any, I will do as well for you as lies in my power. I shall take due care of Mr. Custis wine when it comes to hand. I have hand in my care Mr. Custis desk & book case which I will send by the first oppertunity. Capt. Curtis of your Brig call'd

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here to get seamen & an anchor which I supply'd him with amount £20—2. to your debit, he desired me to inform you that his vessell was no worse than when he wrote you & that he should imidiately proceed to sea. The two Seamen run away from him in Potomack, Jno. Young & Robt. Scott he imagin'd had return'd to Alexa. by th was in hopes you'd make an example of them.

I am

Yr. Hble. Sert. THOS. NEWTON JUNR.