

his promising that the Lad should not be kept with the other Felons but treated well on the Passage which Promise I understand was performed, but as the Merchants who have contracted for the Transportation of the London Convicts were never satisfied, their Factor here would of Course & according to Custom have sold the Lad to the best Bidder had I not engaged to pay sixteen Guineas for him. Altho I have not much Occasion for such a Person I chose to take this Step rather than suffer him to be sold to a Planter who might have compelled him during the Term of his Servitude to labour in the Fields with his Negroes. he acts at present as a Helper in the Stable under my Coachman & if I find he will answer the purpose I shall I believe next Summer make a Coachman of him unless his Father shall choose to reimburse me what I am to pay for him. Lest the Letter I addressed to you the 10th of July last year should not have come to Your hands tho I flatter myself it did as the Vessel by which it was sent arrived safe I now inclose Thirds of the Bills of Exchange for £360 which I then remitted to you, You will likewise receive inclosed my Draft on M^r Grove for a Ballance due to me from him being as I imagine about £70, a Bill of Exchange on M^r W^m Anderson for £75. 10. 10 & a Bill on M^r W^m Perkins for £10. 10—I find by a Letter which I had a few Days ago the Satisfaction to receive from B^r William that he has never been repaid the Money which he was so kind as to advance on my Account for Fees &c. when I was preparing to come to America I must therefore beg the favour of you to pay him the Sum due from me & to Debit my Account therewith. I am extremely obliged to both you & him for your Assiduity & the Trouble you were so kind as to take in order to get those Accounts passed, if the money can be got I shall for more reasons than one have cause to rejoice, if therefore my Brother is successful in his farther Application I hope you will be so kind as to send me the earliest Advice thereof. There is one W^m Linn in this Province who having served His Majesty twenty two years as a private Soldier & Serjeant in the Royal Regiment of English Fuzileers then commanded by Gen^l Hargrave was on the 5th Day of Augst 1749 admitted a Pensioner of Chelsea & continued to receive five pence farthing a Day till 1755 when he was struck off the List by reason of his Certificate's having miscarried being at that time an Officer in the Maryland Troops (in which Capacity he continued to act till they were disbanded & behaved very well) he was not very uneasy about the Loss of his Pension but as he has now very little or nothing to subsist on & is so old that he cannot labour he has intreated me to use my Endeavours to obtain him his Pension again from Chelsea; tho I am afraid