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Brether Joshua

I see your L<sup>tr</sup>: to your spouse & your Sonant.  
I traversed this Town twice on Saturday, and once this day  
and conversed w<sup>th</sup> the most responsible people there in  
in order they might sign a Bond of Cautionary for your  
relief, & still when I spoke & reason'd w<sup>th</sup> you on the point  
they seem'd somewhat willing to sign such a Bond  
But still when I turn'd <sup>back</sup> my about from understand  
they all of yr<sup>s</sup> Decents. so that I find upon the whole  
They seem not at heart to have the best regard for  
your interest; and they avow openly <sup>the same</sup> reason for  
not; they seem to have a concern for the rest now in  
Confinement w<sup>th</sup> you. Therefore you must rely on  
Divine Providence and what <sup>he</sup> left in your hands  
to relieve yourself; meantime my private opinion  
is you shou<sup>d</sup> lay by for a little while and make  
yourself easie untill the Storm is a little over  
and do not part your interest so soon; as I can  
see matters will turn better out then perhaps  
you imagin. Let these Scoundralls that  
do not favour your interest or Welfare suffer  
and be Damn'd; I shall tell you more at meeting  
then am able to relat here. I had along Conversation  
w<sup>th</sup> Mr. G. this day; & <sup>his</sup> schaim I wou<sup>d</sup> let him go on  
w<sup>th</sup> it, it will turn to your ease and interest  
he to be in York. Tomorrow you have a  
Conversation w<sup>th</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>him</sup> upon the heads, & doubt not But  
you may agree in the End he has got L<sup>tr</sup>: 1-3

£12-1-3 from Robert Gyles; he expects the like  
sum from others, and am sure to the letter  
for you how much he can get from you  
it will still diminish your share, but then  
pay & be hang'd. Dr Joshua Be advised & do  
not be rash stude your own & your family  
interest, as likewise of your concern

If you can rely upon Mr. Graham's honor  
our he told me if you collect the whole  
sum from those in the Homage & collect  
from the Suspenders he shall be willing  
to secure them to one Shilling I mean the  
Suspenders, from the one end of the Town to  
the other I can not find any that speak friendly  
in your favour save one man

I did not see Capt. Medina nor Steamers  
John Gouson is very busy in carrying the  
the stones if possible that see you in  
a few days & am

Dr Joshua  
Your affec<sup>t</sup> Brother  
Wm Law

Thomnes  
10<sup>th</sup> June 1766

Mr. Alex. McKay  
Strommep 40 June 1766

Mr. Joshua Johnston Writer  
in Strommep Present in

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W. D. R. H. & Co.

Make Garrison what use of this will  
them with your own for Elm