My dear Brother

New Exm. July 3, 1773

By a Glasgow Ship I understand that Mr. McNeil intends to ship 30 Old Plaths in Bangor to answer the bills he has drawn upon you: but the ship is not gone. We have several proposals to charter; if you have lost near 300 L. by want of ship room, as there will be a great deal of the fish left in the country, & the present crop is enormous. You may assign the following for a ship as early as possible in the fall in the country, I am afraid & Hopkinson will be busy, you may, in his remembrance, give him the ship, & hopefully, he has promised to remit you by the first opportunity 300 which he has in hand, one 100 for which he expects an order from Capt. Taylor, besides 100 will be sold, which he is hawking about for sale; the produce of which, he assures me will be remitted to you. You may depend, I will be as bad as a third day,ague fever to some until he can comply with you, when he says he does not know what he owes you, as you have not sent him letters nor acct. since every body is ready at sending demands, that it is impossible to collect debts without having an acct. taken with them, which you should alwayssend me, at least of those whom you intend I should pay for payment, if, thus, you by the Indestructible, Gray, but he is not yet sail'd, & I doubt will not before Rayson when she does, John Corrie is to carry his bag of Campbell Capt. Rayson just left me, his last craft is now taking the load from the lower part of this river, he is already well sail'd as soon as the wind gets round, he has been much troubled with the Craftsmen; since they grown so bad that it requires a person much better acquainted with this business & much cleverer than Rayson to manage them. I am endeavouring to form some regulations for these Gentlemen at the next meeting of the Assembly; the Trade suffers so much by their negligence & idleness that every body is convinced of the necessity of taking the same under consideration. My 22 L. are on board, you will insure with a receipt in any case. I hope if we all have a war it will not raise insurance much as our opponents are not very powerful abroad. We are intended to have sent her sister some hams of Derby, but the last assured one it was impossible to keep them on a summer passage. You have directed it till the fall, & shall be glad to have a conveyance in a ship of your own. I am afraid I am so far behind with you, that my J. & D. will not pay the bill, & answer the goods to be sent for by Capt. Rayson, but you may depend I will remit you in bills next summer, before the