

Sir,

In answer to your favor of yesterday, I can only say, that I am sorry the dispute between us can't be settled in the manner I proposed — The proposition was made, not that I have the smallest fear of the consequences of a contest, but because I think it much better for people to settle their disputes themselves, where it is practicable, than to call in others for that purpose — I have no objection to a reference, provided you will make a Statement in writing of the claim of Lloyd's Heirs against me, that I may know what is to be submitted to the Referees — I shall only add what I have repeatedly assured you, that as I always have been, so I still am ready to comply with any engagements I have entered into with your Brother, whatever he may think proper to call on me, for, unless I possessed the Spirit of divination, both you and he must be convinced of the impossibility of my doing his business, without receiving from him, or some other person, some information respecting it, which, hitherto, has been altogether withheld from me

Sept<sup>r</sup> 27. 1790

I am Sir

Your very Obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>

Ben<sup>o</sup> Sebastian

A copy, the original whereof was  
delivered by  
J. Taylor

Mr Robert Breckenridge

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