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Sir

Edin<sup>m</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1779

I received yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst: which surprised me a good deal. but as I wish to avoid altercation as much as possible, that I may be able to understand in what manner I stand with regard to you I must beg the favour that you will give an explicit answer to the following queries

1<sup>st</sup> Did not Mr Elliot when he sent to you the Observations on National industry, The Essay on Smoky Chimneys and the letters on planting by Agricola, advise you that these books were to be sold on the Authors account, to whom you was to account for the net proceeds of the sales?

2<sup>d</sup> Did not I myself repeatedly write to you desiring you to send along with the account of the Essays on Agriculture the account of sales of the several books above mentioned? and did you not promise repeatedly to send that account without making any distinction between the Essays on Agriculture and these books?

When you have answered in an explicit manner these queries I shall hope not to oblige you to receive the trouble of receiving many letters from me.

Yours truly  
J. Anderson

p.s. I suppose Mr Elliot writes to you by this nights post, to which I refer. I will only add that

if any bill is suffered to be returned protested while  
you have money of mine in your hands, you  
can easily see what must follow - which I hope you  
will obviate