

De Berdts, Lee, Sayre to George Washington, January 27, 1770, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM DE BERDTS, LEE, SAYRE.

LONDON Jan: 27. 1770.

SIR,

Having determined to make an essay of the tobo. trade we have bo't the Liberty a new ship, which Capt. Walker now carrys out to load for us in Potomac, and as we design her to be a regular annual ship, our friends will always have a certain conveyance for their goods, their tobo. to market. Being determin'd to act on an upright plan, we beg the favour of your assistance to Capt. Walker, can assure you that if we are so happy as to receive your tobo. no House will be more assiduous for your interest either in the sale of yr. tobo. or in the purchase of your goods. If it shd. be at any time convenient for you to lodge money in our hands, we shall very willingly allow you the full benefit in discounting the dutys on yr. tobo. — Capt. Walker will send to York river so that he can easily take tobos. from thence we hope you will favor us with some of yours.

Our Compts. to Mrs. Washington yr. family with esteem remain

Sir, yr. mo : obt. hble Servts. DE BERDT'S, LEE SAYRE DENNYS DE BERDT DENNIS
DE BERDT Junr. WILLIAM LEE STEPHEN SAYRE