St. Petersburgh for a Cargo of Russia Goods or to load her with Iron at Hamburgh or Gottenburg, as he may judge most for our interest, and we have submitted to him, to take on freight a Neutral Ship of two or three hundred tons, & lade her at St. Petersburgh, with Hemp, Sabric Goods & Iron, provided those Goods should be much reduced in prices, from what they have been of late years, & provided Messr. Barclay &c. should be of opinion it would be for our interest, and is willing [illegible] to grant a credit for the payment of the Cargo of such a Ship. In our instructions to Mr. Proud we have fully communicated to him our ideas & wishes, and thinking it probable you may be at Hamburgh, we have directed him to confer with you on the business committed to him — you are acquainted with Mr. Proud, and know his talents for business & his character so well, that it is unnecessary to add any thing respecting him —

We purchased at Baltimore the last Summer a very fine Copper bottomed Ship of 350 Tons & a remarkable fast sailer. She is called the Hercules Courtenay Henry Hudson master is now on a voyage up the Mediterranean with a very valuable Cargo — We sent in her Mr. Audley Clarke as Supercargo.