Philadelphia, May 30th 1771

My dear Mr. Ellis,

I have your favour of the 20th April, you say to find Mr. Litten has prevailed on you to make him an advance of money, because it is very uncertain how the repayment of it may be procured. This gentleman having run his estate out of the Elkins was obliged to put it out to Turner, and I believe he is only constrained from dipping it deeper by having put it out of his own power. I am also in advance that so you need him and have Mr. Travers offered his promise of remittance for reimbursement, but a little apprehension they will not come if Litten gets to Jamaica before they are dispatched. You may depend on my utmost endeavours to recover your money if that fact very shortly. 

With great esteem, 
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

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