to y'Fr. you will let J. Ed. T. direct, Mr. Smith & Buchan-
mon to ship them in different vessels, if from Amster-
am immediately to this place, Baltimore, or Phila-
delphia; you will do Same, and I will in my mean-
time make provision for my payment, either with Tobey
way of J. Ed. T. or otherwise. For pleading to me, you's
attorneys to be in conjunction with our House which shows
such regularity and attention as does yours - do you may
assume yourself shall lose no opportunity of engaging
you of them. I must not help by Politicks. Things
won a dismal aspect in S. summer, Charlestown with
Garrison lost! of Enemy advanced far into S. Country;
Great Army of Hess Utterly Rout'd, which was followed by
an Invasion of this State, both by Sea & Island! in such
Situation it's not to be wondered at, that many of our Friends
at of distance you are should be shaken. So it seems
you are not, of Effect I presume of your superior know-
ledge & Information in these Matters. You judge right gen-
tlemen, notwithstanding what you may hear from y'En-
emies to this new Establishment, persuade yourselves if
grand object of this mighty contest is too deeply ingrained in
our hearts to be Blovished but with Easiness, and I
flatter myself an universally acknowledged. Independence
is not so distant as many think. Our Prospect is lately
brightened up, of Enemy in Carolina have been beaten
back to their Strong holds, and y'Fleet and Army whi
lately invaded Virginia are just now Departed. If Equat
ly