1773 APRIL 15 JOHN CHEW TO SAMUEL GALLOWAY

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SIDE ONE

Dear Sir

A Ship arrived yesterday from London in 39 Days Passage from the Downs which brings bad Accounts of Failures and Stoppages of Payment among the Mercantile People. Among the Rest I saw a Paragraph of a letter of a late Date from a House of the first Reputation, that had these Words, "James Russell has summoned his Creditors to meet him, tho' I understand from his Books there appears a considerable Surplus in his Favor"

As I know you have Dealings with Mr. Russell to a considerable Amount I mention it for your Government, tho you may probably have recd an Acct. of this Occurrence by some other Conveyance My Reason for supposing it to be the James Russell that you are connected with is founded on a Bill of Exchange being noted for Non Payment, drawn by a Person in Maryland The Reputation of a trading Man cannot be treated too tenderly therefore I should hesitate at repeating a Thing of this Sort if I could not well depend on my Intelligence, and if I did not think at this Season of the Year it may be of great Consequence to you and because too I can depend upon your Prudence in not mentioning me as the Author, in case there should any Mistake with Respect to the Identity of the Person, which however for my own Part I have not any Doubts of — I am in Haste

Your affa Servt

John Chew

Philad.a 15th April 1773 —