1778 Oct. 30 [Samuel Chew] ~~Benjamin Chew~~ to Samuel Galloway

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My Dear Sir Honing Bay Octob.r y.e 30th 1778

Give me leave to acquaint you of a matter that must as deeply Effect you as my Self — I last Sunday recevd a letter from Our Poor Children who have been in great Distress from y.e disappointment they met with at Hagers Town the Person whome y.e Son had some time a go agreed with for a House when they went up. nothing had been done towards repairing it. so as to make it Habitable. as no workmen to be had. & no other House ~~to be had~~ finding it impossible to be done. so as to be Tollerable Comfortable or to live with any kind of Safety this winter. & then an nother unforseen matter immediately happening which no mortal could have prompt off in that part of y.e Country. which was y.e most sudden & unexpected Rise of Provisions — So that it was impossible for them to Continue. as they had not their Plantation Settled. which they had might have supplyed them with y.e common necessarys of life. Therefore they most Rightfully judged it most Prudent to return. to me. asking my for their Protection. for had they have continued. there unforseen Causes must have. Indeed in their Ruin — According I did next morning send my Servant up with a Carriage & Horses to fetch them Down — A Peice of land adjoining me is to be Sold. not more than 100 acres. for more than Thousand Pounds. they have desired me to see if I could get it for them. they say they care not how small so that they can have a Home of their own. there is not a house on it fitt for a Stable — I know not what to do: its no uncommon thing for all young People from their Infancy to wish to have a Place they can call their own. Perhaps young